

Chapter 17C
PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE CHARGE

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SEC. 17C.1 TITLE AND PURPOSE

This chapter may be cited as the "Piedmont Public Safety Service Charge Ordinance". The service charge imposed under this chapter is for the purpose of providing public safety service within the City. This article is enacted for the public health, safety and welfare. (Ord. No. 366 N.S., ' 1)

SEC. 17C.2 IMPOSITION OF SERVICE CHARGE

A service charge is hereby imposed on the owner of each parcel of real property in the City with one or more buildings on it for each fiscal year, commencing July 1st and ending June 30th, for the provision of services for public safety of the buildings on such parcel and/or the human occupants of such buildings. Such service charge shall be based on the square footage of all buildings on each parcel of real property, and the exact rate of such service charge to be determined on a prorated basis connected with such square footage as determined from time to time by a resolution of the City Council. Such service charge shall be due on December 10th of each fiscal year by five p.m. on such date. In the fiscal year in which this service charge is first implemented, the charge shall be prorated from the date on which the charge first becomes effective the the end of the fiscal year. This service charge is imposed regardless of any claim by an owner of real property that his particular parcel does not benefit from public safety services, since it is determined that all owners of real property with buildings on such property directly benefit from such public safety services. (Ord. No. 366 N.S., ' 2)

SEC. 17C.3 DELINQUENCY, PENALTIES, INTEREST

The service charge imposed under this chapter is delinquent if unpaid after five p.m. on December 10th of each fiscal year. In the event that the service charge is not paid prior to becoming delinquent, a delinquency penalty of ten percent of the amount of service charge due shall accrue. In the event a portion of the service charge is unpaid prior to becoming delinquent, the penalty shall only accrue as to the portion remaining unpaid. An additional penalty of ten percent shall accrue if the service charge remains unpaid on the ninetieth day following the date of

the original delinquency. Interest shall accrue at the rate of one-half of one percent a month, or fraction thereof, on the amount of service charge, exclusive of penalties, from the date the service becomes delinquent to the date of payment. Interest and penalty accrued shall become part of the service charge. (Ord. NO. 366 N.S., '3)

SEC. 17C.4 SERVICE CHARGE TO CONSTITUTE LIEN ON PROPERTY

The public safety service charges for each year shall become and are hereby made a lien upon each parcel of real property covered by this chapter on the July 1st of the period for which the charge is imposed, except in the first year which such service charge becomes effective, the lien shall be imposed on the effective date of such charge. Such lien shall continue until the service charges for that year and all penalties and interest thereon are fully paid. (Ord. No. 366 N.S., '4)

SEC. 17C.5 PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE CHARGE FUND - ESTABLISHMENT - USE

The public safety service charge fund is hereby established. Money collected by the City for public safety service charges as herein set forth shall be placed in the public safety service charge fund and shall be used only for the provision of public safety services, limited to police, fire, animal control and ambulance services, and to reimburse the City's general fund for any payments made therefrom, during the same fiscal year, for any of the purposes for which public safety service charge fund money could be expended directly. (Ord. No. 366 N.S. '5)