

ORDINANCE NO. 5061

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-6-26 (SEWER LINE MAINTENANCE CHARGE IMPOSED; PROVISIONS FOR COLLECTION; LIENS AND CESSATION OF WATER SERVICE FOR DELINQUENT CHARGES) of Division 1 (GENERAL PROVISION), Article B (SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND DRAIN), Chapter 6 (WATER AND SEWER), Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 5-6-26 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 5-6-26 Sewer line maintenance charge imposed; provisions for collection; liens and cessation of water service for delinquent charges.

(a) There is hereby imposed, upon all parcels of real estate from which sewerage is discharged into lines maintained by the city, a sewer line maintenance charge of \$1.20 per quarter or ~~\$1.4082~~ for every 1,000 gallons of water supplied per quarter to such parcel by the Virginia-American Water Company, whichever is the greater sum; provided, that if the charge for water supplied to any parcel is billed on a monthly basis, the sewer line maintenance charge imposed on the parcel shall be \$0.40 per month or ~~\$1.4082~~ for every 1,000 gallons of water supplied per month to such parcel, whichever is greater; and provided, further, that for any parcel of real estate having more than one meter for the measurement of water consumption attributable to that parcel, one or more of which meters measures only water which will not be discharged into the sanitary sewer lines of the city, that parcel shall be charged as provided herein on the total water consumption attributable to that parcel after subtracting the amount of water not discharged into the sanitary sewer lines of the city.

(b) For the purpose of this article, bills shall be considered monthly bills if submitted 12 times per year for periods of approximately one month each and quarterly bills if submitted four times per year for periods of approximately three months each.

(c) The sewer line maintenance charge shall in every case be collected by the Alexandria sanitation authority or its designee from the owner, lessee or tenant of each parcel, or some or all of them, and remitted by the Alexandria sanitation authority or its designee to the city in such manner and on such terms as shall be agreed upon by the water company and the city council, consistent with the provisions of this section. In the event any such charges are unpaid 30 days after the date they are billed by the Alexandria sanitation authority or its designee as hereinabove provided, interest shall at that time begin to accrue thereon at the rate of one percent per month, and the owner, lessee or tenant, as the case may be, of the parcel of real estate on which the charge was imposed shall, until such charges shall be paid with interest to the date of payment, cease to dispose of sewage or industrial waste originating from or on such real estate by discharge thereof directly or indirectly into the sewer line maintained by the city, and is such owner, lessee or tenant shall not cease disposal within two months thereafter, the water company shall cease supplying water thereto unless the Director of the Alexandria Health Department shall certify that the shutting off of the water will endanger the health of the occupants of the premises or the health of others.

Such charges and interest thereon shall constitute a lien against the property, ranking on a parity with liens for unpaid taxes.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

ALLISON SILBERBERG
Mayor

Final Passage: May 4, 2017