

ORDINANCE NO. 01-20-03

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM  
OF THE CITY OF RAINSVILLE - ESTABLISHING USE CHARGES,  
REGULATING COLLECTION OF CHARGES, REGULATING CONNECTIONS,  
AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF RAINSVILLE, ALABAMA, as follows:

SECTION 1 - Single family residences. For each building designed for occupancy as a residence by one family, there shall be a minimum charge of \$18.00 each month for each such building connected to the sanitary sewage system of the city.

SECTION 2 - Multiple family residences, duplexes, and apartment buildings. For each residential unit in a building designed for occupancy by one family separate from occupancy by another family, there shall be a minimum charge of \$18.00 each month for each such unit connected to the sanitary sewage system of the city, regardless of whether such unit is separately connected to said system or is served with other units through a single connection with said system.

SECTION 3 - Commercial and industrial establishments. For each commercial business establishment and each industrial establishment connected to the sanitary sewage system of the city, there shall be a minimum charge of \$20.00 each month for establishments using less than 10,000 gallons of water per month. Each establishment using 10,000 gallons or more of water per month shall pay an amount equal to said establishment's actual water bill but not less than \$20.00 per month.

SECTION 4 - All bills for the treatment and disposal of sewage by and through the sewage disposal plant of the city, based upon the rates herein set out, shall be rendered monthly on the first day of each month, in advance for the ensuing monthly period. Each bill shall become delinquent if not paid within ten (10) days after it becomes due and service may thereupon be discontinued to the recipient of service whose bill is so delinquent. A late charge equal to 10% of the bill shall be due on any delinquent account. Recipient of service shall be notified either by registered letter or in person of City's intent to discontinue service and shall be given fourteen (14) calendar days to pay delinquent bill, in full, unless other arrangements are agreed to by the City of Rainsville. An additional charge of \$75.00 to cover costs incurred by the City of Rainsville for disconnection will be added to the delinquent bill if disconnection occurs.

SECTION 5 - Permit. A connection permit shall be obtained before any connection to the sewer system. The fee for this permit is \$300.00. Any prior user seeking a permit to connect shall pay any unpaid fees or charges before the permit will be issued.

SECTION 6 - Connection or connections shall be done by a contractor approved by the City. An inspection must be allowed prior to covering the connection to ensure the connection has been properly made.

SECTION 7 - Penalties For Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to connect or assist in any connection to the sewer system without first obtaining the connection permit required by Section 5 above or to complete and cover any

connection to the sewer system without having the completed connection inspected by the City before being covered as required by Section 6 above. Any person or entity who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of an offense against the City of Rainsville and shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine in an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) or be sentenced to jail for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or be both fined and sentenced to jail, at the discretion of the Court deciding the case.

SECTION 8 - Repealer. Ordinance No. 2-13A-01 and all other ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9 - Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective on March 1, 2003.

Adopted this 20th day of January, 2003.

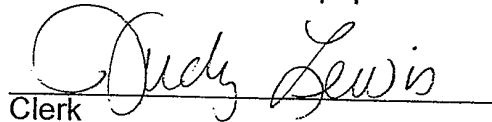
  
Donnie Chardier, Mayor

Attest:

  
Judy Lewis, Clerk

#### CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that Ordinance No. 01-20-03 was published on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2003, by publication of the same in The Weekly Post, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Rainsville.

  
Clerk