



# *East Richland County Public Service District*

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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the East Richland County Public Service District Commission (“Commission”), the governing body of the East Richland County Public Service District (“District”), at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2022.

The hearing will be held at the City of Forest Acres Municipal Court located at 5205 Trenholm Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29206. The purpose of the hearing will be to allow members of the public to be heard concerning the proposed changes in the schedule of sewer service charges imposed by the District. By operation of law, all sewer service charges imposed by the District not paid when due and payable shall be and constitute a lien upon the real estate to which the sewer service concerned relates so long as the sewer service charges remain unpaid. The lien may be enforced by the District in the same manner and fashion as the lien of property taxes on real estate and shall be superior to all other liens except liens for unpaid property taxes. Any property owner may, if desired and requested, appear and be heard in person or by counsel before the Commission concerning the validity and reasonableness of the sewer service charge imposed and may appeal the imposition of any sewer service charge in the manner authorized by law. The proposed rates will be effective for all bills issued on and after July 1, 2022. The proposed rates are as follows:

### **WASTEWATER RATE STRUCTURE**

The District has established a rate structure to provide a more stable and equitable structure for its commercial user class. The standardized rates are based on a single billing unit, Residential Equivalent Unit (REU). The REU is determined for each commercial customer based on the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Standards for Unit Contributory Loadings for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities (R.61-67, Appendix A). The commercial customer’s rate is calculated using the REU for the customer and a cost factor. The District’s residential charge that is in place is used to determine the cost factor based on the proposed residential rate of \$30.00 per month, the proposed minimum monthly billing for a commercial customer will be \$30.00. The District’s proposed commercial wastewater user rates are listed below:

### **PROPOSED COMMERCIAL WASTEWATER USER RATES**

<b>USER CLASS BILLING UNIT</b>		<b>CURRENT RATES</b>	<b>PROPOSED RATES</b>
COMMERCIAL	Residential Equivalent Unit (REU) (1)	\$27.00/REU	\$30.00/REU

(1) The minimum REU for an establishment is 1.0