ORDINANCE NO 2026-105

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-105
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES FOR THE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT OF SEWAGE FOR THE CITY OF RIDGETOP SEWER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Ridgetop finds it necessary to amend Ordinance No. 2025-105 by establishing new rates for residential and commercial sewer collection and treatment within the City of Ridgetop, Tennessee, and further finds it necessary to adopt rates regarding tap fees, capacity fees, initial operating fees, minimum monthly bills for connected and not connected customers, and treatment costs, and further finds it appropriate to categorize rates by residential, small commercial, large commercial (greater than 2,500 gallons per day) to include public schools.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RIDGETOP that the attached rates, fees, minimum monthly charges, and costs, for the established rate categories are hereby adopted as the official rates of the City of Ridgetop for the Ridgetop Sewer System effective from and after the date of passage.

First Reading September 15, 2026

Second Reading October 20, 2026

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TIM SHAW, MAYOR

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KELLY RIDER, CITY RECORDER

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Residential and Commercial Sewer Connection Fees and Usage Fees

	****Associated with City Funded Construction Projects	All connections not associated with City Funded Construction Projects
Residential		
Tap Fee	$ 1,000.00	All costs to be assumed by sewer applicant*
Initial Operating Fee	$ 100.00	$ 100.00
Minimum Bill	**$ 52.45**	**$ 54.45**
Treatment Cost	$ 8.52**	$ 8.52**
Capacity Fee	$ 1000.00***	$ 1000.00***
Small Commercial		
Tap Fee	$ 3,000.00	All costs to be assumed by sewer applicant*
Initial Operating Fee	$ 200.00	$ 200.00
Minimum Bill	**$ 262.45**	**$ 262.45**
Treatment Cost	$ 8.52**	$ 8.52**
Capacity Fee	$ 1000.00***	$ 1000.00***
Large Commercial and Public Schools		
Tap Fee	$ 9,000.00	All costs to be assumed by sewer applicant*
Initial Operating Fee	$ 700.00	$ 700.00
Minimum Bill	**$ 612.39**	**$ 612.39**
Treatment Cost	$ 8.52**	$ 8.52**
Capacity Fee	$ 1000.00***	$ 1000.00***

Minimum Bill for Customers Not Connecting

Residential	$ 25.00
Small Commercial	$ 76.07
Large Commercial and Public Schools	$ 380.36

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Deposits for Service

Residential	$ 0.00 Owner Occupied	Residential Renter	$ 250.00
Small Commercial	$ 50.00	Commercial Renter	$ 300.00
Large Commercial	$ 250.00		

*City to provide detailed list of required products to be used for installation. There will be no exceptions to this list. The city will require a 1500-gallon tank to be used. The city will inspect all hook-ups before sewer use is allowed. The customer is responsible for notifying the city when ready for inspection.
**treatment cost per 1000 gallons of effluent. This cost is subject to change as required.
***This fee is per 350 gallons per day of effluent.
****Must be committed to connecting to a sewer project to be funded by the City at a date set by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Summer Sewer Rates (June, July, August)

The formula for billing will be as follows: September thru May collection and treatment fees prior to the summer rate billing period will be added after first subtracting the highest and lowest monthly treatment and collection fee and the sum then divided by 7 to establish the fee for June – August. This sewer-rate service will be available for residential and all commercial customers.

Fee for Covering of a Sewer Stub Out:
The Ridgetop Sewer Department shall charge a fee of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) to the landowner or contractor, if known who covers a Sewer line Stub Out with earth or by any other material which requires the Sewer Department to locate the underground Sewer Line Stub Out.

Fee for Abuse to Sewer System:
The Ridgetop Sewer Department shall charge a fee of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) to the landowner who knowing or willfully connects downspouts, sump pumps, deliberately disposes rainwater into the sewer system or otherwise is not in compliance with the effluent collection system manual or disobeys the “don’ts” of the effluent collection system manual.

Commercial Customers (Small and Large Commercial):
It is the responsibility of the property owner for the cost of maintaining the sewer tank to include the cost of pumping the tank. The contractor performing any maintenance, installation, or repair and/or pumping the tank must be on the approved list provided by the City Sewer Department. If the Commercial Customer fails to use an approved contractor or fails to pump the tank or make necessary repairs and installations the City may at its option perform the necessary, work and

maintenance and the property owner shall be liable to the City for the cost and shall be billed for reimbursement to the City. All costs of maintenance including repair of the tank and/or its component parts shall be the sole responsibility of the landowner.