

ORDINANCE TO AMEND QUALIFICATION FOR  
SEWER ONLY SERVICE RATES

WHEREAS, the City of Durham sets rates for sewer-only services based on number of occupants of the residence; and

WHEREAS, existing requirements for notarized affidavits to qualify for rates applicable to households with fewer than four persons are not deemed to be cost-effective while being burdensome for customers and administrative staff; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURHAM ORDAINS:

Sec. 1. Section 70-51(b) of the ordinance is amended as follows:

Sec. 70-51. Rates for water service, sewer service, and water and sewer service.

(a) Charges.

- (1) Rate schedule—Inside and outside the city. The schedule of rates for water service only, water service only for irrigation/outdoor use, sewer service only, and water and sewer service, inside and outside the city, shall be as set by the city council, as set forth in the fee schedule of the city.
- (2) Fixed consumption charge for sewer only service. Fixed consumption charges for sewer only shall be as set by the city council.
- (3) Service charge. There shall be a service charge as set by the city council.

(b) Qualification for fixed rates. In order to qualify for fixed rates, as established by subsection (a)(2), a property owner is required to ~~execute an affidavit~~ submit a statement declaring the number of occupants at the location upon service initiation, and prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. ~~All affidavits must be notarized or executed/re-executed in the utility billing office.~~ Changes in occupancy, including vacancy, also require an affidavit updated statement from the property owner to continue service at a fixed sewer rate for less than four occupants. Discontinuance of sewer only service will result in a fee set by the city council to reestablish the service.

Sec. 2. Where this ordinance strikes through text, that text is deleted. Where this ordinance underlines text, that text is added.

Sec. 3. This ordinance is effective September 16, 2013 applied to all sewer-only connections on or after October 1, 2013.