

ORDINANCE NO. 15-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, KENTUCKY, IMPOSING FEES TO BE CHARGED TO RECOVER COSTS OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TO THE CITY WATER SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the City has adopted Water Development Fees by City Ordinance 97-25;

WHEREAS, capital improvements to the existing City Water System are needed and will be required from time to time;

WHEREAS, the Richmond Utilities Board has determined that the structure of the Water Development Fee under Ordinance 97-25 should be revised to better suit the current City economy and recommends the following ordinance:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Richmond City Commission that:

Section 1. WATER DEVELOPMENT FEE. A water development fee shall be paid by every person or entity who makes a connection to the City Water System for the purpose of obtaining water service. The fees shall be collected by the Richmond Utilities prior to issuance of a building permit, in accordance with the following:

a. Residential Buildings. The water development fee for connection of a residential facility to City Water System shall be:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Single Family Residential	\$900 each unit
Multi-family 2-10 Units	\$500 each unit
Multi-family Over 10 Units	\$300 each unit

b. Commercial Facility. For the purpose of this Ordinance, a commercial unit is defined as each room or group of rooms used or to be used for separate commercial, professional or non-residential undertaking. The water development fee for a commercial facility shall be .20 per square foot.

c. Special Commercial Units. For the purpose of this Ordinance, a special commercial unit is defined as connections for use by hotels, restaurants, hi-rise buildings (over 2 stories), motels, hospitals, clinics and nursing homes, whether publicly or privately owned and whether or not operated for profit. The water development fee for a special commercial facility shall be \$1,000 and .20 per square foot.

d. Industrial Units. Industrial units shall include any facility established for the purpose of manufacturing, processing goods, and warehouse units. The water development fee for industrial facilities shall be \$1,000 and .10 per square foot.

e. Warehouse Units. Warehouse units shall include any facility established for the purpose of warehouse activities including, but not limited to storage, in which no manufacturing, re-manufacturing, packaging, or re-packaging is conducted. In addition, said warehouse units shall require no heating (other than office space) unless required for the protection of stored materials and shall require no water and sanitary sewerage services other than those required for office space, not to exceed three (3) restrooms for human sanitary waste disposal. In the event that a warehouse unit is changed to any other use, the owner shall be required to notify Richmond Utilities and shall be required to pay the difference between the water development fee for a warehouse unit and the water development fee for the proposed use. The water development fee for warehouse units shall be \$500.00 and .05 per square foot.

f. Water Development Fee. The water development fees for all facilities shall be paid by the owners thereof prior to the facility being connected with the City Water System.

g. Destruction of Established Structure: Any owner of a structure destroyed by fire or demolished as a result of age and is reconstructing said structure to revitalize said property may request a waiver from the Richmond Utilities Board of the water development fee so long as new construction remains in the same zoning class. The Richmond Utilities Board shall approve all such requests so long as the Board determines in its sole discretion that said request does not place any additional undue burden on the Richmond Utilities water system.

Section 2. Use of Funds. Richmond Utilities shall receive and account for fees collected hereunder, as provided by law for public funds, keep same in a separate bank account, independent of any fund or account required by any Revenue Bond Ordinance, and may use same to build extensions and improvements to water lines, gas lines, sewer lines, plants and equipment, and to purchase lands, fixtures, vehicles and machinery needed to operate utilities of the City of Richmond.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective after adoption at second reading and publication as required by law.

Section 4. Validity. The validity of any article, clause, sentence, or provision hereof shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

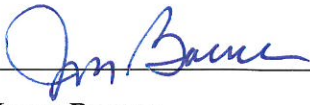
Section 5. Repeal of 97-25. City of Richmond Ordinance 97-25 is repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately following its enactment after second reading, and publication in accordance with the requirements of applicable Kentucky law.


Date of First Reading: October 13, 2015
Motion By: Commissioner Blythe
Seconded By: Commissioner Baird

Date of Second Reading: October 27, 2015
Motion By: Commissioner Newby
Seconded By: Commissioner Morgan

VOTE:	YES	NO
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	



Mayor Barnes

ATTEST:


City Clerk