

RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 120

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COLLIER COUNTY FLORIDA
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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF COLLIER COUNTY AND EX OFFICIO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE COLLIER COUNTY WATER SEWER DISTRICT, REPEALING AND REPLACING SCHEDULES ONE AND TWO OF APPENDIX A TO SECTION FOUR OF COLLIER COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2001-73, AS AMENDED, TITLED THE COLLIER COUNTY WATER-SEWER DISTRICT UNIFORM BILLING, OPERATING AND REGULATORY STANDARDS ORDINANCE; AMENDING PROPOSED RATES FOR WATER, WASTEWATER, IRRIGATION QUALITY WATER, AND WHOLESALE POTABLE WATER; WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, Collier County uses water and sewer user rates to recover system operation, maintenance, renewal, enhancement, replacement and debt service costs from system users within the boundaries of the Collier County Water-Sewer District (the “District”); and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2021, the District approved Resolution No. 2021-187 establishing a scheduled adjustment to the District’s user rates to maintain alignment with increasing commodity and operation costs based upon the recommendation of the County’s retained expert, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc., who at that time recommended that the: (1) existing water user rates be adjusted by implementing an increase of 2.9 percent effective October 1, 2021; 4.0 percent effective October 1, 2022; and, 4.0 percent effective October 1, 2023, for Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, and 2024, respectively; (2) existing wastewater user rates be adjusted by implementing an increase of 2.9 percent effective October 1, 2021; 5.0 percent effective October 1, 2022; and, 5.0 percent effective October 1, 2023, for Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, and 2024, respectively; (3) the existing Irrigation Quality (IQ) water user rates be adjusted by implementing an increase of 2.9 percent effective October 1, 2021; 9.0 percent effective October 1, 2022; and, 9.0 percent effective October 1, 2023, for Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, and 2024, respectively; and (4) the existing wholesale potable water user rates be adjusted by implementing an increase of 4.9 percent effective October 1, 2021; 4.9 percent effective October 1, 2022; and, 4.9 percent effective October 1, 2023, for Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, and 2024, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Collier County approved, implemented, and has been adhering to the rate schedule adjustment established in Resolution No. 2021-187 but as a result of dramatic increases in inflation those previously planned rate adjustments have been insufficient to properly support the increasing cost of maintaining system-wide operations, maintenance, and required capital replacement and rehabilitation projects in the District; and

WHEREAS, examples of the inflationary increases impacting the District's operations include the following: (1) electricity increased by 15 percent and is anticipated to increase another 10.1 percent in FY 23, (2) chemicals necessary to produce water, treat wastewater, and treat irrigation quality water have increased between 10 percent and 150 percent, (3) critical utility-related meters, parts and devices have increased up to 25 percent, (4) the costs for labor and service-related repairs have increased by 20 percent, and (5) essential operating equipment costs have had costs increases in excess of 100 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Public Service Commission calculates an annual price index specifically for water and wastewater utilities that allows utilities such as the District to adjust its rates without a rate case, and the most recent annual price index issued by the Florida Public Service Commission on December 27, 2022, was calculated at 7.07 percent; and

WHEREAS, County staff recommends the implementation of a 7.07 percent user rate increase effective July 1, 2023, with the understanding that the proposed rate increase to the existing Water, Wastewater, Irrigation Quality water, and Wholesale Water user rates for Schedules One (1) and Two (2) of Appendix A to section four of Collier County Ordinance No. 2001-73, as amended, is an interim rate adjustment subject to the completion of a current ongoing rate study that is anticipated to be completed in the late summer or fall of 2023, at which time a further adjustment of user rates may be warranted; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the District's users to accept staff's recommendation to implement the Florida Public Service Commission's recent annual price index of 7.07 percent as a proposed user rate increase to the existing rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF COLLIER COUNTY AND EX OFFICIO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE COLLIER COUNTY WATER SEWER DISTRICT, that:

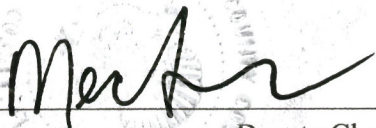
The Board of County Commissioners, after an advertised public hearing:

1. Accepts staff's recommendation for updated District-wide Water and Wastewater rates, Irrigation Quality Water rates, and Wholesale Water rates. Accordingly, the Board hereby approves the attached Schedules One and Two to Appendix A of Ordinance No. 2001-73, as amended, titled the Collier County Water-Sewer District Uniform Billing, Operating and Regulatory Standards Ordinance, which replaces the current Schedules One and Two, which are hereby repealed. The revised rates on the attached Schedules One and Two will take effect at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 1, 2023, until further repealed and revised.

2. Proclaims that the annual price indexing rate of 7.07 percent issued by the Florida Public Service Commission on December 27, 2022, provides a lawful and reasonable basis for the proposed adjustment of the District's Water and Wastewater rates, Irrigation Quality Water rates, and Wholesale Water rates. The implementation of this rate increase shall become effective as provided herein and those rates shall continue as established herein until otherwise further repealed and revised.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED after motion, second, and majority vote favoring adoption this 13th day of June 2023.

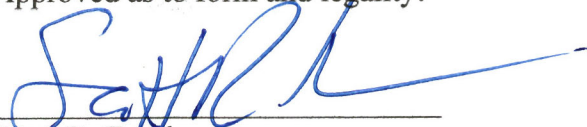
ATTEST:
CRYSTAL K. KINZEL, CLERK

By: 
Attest as to Chairman's signature only, Deputy Clerk

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OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS THE
GOVERNING BODY OF COLLIER COUNTY
AND AS EX OFFICIO THE GOVERNING
BOARD OF THE COLLIER COUNTY WATER
SEWER DISTRICT**

By: 
Rick LoCastro, Chairman

Approved as to form and legality:


Scott R. Teach,
Deputy County Attorney


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**PUBLIC UTILITIES DIVISION
COLLIER COUNTY WATER-SEWER DISTRICT
UNIFORM BILLING, OPERATING AND REGULATORY STANDARDS ORDINANCE
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1. WATER

	<u>Existing Monthly Rates</u> Effective <u>10/01/2022</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly Rates [1]</u> Effective <u>07/01/2023</u>
WATER SERVICE BASE CHARGES (Residential, Multifamily, Commercial, and Irrigation-Only)		
<u>Meter Size:</u>		
5/8"	\$ 25.78	\$ 27.60
3/4"	\$ 25.78	\$ 27.60
1"	\$ 40.62	\$ 43.49
1-1/4"	\$ 52.37	\$ 56.07
1-1/2"	\$ 77.42	\$ 82.89
2"	\$ 121.74	\$ 130.35
3"	\$ 336.06	\$ 359.82
4"	\$ 742.31	\$ 794.79
6"	\$ 1,481.22	\$ 1,585.94
8"	\$ 2,589.38	\$ 2,772.45
10"	\$ 4,690.21	\$ 5,021.81
12"	\$ 6,952.84	\$ 7,444.41

VOLUMETRIC CHARGE PER 1,000 GALLONS [2]
(Residential, Multifamily, Commercial, and Irrigation-Only)

Block 1	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.73
Block 2	\$ 5.25	\$ 5.62
Block 3	\$ 6.98	\$ 7.47
Block 4	\$ 8.71	\$ 9.33
Block 5	\$ 10.46	\$ 11.20
Block 6	\$ 13.93	\$ 14.91
Wholesale Water Rate Per 1,000 Gallons (All Usage)	\$ 4.82	\$ 5.16

EXISTING BLOCK RATE STRUCTURE
(Residential, Multifamily, Commercial, and Irrigation-Only)

Meter Size:	<u>Consumption Block (Thousands of Gallons)</u>					
	<u>Block 1</u>	<u>Block 2</u>	<u>Block 3</u>	<u>Block 4</u>	<u>Block 5</u>	<u>Block 6</u>
5/8"	0 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 20	21 to 30	31 to 50	Over 50
3/4"	0 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 20	21 to 30	31 to 50	Over 50
1"	0 to 8	9 to 16	17 to 32	33 to 48	49 to 80	Over 80
1-1/4"	0 to 11	12 to 22	23 to 44	45 to 66	67 to 110	Over 110
1-1/2"	0 to 17	18 to 34	35 to 68	69 to 102	103 to 170	Over 170
2"	0 to 27	28 to 54	55 to 108	109 to 162	163 to 270	Over 270
3"	0 to 75	76 to 150	151 to 300	301 to 450	451 to 750	Over 750
4"	0 to 167	168 to 334	335 to 668	669 to 1,002	1,003 to 1,670	Over 1,670
6"	0 to 333	334 to 666	667 to 1,332	1,333 to 1,998	1,999 to 3,330	Over 3,330
8"	0 to 583	584 to 1,166	1,167 to 2,332	2,333 to 3,498	3,499 to 5,830	Over 5,830
10"	0 to 1,057	1,058 to 2,114	2,115 to 4,228	4,229 to 6,342	6,343 to 10,570	Over 10,570
12"	0 to 1,568	1,569 to 3,136	3,137 to 6,272	6,273 to 9,408	9,409 to 15,680	Over 15,680

Footnotes:

[1] Proposed rates to become effective with service rendered on and after July 1st of fiscal year 2023.

[2] All water is billed based on water consumption per block based on the size of meter in service.

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2. WASTEWATER

<u>Description</u>	<u>Existing Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly Rates [1]</u>
	<u>Effective</u> <u>10/1/2022</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>07/01/2023</u>
WASTEWATER SERVICE BASE CHARGES (Residential, Multifamily, and Commercial)		
<u>Meter Size:</u>		
5/8"	\$ 39.17	\$ 41.94
3/4"	\$ 39.17	\$ 41.94
1"	\$ 62.98	\$ 67.43
1-1/4"	\$ 81.81	\$ 87.59
1-1/2"	\$ 121.97	\$ 130.59
2"	\$ 193.04	\$ 206.69
3"	\$ 536.70	\$ 574.64
4"	\$ 1,188.12	\$ 1,272.12
6"	\$ 2,372.96	\$ 2,540.73
8"	\$ 4,149.87	\$ 4,443.27
10"	\$ 7,518.54	\$ 8,050.10
12"	\$ 11,146.64	\$ 11,934.71
 VOLUMETRIC RATE PER 1,000 GALLONS (Residential, Multifamily, and Commercial)		
All Usage [2]	\$ 5.51	\$ 5.90

Footnotes:

- [1] Proposed rates to become effective with service rendered on and after July 1st of fiscal year 2023.
 [2] Monthly individually metered residential usage charges are capped at 15,000 gallons.

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3. Water Restriction Surcharge:

Water Shortage Phase*	Percent Reduction Goal In Overall Demand	Flow charge Rate Adjustment Percentage
Phase 2 - Severe	30%	15%
Phase 3 - Extreme	45%	30%
Phase 4 - Critical	60%	40%

* Per the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Water Shortage Plan Pursuant to Chapter 40E-21 of the Florida Administrative Code (FAC)

The surcharge will be applicable to the volume charge for all single family and multi-family residential accounts for all consumption greater than Block 2, to non-residential accounts for all consumption greater than Block 1, and to irrigation accounts only for consumption. The Block Structures are specified in Section One above. The surcharge is not assessed against the service base charge.

The water restriction surcharge will start on the first billing cycle of the month following the imposition of the restrictions. The surcharge will cease on the first billing cycle of the month following the revocation or lifting of the restrictions.

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<u>Description:</u>	<u>Existing Monthly Rates</u> Effective 10/01/2022	<u>Proposed Monthly Rates [1]</u> Effective 07/01/2023
SERVICE BASE CHARGES		
<u>Meter Size</u>		
5/8"	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.71
3/4"	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.71
1"	\$ 16.71	\$ 17.89
1-1/2"	\$ 33.31	\$ 35.67
2"	\$ 53.32	\$ 57.09
3"	\$ 150.07	\$ 160.68
4"	\$ 333.45	\$ 357.02
6"	\$ 667.02	\$ 714.18
8"	\$ 1,167.26	\$ 1,249.79
10"	\$ 2,115.60	\$ 2,265.17
12"	\$ 3,137.00	\$ 3,358.79
VOLUMETRIC CHARGE PER 1,000 GALLONS		
Customer Type:		
Bulk	\$ 0.58	\$0.62
Pressurized	\$ 0.77	\$0.82
Pressurized and Distributed	\$ 1.49	\$1.60

Footnote:

[1] Proposed rates to become effective with service rendered on and after July 1st of fiscal year 2023.