

CITY OF SENECA

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES,
CITY OF SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ESTABLISH NEW
DEVELOPMENT ELECTRIC SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE FEES

WHEREAS, the costs associated with additions, improvements, and upgrades to the infrastructure of Seneca Light and Water's electrical system necessitated by new developments are currently borne by the City of Seneca and the existing ratepayers of Seneca Light and Water; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with electric system infrastructure components and the installation thereof has risen substantially in recent years; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes that the costs associated with any primary electric system infrastructure additions, improvements, and upgrades necessitated by new developments should be borne by the developers of said developments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seneca finds it necessary, desirable, and appropriate to establish new development infrastructure fees in order to ensure that the costs of any necessary primary electric system infrastructure additions, improvements, and upgrades are passed on to the developers of the new developments necessitating such additions, improvements, and upgrades in order to fairly allocate those costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion of City Council, and BY SENECA CITY COUNCIL, in Council duly assembled, and with a quorum present and voting, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Code of Ordinances, City of Seneca, South Carolina, is hereby amended by adding thereto Chapter 25, Article II, Section 29 as follows:

Sec. 25-29. – New Development Electric System Expansion

Any new residential, commercial, or industrial development that requires electric services from the City of Seneca shall be responsible for all capital costs, including labor and materials, for expanding the primary electrical system. This shall include all material necessary to the transformer including, but not limited to, primary cable, conduit, switching cabinets, elbow terminations, transformers, etc., as well as the labor costs for installation of said materials. All such infrastructure shall be paid for by the developer.

The City of Seneca shall cover its cost of electrical secondary work with Electric Impact Fees as outlined in the "Policy for Extension of Electrical Service."

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON FINAL READING.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE APPROVED AS TO FORM this 9th day of July, 2024.


R. Boatner Bowman, City Attorney

APPROVED AND RATIFIED on First Reading this 25th day of June, 2024, by a vote of

8 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN

APPROVED, RATIFIED and ADOPTED on Second and Final Reading this 9th day of July, 2024,
by a vote of

9 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN


Dan Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathy Wilkes, Municipal Clerk

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