

**AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING THOSE PORTIONS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY CODE SECTION 7.5-35 DEALING
WITH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FEES IN THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

Section 1.0 Purpose of Amendment, Findings

County staff have undertaken analyses of current costs of supplying various services and compared that cost with the present amount of hazardous materials fees. Additionally, staff have reviewed projections regarding the financial issues related to emergency management of hazardous materials fees. As a result, County Council finds that it is in the best interests of the county that certain fees be increased in order to more accurately reflect a portion of the actual cost of providing the services, to enhance the useful life of facilities and equipment, and to provide operational flexibility to the Emergency Management Department.

Section 2.0 Text Change

1. Amend the portion of Section 7-5.35 entitled *Hazardous substances user fee schedule*:

Category 1—Extremely hazardous substances.
Total average daily amounts pursuant to tier II report:

(01) Less than 99 lbs.	\$105.00
(02) 100—999 lbs.	150.00
(03) 1,000—9,999 lbs.	195.00
(04) 10,000—99,999 lbs.	300.00
(05) 100,000—999,999 lbs.	405.00
(06) Greater than 1,000,000 lbs.	600.00

Category 2—Hazardous substances.
Total average daily amounts pursuant to tier II report:

(01, 02, 03) Less than 10,000 lbs.	\$105.00
(04) 10,000—99,999 lbs.	195.00
(05) 100,000—999,999 lbs.	405.00
(06) Greater than 1,000,000 lbs.	600.00

The maximum total fee for any facility reporting under tier II:	15,000.00
Flat annual fee for UST permits (per location):	600.00

Beginning July 1, 2025, the hazardous materials fees shall increase annually each July 1 by 3% rounded down to the nearest dollar.

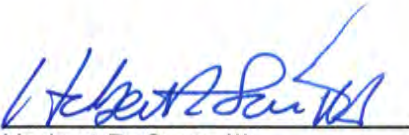
Section 3.0 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect upon third reading by County Council.

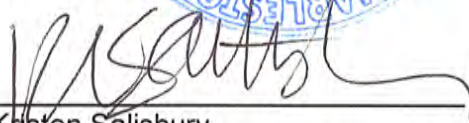
ADOPTED and APPROVED in meeting duly assembled this 23rd day of July 2024.

CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA



By: 
Herbert R. Sass, III
Chairman of Charleston County Council

ATTEST:

By: 
Kristen Salisbury
Clerk to Charleston County Council

First Reading: June 13, 2024
Second Reading: June 18, 2024
Third Reading: July 23, 2024