

Issue Analysis Form



Date: March 18, 2019

Item: Public Hearing for proposed amendments to Chapter 82 of the County Ordinance – Utility Connection Fees

Lead Department: Engineering & Utilities

Contact Persons: Frank Haltom, Director

Description and Current Status

A public hearing to amend Chapter 82 to modify when the payment is required for water and sewer connections fees.

The amendment adds the requirement that single-family dwelling connection fees shall be paid at the time of application (i.e. prior to meter installation) for combined water and sewer service or water-only service. It also adds the requirement that connection fees for sewer-only service for a single-family dwelling, or uses other than single-family homes shall be paid prior to receiving a building permit.

This amendment also makes minor revisions to address conflicts with other sections of the utility ordinance.

The draft amendments are attached.

Government Path

Does this require IDA action?

Yes No

Does this require BZA action?

Yes No

Does this require Planning Commission action?

Yes No

Does this require Board of Supervisors action?

Yes No

A public hearing must be held prior to amending the ordinance.

Fiscal Impact Statement

None.

Prince George County Impact

None.

Notes

None.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND “THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE,
VIRGINIA”, 2005, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING § 82-236, 82-261, 82-511, AND 82-536
TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO PAYMENT OF UTILITY
CONNECTIONS FEES.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Prince George County:

- (1) *That The Code of The County of Prince George, Virginia, 2005, as amended, is amended by amending § 82-236, 82-261, 82-511, and 82-536 as follows:*

Sec. 82-236. - Payment of Utility bills.

- (c) When application is made for combined water and sewer service or water only service for a single-family dwelling, connection fees shall be paid at the time of application for service.
- (d) When application is made for uses other than single-family homes, connections fees shall be paid prior to receiving a building permit.

Sec. 82–261: Connection charge schedule.

Notes:

1. For single-family dwellings served by a private water supply at the time a newly constructed utility line is completed, a ~~56 percent~~ discount in the list connection charges ~~shall~~ may be offered, subject to the conditions of section 82-110.
2. Developer-installed charge shall be assessed for each single-family residential unit, as defined in section 82-31, included in the development connecting to a line installed by the developer ~~at the time an application for utility service is first filed by the developer~~ or any subsequent owner of the lot or premises within the development. Commercial or industrial uses included in any development shall be assessed at the charges listed in the schedule. Developer-installed connection charges shall be subject to the credits provided for in section 82-73.

Sec. 82-511. - Payment of utility bills.

- (c) When application is made for sewer only service for a single-family dwelling, connections fees shall be paid prior to receiving a building permit.
- (d) When application is made for combined water and sewer service or water only service for a single-family dwelling, connection fees shall be paid at the time of application for service.
- (e) When application is made for uses other than single-family homes, connections fees shall be paid prior to receiving a building permit.

Sec. 82-536. - Connection charge schedule.

Notes:

1. For single-family dwellings served by a private wastewater disposal system at the time a newly constructed utility line is completed, a ~~56 percent~~ discount in the listed connection charges ~~shall~~may be offered, subject to the conditions of section 82-429.
2. Developer-installed charge shall be assessed for each single-family residential unit, as defined in section 82-351, included in the development connecting to a line installed by the developer ~~at the time an application for utility service is first filed by the developer~~ or any subsequent owner of each lot or premises within the development. Commercial or industrial uses included in any development shall be assessed at the charges listed in the schedule. Developer-installed connection charges shall be subject to the credits provided for in section 82-393.

(2) That this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
COUNTY OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Prince George Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on March 26, 2019 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Third Floor of the County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia, (located at the intersection of Laurel Springs Road and Courts Drive in the County Government Complex) pursuant to § 15.2-1427, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, to consider:

1. Adoption of an Ordinance to amend "The Code of The County of Prince George, Virginia", 2005, as amended, by amending § 82-236, 82-261, 82-511, and 82-536 to modify requirements related to payment of utility connections fees.
2. Adoption of an Ordinance to amend "The Code of The County of Prince George, Virginia", 2005, as amended, by adding § 82-49 requiring the installation of a rain sensor for future automatic irrigation systems connected to a public water source to prevent excessive irrigation during periods of rain.
3. Adoption of an Ordinance to amend "The Code of the County of Prince George, Virginia," 2005, as amended, by amending § 82-71, 82-75, 82-391, and 82-395 requiring new subdivisions and development within the planning area to construct water and sewer improvements in accordance with county approved plans and to pay their pro rata share for such improvements.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for review in the County Administrator's Office (Tel. 722-8600), 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia. All interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

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County Administrator