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RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 2016- 017

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISED WATER, SEWER,  
AND RECLAIMED WATER UTILITY RATES, FEES AND  
CHARGES FOR THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY UTILITIES  
DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.


RECITALS

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2012, in Resolution No. 2012-019, the Charlotte  
County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") adopted a Schedule of water, sewer,  
and reclaimed utility rates, fees and charges for the utility services furnished by Utilities  
Department that included rates for connection fees, line extension fees and other  
miscellaneous charges; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2014, in Resolution No. 2014-129, the Charlotte County  
Board of County Commissioners ("Board") adopted increases to water and sewer user  
rates but said resolution did not affect rates for connection fees, line extension fees and  
other miscellaneous charges; and

WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing on January 26, 2016, whereby all  
affected persons and all other interested parties had an opportunity to be heard  
concerning proposed changes in connection fees, line extension fees and other  
miscellaneous charges, notice of which public meeting was properly and timely  
published in a newspaper published in the County and provided to current customers  
through the billing process; and

WHEREAS, on the advice and recommendation of its technical advisors, and  
after hearing comments from the public, the Board has determined it is necessary to  
adopt a new Schedule amending certain water and sewer connection fees, line  
extension fees and certain miscellaneous charges, and finds the adoption of such rates,

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fees, and charges to be just and equitable and in the public interest.

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

1. Resolution No. 2012-019, adopted March 27, 2012, is hereby amended by replacing the following pages in Exhibit "A" to Resolution No. 2012-019 with the replacement pages contained in Exhibit "A" hereto, to become effective May 1, 2016:

Pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

2. The rates adopted pursuant to Resolution 2014-129 are not affected by this Resolution and remain in full force and effect.

3. The rates, fees, and charges adopted hereunder may be increased or decreased, without public hearing, in the event there is an increase or decrease in the rates, charges, and fees charged to Charlotte County for water and/or sewer utility services, electric power, water quality testing required by regulatory agencies, additional costs incurred as a result of government regulations related to treatment procedures for water or sewer, or the amount of ad valorem taxes assessed against Charlotte County Utilities Department's property, if any.

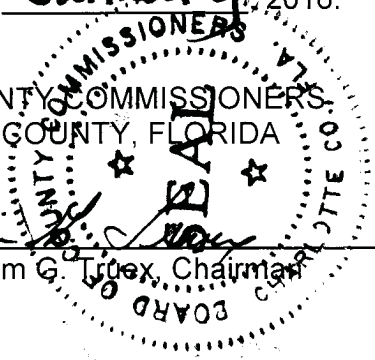
4. The rates, fees, and charges adopted pursuant to paragraph 1 above may be increased or decreased annually, effective the first day of the fiscal year, without hearing, based upon a price index differential published as the Florida Public Service Commission Index (FPSC).

5. This Resolution shall become effective on May 1, 2016.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By William G. Truex  
William G. Truex, Chairman



ATTEST:

Barbara T. Scott, Clerk of Circuit  
Court and ex-officio Clerk to the  
Board of County Commissioners

By Michelle D. Brardino  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Janette S. Knowlton  
Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney  
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## EXHIBIT

### "A"

## SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES AND CHARGES CHARLOTTE COUNTY UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

### I. DEFINITIONS.

*Base Facility Charge:* The monthly cost of having a water, sewer and/or reclaimed water system in place and prepared to serve the customer. This charge is designed to recover those capital expenses that are fixed, do not vary with consumption and are not recovered from separate charges.

*Commercial Service:* Service for all purposes for customers who do not qualify for residential, multi-family, and wholesale services. Any commercial, industrial, and institutional enterprise including but not limited to domiciliary houses, resident schools, hotels, offices, stores, restaurants, churches, schools and other facilities which hold themselves out to the public as a place of business.

*Connection Fee:* An equitable and proportionate charge made at the time water, sewer and/or reclaimed water service is newly requested to cover the growth related capital cost of construction for raw water supply, transmission mains, ground storage facilities, pumping facilities, and treatment facilities, master pumping stations, transmission force mains, treatment and effluent disposal facilities required to provide service to new connections to the water, sewer and/or reclaimed water system by new users, including the carrying costs of facilities built or acquired in excess of those needed to serve current customers and held for future use by future customers.

*Customer Charge:* The administrative costs charged monthly to each metered account, sewer only account, or reclaimed water only account.

*Emergency Water Rates:* The implementation of Emergency Water Usage Rates by direction of the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") during a water shortage.

*Equivalent Residential Connection (ERC):* A unit of measure used to calculate the equivalent usage of non-residential land use types as compared to a residential single family property. One ERC is equal to the expected service demand of one average residential property and is currently established to be equivalent to 225 gallons of potable water per day and 190 gallons of sewer per day.

*Gallonage Charge:* The cost of providing the water, and/or collecting, treating and disposing of sewage, such as chemicals, electricity, labor and other related costs. This cost is variable and depends on consumption, billed in one-thousand gallon increments.

*Interest:* Interest will be paid on those deposits retained by the Utility. The interest shall be applied yearly, each September, as a credit against the customer account.

*Irrigation Service:* Connection to potable water used solely for the purpose of irrigation.

## **I. DEFINITIONS (continued)**

*Line Extension Charge:* The charge to obtain access to either the water, sewer or reclaimed water system which may or may not include a line extension up to 500 feet. Line extensions greater than 500 feet shall be charged at the applicable rate per each additional linear foot plus additional charges as noted.

*Low Pressure Installation Charge:* The calculated costs incurred for installation of a low pressure sewer tank and related equipment.

*Mobile Home Residential Service:* Water and/or Sewer service for mobile home residences that are served by an individual meter, which are rated at 82% of an equivalent single-family residential unit for water and 97% of an equivalent single-family residential unit for sewer.

*Multi-family Residential Service:* Water and/or Sewer service for multi-family residences served by a master meter, which are rated at 70% of an equivalent single-family residential unit for water and 80% of an equivalent single-family residential unit for sewer.

*Premise Visit:* The charge for a service representative to visit a premise. Examples of a premise visit include, but are not limited to:

- Second and subsequent inspections.
- Second and subsequent site visit for meter reads in a calendar year.
- Realtor turn-on/shut-off.
- Box maintenance still required after request to trim to owner.
- Premise visit in lieu of disconnection.
- Water turn-on other than violation.
- Reading a meter that could be read electronically but owner has opted out of the fixed base meter program.
- Reconnection of service subsequent to a customer requested disconnection for any reason other than seasonal.
- All other site visits to a customer's property.

*Reclaimed Water:* Treated sewer effluent meeting FDEP reclaimed water standards for irrigation or other permitted uses.

*Residential Service:* Water and/or Sewer service for single-family homes, duplexes, and individually metered multi-family units.

*Service Installation Charge:* Charge for the installation of water, irrigation, sewer, and/or reclaimed water service that includes all labor, equipment, materials, and associated appurtenances necessary to furnish a water, irrigation, sewer, and/or reclaimed water service connection to the subject property. Additional costs shall be charged for road construction impacts encountered during construction.

*Wholesale Service:* Service to public or private utilities for resale.

## II. CONNECTION FEES.

- A. Rates, Fees, and Charges are attached hereto in Schedule A.
- B. Table 6-4: Schedule of daily rated gallonage for various occupancies based upon Charlotte County Code, Sect. 3-8-46.

The following usages shall be deemed to be applicable for the purpose of calculating connection fees for all new connections to the system. Commercial, Institutional and other units not identified herein shall conform to the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services section 64E-6.008 F.A.C.

Types of Buildings:	Usage:
Apartments	157.5 Gpd
Arcades/Slot-machine seating (no food service) *other facilities/services calculated according to appropriate occupancies	3 Gpd/seat
Restaurants, Bars, Cocktail Lounges, Fast Food	20 Gpd/seat
Bars, Cocktail Lounges or Pubs not serving or preparing food	12 Gpd/seat
Beauty Salons/Barber Shops operating < 8 hours/day	50 Gpd per chair
Beauty Salons/Barber shops operating > or equal to 8 hours/day	75 Gpd per chair
Boarding Schools (Student and Staff)	75 Gpcd
Bowling Alleys (Toilet Wastes Only, per Lane)	50 Gpd + 20 Gpd per bar and restaurant seat
Construction, Manufacturing or Industrial Equipment Operations *other occupancies may apply, subject to reclaimed water applicability	Based on equipment supplier or Engineer's design analysis data
Country Clubs (Per member)	5 Gpd + 20 Gpd per bar and restaurant seat
Day Schools (Students and Staff)	6 Gpcd + 4 Gpcd if shower + 4 Gpcd if cafeteria
Factories (With Showers)	30 Gpcd
Factories (Without Showers)	10 Gpd/100 Sq. Ft.
Gas Stations without food outlets, per restroom	225 Gpd
Car Wash	Based on equipment supplier data
Hospitals (in-patient services only, with or without Laundry) *out-patient labs, medical center operations and other facilities calculated according to appropriate occupancies	200 Gpd/bed
Hotels and Motels	125 Gpd/room or Unit + 20 Gpd per restaurant and bar seat
Laundromats	225 Gpd/washer
Mobile Home Park	185 Gpd/trailer
Movie Theaters, Auditoriums, Churches (Per Seat)	3 Gpd
Churches	3 Gpd per Seat or per Capita if no Seat
Nursing Homes	100 Gpd/bed
Office Buildings (excludes Medical Offices, Dental Offices, refer to FAC 64E-6.008 for these occupancies)	10 Gpd/100 Sq. Ft.
Public Institutions (Other than those listed herein)	75 Gpcd
Single-Family Residence with (1) 5/8" x 3/4" meter *Assumes a 3-bedroom residence. For residences with more than 3 bedrooms or that require a larger meter refer to FAC 64E-6.008	Water 225 Gpd Sewer 190 Gpd
Townhouse Residences	225 Gpd
Stadiums, Frontons, Ballparks, Etc. (Per Seat)	3 Gpd
Stores/Retail operations (Without Kitchen Wastes) *other occupancies may apply	5 Gpd/100Sq.Ft.
Speculative Buildings	30 Gpd + 10 Gpd/100 Sq. Ft
Warehouses (each unit) *other occupancies may apply. See FAC 64E-6.008 for self-storage units	30 Gpd + 10 Gpd/1000 Sq. Ft

Gpd=Gallon Per Day; Gpcd=Gallon per Capita Per Day

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES.**

Miscellaneous Fees and Charges are attached hereto in Schedule C.

Note: Customer deposits are non-refundable until service is terminated. The interest rate paid on the retained deposits will be 1.25%.

## Schedule A

<b>Rates, Fees and Charges</b>			
Connection Fees and Charges per ERC	Water or Irrigation	Sewer	Reclaimed Water
Connection Fee	\$2,407	\$2,251	\$0
<b>Distribution/Collection Fee</b>			
Effective 10/1/2016	\$490	\$740	\$0
Effective 5/1/2017	\$1,290	\$740	\$0
Effective 10/1/2017	\$2,090	\$1,455	\$0
Effective 10/1/2018	\$2,940	\$2,910	\$0
<b>Low Pressure Sewer (LPS) Installation Charge</b>			
Residential per each LPS Tank	N/A	\$4,800	N/A
Non-Residential per each LPS Tank	N/A	Actual Cost	N/A
<b>Service Installation Charge per each Service</b>			
3/4" Meter or less	\$1,070	N/A	\$1,070
1" Meter	\$1,945	N/A	\$1,945
1 ½" 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
<b>Meter Installation Fee</b>			
3/4" Meter or less	\$375	N/A	\$375
1" Meter	\$615	N/A	\$615
1 ½" Meter	\$990	N/A	\$990
2" Meter	\$1,515	N/A	\$1,515
3" Meter and above	Actual Cost	N/A	Actual Cost
<b>Proposed Line Extension Charge</b>			
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 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.



## Schedule B

### User Rates - Effective May 1, 2016

Reclaimed Water User Rates		
	Pond Delivery	Direct Feed
Base Facility Charge	\$2.50	\$2.50
Volume Charge per 1,000 gallons		
0 – 3,000,000 gals	\$0.20	\$0.30
3,000,001 - 9,000,000 gals	\$0.15	\$0.25
9,000,001 – 30,000,000 gals	\$0.12	\$0.22
30,000,001 gals & above	\$0.10	\$0.20

## Schedule C

### Miscellaneous Fees and Charges

<b>Annual Fire Protection Charges</b>	
Less than 4" Line	\$400.00
4" Line	\$800.00
6" Line	\$1,600.00
8" Line	\$2,570.00
10" Line	\$3,690.00
12" Line	\$6,900.00
<b>Bench Test Meter</b>	
3/4" or Less	\$105.00
1"	\$135.00
Over 1"	Actual Cost
<b>Customer Deposits - Commercial Sewer Service</b>	
3/4" or Less	\$120.00
1"	\$445.00
1 1/2"	\$2,000.00
2"	\$2,250.00
3"	\$2,700.00
4"	2 monthly bill
6"	2 monthly bill
8"	2 monthly bill
<b>Customer Deposits - Commercial Water Service</b>	
3/4" or Less	\$120.00
1"	\$250.00
1 1/2"	\$460.00
2"	\$1,200.00
3"	\$1,550.00
4"	2 monthly bill
6"	2 monthly bill
8"	2 monthly bill
<b>Field Test Meter</b>	
First - (same location)	N/C
3/4" or Less	\$75.00
1"	\$85.00
1 1/2"	\$105.00
2" and above	Actual Cost
Non-Residential	Actual Cost

<b>Fire Flow Test Fee</b>	
Per Test	\$50.00
<b>Late Payment Charges</b>	
	3.00% of Current Bill
<b>Premise Visit</b>	
Regular Hours	\$45.00
Overtime Hours	\$55.00
<b>Meter Tampering/Unauthorized Connection Charge - Overtime Hours*</b>	
First Occurrence	\$295.00
Second Occurrence	\$590.00
Third Occurrence and above	\$890.00
* Plus damages to Utility property as determined.	
<b>Meter Tampering/Unauthorized Connection Charge - Regular Hours*</b>	
First Occurrence	\$200.00
Second Occurrence	\$400.00
Third Occurrence and above	\$600.00
* Plus damages to Utility property as determined.	
<b>Other Services</b>	At Cost
<b>Reconnect Fees - Overtime Hours</b>	
Water Turn-on Normal	\$55.00
Violation	\$75.00
<b>Reconnect Fees - Regular Hours</b>	
Water Turn-on Normal	\$45.00
Violation	\$55.00
<b>Returned Check Charges</b>	
Face Value < \$50	\$25.00
\$50<= Face Value < \$300	\$30.00
Face Value => \$300	\$ 40 or 5%
<b>Unauthorized Use Charges</b>	
First Offense	Warning
Second Offense	\$250.00
Third Offense	\$500.00