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RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2023- 150

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO ADOPT NEW UTILITY SERVICE RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES USING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PRICE INDEX FOR WATER, SEWER, AND RECLAIMED WATER RATES; TO ADOPT A SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES TO CONFORM TO THE TERMINOLOGY IN THE COUNTY'S UNIFORM EXTENSION STANDARDS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ROGER D. EATON, CHARLOTTE COUNTY CLERK OF
CIRCUIT COURT
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RECITALS

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2019, in Resolution No. 2019-021, the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida ("Board") last established a Schedule fixing water, sewer, and reuse rates, fees, and charges for the utility services furnished by Charlotte County Utilities to present and future customers; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2012, in Resolution 2012-019, the Board previously authorized that rates, fees, and charges adopted pursuant to the resolution be automatically increased or decreased annually as of the first day of the fiscal year, without hearing, based upon the Price Index established by the Florida Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2020-014 which included the adoption of new Utility Extension Standards which included new terminology for various charges associated with the extension of utilities and the consolidation of water and sewer districts; and

WHEREAS on December 27, 2022, the Florida Public Service Commission adopted a Price Index for water and wastewater utilities of 7.07%; and

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WHEREAS, on June 20, 2023, at the Board's Workshop, Charlotte County Utilities' Financial Rate Consultants, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc., recommended Charlotte County Utilities raise the water, sewer, and reuse rates, fees, and charges annually using the Price Index established by the Florida Public Service Commission to increase the financial stability of the utility; and

WHEREAS, to establish consistency between the terminology used in the new Utility Extension Standards and to increase the rates, fees, and charges associated therewith, the Board has determined it to be in the best interest of the utility to increase water, sewer, and reclaimed water utility rates by the index rate of 7.07% as adopted by the Florida Public Service Commission and to adopt Schedule A for the Rates, Fees, and Charges for new connections in accordance with the Utility Extension Standards; and

WHEREAS, the Board determined the new water, sewer, and reclaimed water utility rates are just and equitable, and are necessary to ensure the financial stability of Charlotte County Utilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida:


1. The Charlotte County Utilities Rate Schedule Water, Charlotte County Utilities Schedule Sewer, and Charlotte County Utilities Rates Schedule Reclaimed Water, attached and incorporated collectively herein as "Exhibit 1" for Fiscal Year 2024, are hereby adopted to be effective for utility bills on or after December 1, 2023, and are effective until such time that the Board adopts new schedules of rates, fees, and charges for the services.

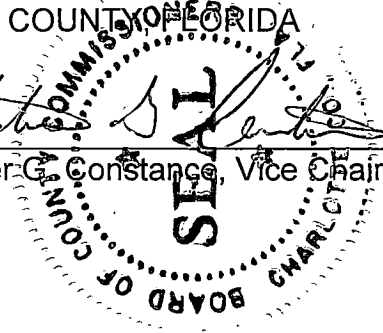
2. The rates, fees, and charges adopted in Paragraph 1 shall continue to be able to be automatically increased or decreased by the Board annually as of the first day of the fiscal year, without hearing, based upon the Price Index established by the Florida Public Service Commission, pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(a), Florida Statutes.
3. The Rates, Fees, and Charges (Schedule A) for the Charlotte County Utilities Uniform Extension Standards, attached and incorporated herein as "Exhibit 2", is hereby adopted.
4. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

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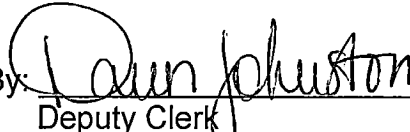
PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

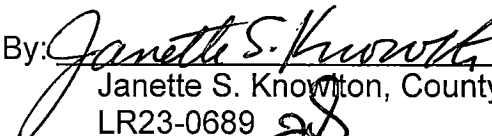
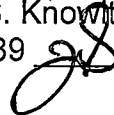
By: 
Christopher G. Constance, Vice Chairman



ATTEST:
Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of the Circuit
Court and Ex-officio Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners

By: 
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: 
Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney
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**Charlotte County Utilities Rate Schedule
Water**

	Rates Effective for Bills Rendered on or after October 1,	
	2021	2023
		7.07%
A. WATER		
1. RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance):		
<u>Meter Size</u>		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$22.89	\$24.51
1"	\$57.22	\$61.27
1 1/2"	\$114.43	\$122.52
2"	\$183.06	\$196.00
3"	\$366.14	\$392.03
4"	\$572.08	\$612.53
Regular Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-5,999	\$5.85	\$6.26
6,000-10,999	\$6.72	\$7.20
11,000-15,999	\$8.47	\$9.07
16,000-25,999	\$9.64	\$10.32
26,000 gallons and above	\$11.11	\$11.90
Emergency Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-5,999	\$5.85	\$6.26
6,000-10,999	\$8.07	\$8.64
11,000-15,999	\$11.02	\$11.80
16,000-25,999	\$13.50	\$14.45
26,000 gallons and above	\$16.67	\$17.85
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.29	\$4.59
2. MOBILE HOME RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance):		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$18.77	\$20.10
Regular Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-5,999	\$5.85	\$6.26
6,000-10,999	\$6.72	\$7.20
11,000-15,999	\$8.47	\$9.07
16,000-25,999	\$9.64	\$10.32
26,000 gallons and above	\$11.11	\$11.90
Emergency Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-5,999	\$5.85	\$6.26
6,000-10,999	\$8.07	\$8.64
11,000-15,999	\$11.02	\$11.80
16,000-25,999	\$13.50	\$14.45
26,000 gallons and above	\$16.67	\$17.85
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.29	\$4.59

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Water

	Rates Effective for Bills Rendered on or after October 1,	
	2021	2023
		7.07%
3. MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge times number of units (no gallonage)		
All Meter Sizes	\$16.01	\$17.14
Regular Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-3,999	\$5.85	\$6.26
4,000-7,999	\$6.72	\$7.20
8,000-11,999	\$8.47	\$9.07
12,000-15,999	\$9.64	\$10.32
16,000 gallons and above	\$11.11	\$11.90
Emergency Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-3,999	\$5.85	\$6.26
4,000-7,999	\$8.07	\$8.64
8,000-11,999	\$11.02	\$11.80
12,000-15,999	\$13.50	\$14.45
16,000 gallons and above	\$16.67	\$17.85
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.29	\$4.59
4. BULK SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge times number of units (no gallonage)		
All Meter Sizes	\$10.77	\$11.53
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.13	\$4.42
	\$4.29	\$4.59
5. GENERAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance):		
<u>Meter Size</u>		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$22.89	\$24.51
1"	\$57.22	\$61.27
1 1/2"	\$114.43	\$122.52
2"	\$183.06	\$196.00
3"	\$366.14	\$392.03
4"	\$572.08	\$612.53
6"	\$1,144.14	\$1,225.03
8"	\$1,830.63	\$1,960.06
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
	\$5.85	\$6.26
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.29	\$4.59

Charlotte County Utilities Rate Schedule Water

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	2021	2023
		7.07%
6. IRRIGATION SERVICE		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$22.89	\$24.51
1"	\$57.22	\$61.27
1 1/2"	\$114.43	\$122.52
2"	\$183.06	\$196.00
3"	\$366.14	\$392.03
4"	\$572.08	\$612.53
6"	\$1,144.14	\$1,225.03
8"	\$1,830.63	\$1,960.06
Regular Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-15,999	\$8.47	\$9.07
16,000 and above	\$9.64	\$10.32
Emergency Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-15,999	\$11.02	\$11.80
16,000 and above	\$13.50	\$14.45
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.29	\$4.59

Charlotte County Utilities Rate Schedule

Sewer

	Rates Effective for Bills Rendered on or after October 1,	
	2021	2023
		7.07%
B. WASTEWATER		
1. RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance): All		
Meter Sizes	\$40.41	\$43.27
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons (10,000-gallon maximum):		
	\$5.63	\$6.03
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:		
	\$4.29	\$4.59
2. MOBILE HOME RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance): All		
Meter Sizes	\$39.19	\$41.96
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons (10,000-gallon maximum):		
	\$5.63	\$6.03
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:		
	\$4.29	\$4.59
3. MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge times # units (no gallonage allowance): All Meter Sizes		
	\$32.34	\$34.63
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
	\$5.63	\$6.03
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:		
	\$4.29	\$4.59
4. BULK SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge times the number of units: All		
Meter Sizes	\$26.89	\$28.79
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
	\$4.59	\$4.91
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:		
	\$4.29	\$4.59
5. GENERAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance):		
<u>Meter Size</u>		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$40.41	\$43.27
1"	\$101.04	\$108.18
1 1/2"	\$202.10	\$216.39
2"	\$323.35	\$346.21
3"	\$646.72	\$692.44
4"	\$1,010.49	\$1,081.93
6"	\$2,021.02	\$2,163.91
8"	\$3,233.59	\$3,462.20
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
	\$5.63	\$6.03
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:		
	\$4.29	\$4.59

Charlotte County Utilities Rate Schedule

Sewer

		Rates Effective for Bills Rendered on or after October 1,	
		2021	2023
			7.07%
6. WASTEWATER ONLY CUSTOMERS			
a. Individual Residences			
Based on maximum usage, Monthly Flat Rate of:	\$96.71		\$103.55
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.29		\$4.59
b. Multi-family			
Based on maximum usage, Monthly Flat Rate per unit of:	\$77.38		\$82.85
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.29		\$4.59
c. Bulk			
Monthly Flat Rate per unit of:	\$72.85		\$78.00
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.29		\$4.59
d. General Service			
Based on maximum usage per schedule of daily rated gallonage for various occupancies pursuant to the Utility Uniform Extension Policy.			
Base Facility Charge	\$101.04		\$108.18
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$5.63		\$6.03
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.29		\$4.59

Charlotte County Utilities Rate Schedule

Sewer

	Rates Effective for Bills Rendered on or after October 1,	
	2021	2023
		7.07%
7. WASTEWATER ONLY CUSTOMERS, WATER SERVED BY ANOTHER UTILITY		
a. Individual Residences		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance): All Meter Sizes	\$40.41	\$43.27
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons (10,000-gallon maximum):	\$5.63	\$6.03
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.29	\$4.59
b. Multi-family		
Base Facility Charge times the number of units: All Meter Sizes	\$32.34	\$34.63
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$5.63	\$6.03
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.29	\$4.59
c. Bulk Service		
Base Facility Charge times the number of units: All Meter Sizes	\$26.89	\$28.79
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$4.59	\$4.91
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.29	\$4.59
d. General Service		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance): Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$40.41	\$43.27
1"	\$101.04	\$108.18
1 1/2"	\$202.10	\$216.39
2"	\$323.35	\$346.21
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6"	\$2,021.02	\$2,163.91
8"	\$3,233.59	\$3,462.20
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$5.63	\$6.03
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.29	\$4.59
e. Per Contract		
Consumption Charge only - Bulk Gallonage Charge per 1,000	\$4.59	\$4.91

Charlotte County Utilities Rate Schedule Reclaimed Water

	Rates Effective for Bills Rendered on or after October 1,	
	2021	2023
		7.07%
C. RECLAIMED WATER (REUSE)		
1. a. Pond Delivery		
Base Facility Charge:	\$3.07	\$3.29
Gallonge Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-3,000,000	\$0.24	\$0.26
3,000,001-9,000,000	\$0.18	\$0.19
9,000,001-30,000,000	\$0.15	\$0.16
30,000,001 and above	\$0.13	\$0.14
b. Direct Feed		
Base Facility Charge:	\$3.07	\$3.29
Gallonge Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-3,000,000	\$0.36	\$0.39
3,000,001-9,000,000	\$0.31	\$0.33
9,000,001-30,000,000	\$0.28	\$0.30
30,000,001 and above	\$0.24	\$0.26

Schedule A

Rates, Fees and Charges			
Connection Fees and Charges per ERC	Water or Irrigation	Sewer	Reclaimed Water
TAP Fee	\$2,407	\$2,251	\$0
Distribution/Collection Fee			
Effective 10/1/2018	\$2,940	\$2,910	\$0
Low Pressure Sewer (LPS) Installation Charge			
Residential per each LPS Tank	N/A	\$4,800	N/A
Non-Residential per each LPS Tank	N/A	Actual Cost	N/A
Service Installation Charge per each Service			
3/4" Meter or less	\$1,070	N/A	\$1,070
1" Meter	\$1,945	N/A	\$1,945
1 1/2" Meter	\$2,400	N/A	\$2,400
2" Meter	\$2,400	N/A	\$2,400
3" Meter and above	Actual Cost	N/A	Actual Cost
Up to 6" Service (Sewer only)	N/A	\$1,240	N/A
Additional Cost for Road Restoration	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Meter Installation Fee			
3/4" Meter or less	\$375	N/A	\$375
1" Meter	\$615	N/A	\$615
1 1/2" Meter	\$990	N/A	\$990
2" Meter	\$1,515	N/A	\$1,515
3" Meter and above	Actual Cost	N/A	Actual Cost
Proposed Line Extension Charge			
Line Extension Charge per ERC	\$2,940	\$2,910	\$2,190
Additional Main Access Charge (greater than 500 feet)	\$75 per each linear foot	\$65 per each linear foot	\$55 per each linear foot
Additional Cost for Road Restoration	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost

Note: Connection fees and charges may be financed through the Utilities Department as a non-transferable loan. The loan may have terms of 10, 15 or 20 years at an interest rate equal to the Florida Prime Rate plus 2%. Repayment of the loan will be monthly.