

WATER AND/OR SEWER ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER AND OR SEWER RATE SCHEDULES AND SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF HAHIRA, GEORGIA: PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND CUT-OFFS UPON FAILURE TO PAY BILLS: PROVIDING FOR CUT-ON AND CUT-OFF FEES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hahira, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained, by authority as same, as follows:

SECTION 1, RATE SCHEDULE. From and after the passage of this ordinance, thereby and is hereby adopted the following water and sewer rate schedules for the City of Hahira, Georgia:

MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL WATER RATE SCHEDULE FOR METERED CUSTOMERS

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2,000	\$5.09
2,500	5.43
3,000	5.77
3,500	6.11
4,000	6.45
4,500	6.79
5,000	7.13
5,500	7.47
6,000	7.81
6,500	8.15
7,000	8.49
7,500	8.83
8,000	9.17
8,500	9.51
9,000	9.85
9,500	10.19
10,000	10.53

All over 10,000 at the rate of 0.25 per five hundred gallons.

MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL WATER RATE SCHEDULE NON-METERED CUSTOMERS

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Minimum	\$9.85

RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATE SCHEDULE

\$7.09 for sewerage per connection per month.

MONTHLY COMMERCIAL WATER/SEWER RATES

SCHEDULE FOR METERED CUSTOMERS

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
2,000	5.09	5.09	10.18
2,500	5.43	5.43	10.86
3,000	5.77	5.77	11.54
3,500	6.11	6.11	12.22
4,000	6.45	6.45	12.90

4,500	6.79	6.79	13.58
5,000	7.13	7.13	14.26
5,500	7.47	7.47	14.94
6,000	7.81	7.81	15.62
6,500	8.15	8.15	16.30
7,000	8.49	8.49	16.98
7,500	8.83	8.83	17.66
8,000	9.17	9.17	18.34
8,500	9.51	9.51	19.02
9,000	9.85	9.85	19.70
9,500	10.19	10.19	20.38
10,000	10.53	10.53	21.06

All over 10,000 at the rate of 0.25 per five hundred gallons on both water and sewer.

MONTHLY COMMERCIAL WATER/SEWER RATES

SCHEDULE FOR NON-METERED CUSTOMERS

\$9.85 for water and \$9.85 for sewerage per connection per month.

SECTION 2, APPLICATION FOR WATER SERVICE. The con-

sumer shall make application for water and sewer service, in person, at the City Hall of the City of Hahira, Georgia and at the same time shall make a cash security deposit of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for water and/or sewer service.

SECTION 3, CHARGES FOR INITIAL WATER AND SEWER SERVICE.

Each consumer subscribing to use the water and sewer service of the City of Hahira shall pay a connection fee according to below schedule:

<u>WATER TAP</u>	
3/4"	Plus cost of pipe
1 "	Plus cost of pipe
2 "	Plus cost of pipe
6 "	Plus cost of pipe
<u>SEWER TAP</u>	
4"	Plus cost of pipe
6"	Plus cost of pipe
8"	Plus cost of pipe

SECTION 4, MINIMUM CHARGES. The minimum charge, as

provided in the rate schedule, shall be made for such connection subscribed for. Water furnished for a given lot shall be used on that lot only and, except for fire protection, the City of

Hahira shall not under any condition furnish water free of charge to anyone.

SECTION 5, CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY. The City of Hahira shall run a service line from its distribution line to the property line where the distribution line exists or is to be constructed, and runs immediately adjacent and parallel to the property to be served.

(a) The City may make connections to service other properties not adjacent to its lines upon payment of reasonable costs for the extensions of its distribution lines as may be required to render such service.

(b) The City may install its meter at or near the property line or, at the City's option, on the consumer's property within three (3) feet to the property line.

(c) The City reserves the right to refuse service unless the consumer's lines or pipings are installed in such a manner as to prevent cross-connections or back-flow.

(d) Under normal conditions the consumer will be notified of any anticipated interruptions of service by the City of Hahira.

SECTION 6, CONSUMER'S RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY.

Water furnished by the City of Hahira, shall be used for consumption by the consumer, members of his household and employees only. The consumer shall not sell water to any other person or permit any other person to use said water. Water shall not be used for irrigation, <sup>\*</sup>fire protection, nor other purposes, except

*\* Deleted by Council.*

when water is available in sufficient quantity without interfering with the regular domestic consumption in the area served. Disregard for this rule shall be sufficient cause for refusal and/or discontinuance of service.

(a) Where meter or meter box is placed on the premises of a consumer, a suitable place shall be provided by the consumer therefor, unobstructed and accessible at all times to the meter reader.

(b) The consumer shall furnish and maintain a private cut-off valve on the consumer's side of the meter.

(c) The consumer's piping and apparatus shall be installed and maintained by the consumer at the consumer's expense, in a safe and efficient manner, and in accordance with the sanitary regulations of the State Health Department.

(d) In order to be received as a consumer and entitled to receive water from the City's water system, all applicants must offer proof that any private wells located on their property are not physically connected to the lines of the City's water system and all applicants by becoming consumers of the City covenant and agree that so long as they continue to be consumers of the City they will not permit the connection of any private wells on their property to the City's water system.

SECTION 7, ACCESS TO PREMISES AND EXTENSIONS OF SYSTEM.

(a) Duly authorized agents of the City of Hahira, shall have access at all hours to the premises of the consumer for the purpose of installing or removing City property, inspecting piping, reading and testing meters, or for any other purpose in connection with the water service and its facilities, and the sewer service and its facilities.

(b) Extensions to the system shall be made only when the consumer shall grant or convey, or shall cause to be granted or conveyed, to the City of Hahira, a permanent easement of right-of-way across any property traversed by the water and sewer lines.

SECTION 8, CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY. Not less than three

(3) days notice must be given, in person or in writing, at the City Hall of the City of Hahira to discontinue water and sewer service or to change occupancy. The outgoing party shall be responsible for all water consumed up to the time of departure or the time specified for departure, whichever period is longer. The new occupant shall apply for water service within 48 hours after occupying the premises and failure to do so will make him liable for paying for the water consumed since the last meter reading.

SECTION 9, METER READING-BILLINGS-COLLECTING. Bills to

customers for water and sewer service shall be mailed out on such day or days of each month as may be determined as desirable by the City. The failure of water and/or sewer users to pay charges duly imposed shall result in the automatic imposition of the following penalties:

A. Nonpayment within ten (10) days from the due date will be subject to a penalty of \$3.00.

B. Nonpayment within twenty (20) days from the date due will result in the water being shut off from the water user's property.

C. Nonpayment for forty (40) days after original due date will allow the City, in addition to all other rights and remedies to terminate agreement, and in such event, the water user shall not be entitled to receive, nor the City obligated to supply, any water under this agreement.

Water and sewer service shall not be reconnected until customer's delinquent bill, including penalty and disconnection charges, have been paid in full. Should such customer thereafter desire to be reconnected to the water and sewer system, a reconnection charge of \$25.00 shall be collected. Bills shall be paid at the City Hall of Hahira, and a failure to receive bills

or notices shall not prevent such bills from becoming delinquent nor relieve the consumer from payment of same.

SECTION 10, SUSPENSION OF SERVICE. When water and

sewer service is discontinued and all bills paid, the security deposit shall be refunded to the consumer by the City.

(a) Upon discontinuance of service for non-payment of bills, the security deposit will be applied by the City of Hahira toward settlement of the account. Any balance will be refunded to the consumer; however, if the security deposit is insufficient to cover the bill, the City may proceed to collect the balance in the usual way provided by law for collection of debts.

(b) Service disconnected for non-payment of bills will be restored only after bills are paid in full, such security deposit as may be required by the Mayor and Council is made, and a service charge of \$25.00 paid for each meter reconnected.

(c) The City reserves a right to discontinue its service without notice for the following additional reasons:

1. To prevent fraud or abuse.
2. Consumer's willful disregard of the City's rules.
3. Emergency repairs.
4. Insufficiency of water supply due to circumstances beyond the City's control.
5. Legal processes.
6. Direction of public authorities.
7. Strike, riot, fire, flood, unavoidable accident.

SECTION 11, COMPLAINTS-ADJUSTMENTS. If the consumer

believes his bill to be in error, he shall present his claim, in person, at the City Hall of the City of Hahira before the bill becomes delinquent. Such claim, if made after the bill has become delinquent, shall not be effective in preventing discontinuance of service as heretofore provided. The consumer may pay such bill under protest and said payment shall not prejudice his claim.

(a) The City will make a special water meter reading at the request of a consumer provided, however, that if such special reading discloses that the meter was over-read no charge will be made.

(b) Water meters will be tested at the request of the consumer upon payment to the City of the actual costs of making the test, provided, however, that if the meter is found to over-register beyond 3% of the correct volume, no charge will be made.

(c) If the seal of a meter is broken by other than the City's representative or if the meter fails to register correctly or is stopped for any cause, the consumer shall pay an amount estimated from the record of his previous bills and/or from other proper data.

SECTION 12, EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 1989 after the date of its passage and ratification by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hahira, Georgia.

SECTION 13, CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE READ AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hahira, Georgia at their regular meeting of the City Council of Hahira on the 1st. day of December, 1988 by an unanimous vote.



MAYOR, CITY OF HAHIRA, GEORGIA.

ATTEST:



CLERK, CITY OF HAHIRA, GEORGIA

GEORGIA, LOWNDES COUNTY.

I, P. L. Clanton, Jr., do hereby certify that I am Clerk of the City of Hahira, and as such, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance unaniously adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hahira at a regular meeting held on the 1st. day of December, 1988 as the same appears recorded in Minute Book of said Mayor and Council of the City of Hahira.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office, this the 1st. day of December, 1988.

  
CLERK, CITY OF HAHIRA.