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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VI – PUBLIC UTILITIES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 61, “WATER, WASTEWATER AND RECLAIMED WATER RATES,” BY AMENDING SECTION 61.05, “WATER INSTALLATION CHARGES;” AMENDING SECTION 61.10, “WASTEWATER INSTALLATION CHARGE;” AND AMENDING SECTION 61.25, “TEMPORARY METER PERMITS;” AMENDING CHAPTER 62, “WATER, WASTEWATER AND RECLAIMED WATER UTILITY SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE” BY AMENDING SECTION 62.12, “WATER, WASTEWATER AND RECLAIMED WATER RATE SCHEDULE;” AMENDING CHAPTER 63, “UTILITY SERVICE AVAILABILITY AND EXTENSION RULES,” BY AMENDING SECTION 63.17, “LIFT STATION GENERATORS;” PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 61.05, Port St. Lucie City Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 61.05. - Water Installation Ceharges.

(a) Each applicant for water service shall be charged as follows:

Meter Size	Service Fee
5/8" × ¾"	\$1,275.00 <u>\$1,320.00</u> New Construction
5/8" × ¾"	\$2,184.00 <u>\$1,320.00</u> Residential <u>Well</u> Conversion <u>plus</u>
	<u>\$941.00 for retrofit and conversion of existing on-site systems to City water system in addition to above charges</u>
1"	\$1,377.00 <u>\$1,425.00</u>
1½" Ultrasonic	\$1,733.00 <u>\$1,794.00</u>
2" Ultrasonic	\$1,855.00 <u>\$1,920.00</u>
Above 2"	Applicant is responsible for purchase and installation

(b) Backflow preventer - Installation and certification charges. When the Department determines that a backflow preventer is required to be installed on a domestic water service, the City Department will install and certify the required backflow preventer and charge ~~the customer a fee~~ based on the following:

Domestic Meter Backflow Prevention Assembly Size	Charge per Assembly
¾" RPZ Backflow	\$381.00 <u>\$394.00</u>

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1" RPZ Backflow	\$391.00 <u>\$405.00</u>
1½" RPZ Backflow	\$665.00 <u>\$688.00</u>
2" RPZ Backflow	\$701.00 <u>\$726.00</u>
Above 2"	Applicant is responsible for purchase and installation of the required backflow prevention assembly. The Department will test and certify newly installed backflow assemblies.
Additionally, Applicants are charged \$85.00 per assembly test/certification for all newly installed backflow assemblies.	
Fire Line Service Backflow Prevention	Applicant is responsible for purchase, installation, and certification of all fire system backflow assemblies. The Department will not test, certify or maintain any fire systems or related backflow assemblies.

(c) Backflow preventer — Annual Inspection, Testing and Certification. The Director shall administer a program for the inspection, testing and certification of all backflow preventers installed for domestic water meters connected to the City's system. A \$85.00 fee shall be charged annually for these services when the associated water meter is not related to a single-family residential account. Such fees shall be added to customer of record's next monthly usage bill following completion of the annual service. Backflow preventers shall be repaired, overhauled, or replaced at the expense of the Department whenever they are found to be defective. Records of such tests, repairs, and overhaul shall be kept by the Department.

(d) Irrigation meters. Potable water meters connected solely to irrigation systems are not allowed, provided however that the Director may, at his/her sole discretion, authorize exceptions to this section.

(e) Radio read water meter technology is the City's adopted standard.

(1) Exception. The customer of record for a single family residential account can request that their property be served by a direct read meter upon agreement of the following terms and conditions:

- a. The customer of record shall execute a direct read water meter agreement.
- b. An agreement/installation fee of \$145.00 shall be paid to the City in full prior to the installation of the direct read meter.

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- c. A \$15.00 per month charge shall be applied to the bills of affected accounts to cover costs associated with the City having to manually capture monthly usage data from the direct read meter.
- (2) A customer's desire to receive single family residential service with a direct read meter shall not dictate whether surrounding properties are served by a direct read or radio read water meter.
- (3) Service via a direct read water meter is not automatically portable.
- a. Customers relocating from an address served by a direct read meter to another single family residential address within the City's utility service area shall be required to execute an agreement for the new location and pay a \$145.00 fee prior to the direct read meter being installed at the new location.
- (4) Upon receiving notice that a location served by a direct read water meter sells, transfers ownership, conveys, or otherwise vacates the property, or the property changes use to something other than a single family residence, the City shall automatically convert the meter serving that location to radio read technology.
- (5) Direct read water meter agreement/installation processing fees and the monthly meter reading charges are subject to change in accordance with City utility rate increases/decreases.

Section 2. That Section 61.10, Port St. Lucie City Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 61.10. - Wastewater Installation Charge.

- (1) When more than one grinder system is required to provide wastewater service to any single-family residence, all of the required grinder systems shall be provided by and installed by the City. The Director may, at his/her sole discretion, authorize exceptions to this section.
- (2) Customers utilizing step or grinder systems for single-family residences shall be charged as follows:

	Per System	
Step Tank New Construction	\$4,714.00	<u>\$4,844.00</u>
Grinder system New Construction	\$4,714.00	<u>\$4,844.00</u>
Septic Conversion: Grinder system or Step Tank	\$3,906.00	<u>\$4,289.00</u>
Retrofit existing on-site systems to step or grinder systems, in addition to the above charges	\$593.00	<u>\$609.00</u>

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- (3) If a low-pressure main must be extended to permit a residential customer to connect to the system, all costs and expenses associated with such extension shall be borne by the customer and shall be paid to the City in full prior to the City's construction of the main extension.
- (4) If a service installation is required to provide the customer a connection to the City's gravity sanitary sewer system, the cost of such installation will be based on the actual cost of installation.
- (5) If a single-family residential customer requests that the existing step or grinder systems be relocated by the City to a different place on the customer's property, then all costs and expenses associated with the relocation shall be borne by the customer and shall be paid to the City in full prior to said requested relocation. The initial charge to the customer shall be based on a cost estimate prepared by the utility systems department, and any actual costs incurred by the City on behalf of the customer for said relocation which exceeds the estimate shall be added to the customer's next monthly service bill as an additional charge that will be due and owing at the same time as the service bill.
- (6) All non-single-family residential (duplex) grinder systems shall include monitoring abilities.
- (7) Charges for single-phase duplex grinder tank and related parts systems that may be used for non-residential locations shall be as follows:

E-One System Tank Depth	Per System	This includes tank, pump, and electrical (control) panel. This does <i>not</i> include labor, installation costs, meter cans, or other related components that may be required.
92"	<u>\$15,988.00</u>	
96"	\$15,346.00 <u>\$16,059.00</u>	
107"	\$15,682.00 <u>\$16,183.00</u>	
122"	\$15,836.00 <u>\$15,825.00</u>	

- (8) Charges for other grinder systems: A one-time \$912.00 fee shall be charged for all non-single-family grinder systems not identified above in (7) to add a monitoring module.
- (9) In addition to the above fees and charges, \$4.58 shall be added monthly to the wastewater billing account when a monitoring module has been installed on the wastewater system.

Section 3. That Section 61.25, Port St. Lucie City Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 61.25. Temporary Meter Permits.

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- (a) *Application and agreement required.* Before rendering temporary water service, the City shall require a permit application which includes the terms of agreement for service. Said application shall be made on forms furnished by the City and shall constitute an agreement by the customers to abide by the utility's rules and policies for such service, and shall be tendered only by the duly authorized agents of the firm, partnership, association or corporation requesting service.
- (b) *Permit period.* Each permit shall allow for temporary metered water usage for up to 180 consecutive days. Permits may be extended in 180-day increments at the sole discretion of the City.
- (c) *Permit fees.* Any applicant requesting temporary water service for up to 180 days shall be required to pay fees based on the size of the meter as follows:

Meter Size	Refundable Deposit	Installation Fees	Collected at Time of Application for Service
$\frac{5}{8}$ " $\times$ $\frac{3}{4}$ "	\$473.00 <u>\$490.00</u>	\$253.00 <u>\$262.00</u>	\$726.00 <u>\$752.00</u>
1"	\$629.00 <u>\$651.00</u>	\$292.00 <u>\$302.00</u>	\$921.00 <u>\$953.00</u>
2"	\$1,381.00 <u>\$1,429.00</u>	\$480.00 <u>\$497.00</u>	\$1,861.00 <u>\$1,926.00</u>
3"	\$3,552.00 <u>\$3,676.00</u>	\$533.00 <u>\$552.00</u>	\$4,085.00 <u>\$4,228.00</u>
4"	\$6,135.00 <u>\$6,350.00</u>	\$748.00 <u>\$774.00</u>	\$6,883.00 <u>\$7,124.00</u>
6"	\$10,924.00 <u>\$11,306.00</u>	\$1,147.00 <u>\$1,187.00</u>	\$12,071.00 <u>\$12,493.00</u>
8"	\$18,929.00 <u>\$19,592.00</u>	\$1,814.00 <u>\$1,877.00</u>	\$20,743.00 <u>\$21,469.00</u>
10"	\$19,121.00 <u>\$19,790.00</u>	\$1,830.00 <u>\$1,894.00</u>	\$20,951.00 <u>\$21,684.00</u>
Rates for meters above 10" are to be determined at time of application for service.			

- (d) *Temporary Meter Relocation Fees.* Permittees may request the relocation of a specific permitted temporary meter if it is to be relocated within the boundaries of the property for which it originally provided service. A \$125.00 fee shall be charged for the relocation of each temporary meter.
- (e) *Permit Time Extensions.* Permittees are responsible for monitoring their permit's expiration date. A permittee may request permit time extension in 180-day increments. If a time extension is not requested, the City will remove the

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permitted temporary meter assemblies on the 181st day after the original date of installation (the permit date).

A \$60.00 fee shall be charged for each 180-day permit time extension.

- (f) *Termination of Service.* Temporary meter permittees who no longer need service from a permitted temporary meter are responsible for contacting City to request that the assembly be removed. Upon termination of the temporary meter assembly's use, the City will evaluate the assembly's condition. Damage resulting from a permittee's negligent use or misuse of any assembly will result in the City retaining the full amount of the permittee's deposit.
- (g) *Monthly billings required.* The City shall perform monthly temporary meter readings. The following rates and fees shall apply as a Base Facility Charge ("BFC") to the monthly usage billings for temporary meters.

Temporary Meter Size	BFC
$\frac{5}{8}$ " $\times$ $\frac{3}{4}$ "	\$12.67 <u>\$13.11</u>
1"	\$26.04 <u>\$26.95</u>
2"	\$75.07 <u>\$77.70</u>
3"	\$135.75 <u>\$140.50</u>
4"	\$210.09 <u>\$217.44</u>
6"	\$416.60 <u>\$431.18</u>
8"	\$664.51 <u>\$687.77</u>
10"	\$1,340.67 <u>\$1,387.59</u>

Plus gallonage rate per 1,000 gallons according to the Block 2 rates then in effect.

- (h) *Refundable Deposit.* In the event of loss, theft or vandalism, the refundable deposit is forfeited.

Section 4. That Section 62.12, of the Port St. Lucie City Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 62.12.-Water, Wastewater and Reclaimed Water Rate Schedule.

- (a) *Base Facility Charges.* "Readiness to serve" fee: A monthly Base Facility Charge (BFC) or "readiness to serve" fee, shall be applied to all water, wastewater or reclaimed water bill regardless of whether there is any usage recorded for that billing period.

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(b) *Lien of service charges.* The City of Port St. Lucie has issued revenue bonds for the acquisition, construction, and expansion of the City's water, wastewater, and reclaimed water facilities pursuant to Chapter 159, Florida Statutes. The City shall have a lien against all lands or premises served by any water (potable and reclaimed), or sewer system for all service charges for such facilities until paid. Such liens shall be prior to all other liens on such lands or premises except the lien of state, county and municipal taxes and shall be on a parity with the lien of such state, county and municipal taxes pursuant to section 159.17, Florida Statutes.

(c) *Rates.* Monthly water, wastewater and reclaimed water gallonage charges and rates are based on metered use.

(1) *Residential single-family base facility charge (BFC) for customers receiving both water and wastewater service:*

Meter size	Water BFC	Wastewater BFC
$\frac{5}{8}$ " x $\frac{3}{4}$ "	\$10.78 <u>\$11.16</u>	\$17.65
1"	\$24.28 <u>\$25.13</u>	\$41.44
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	\$46.45 <u>\$48.08</u>	\$81.13
2"	\$73.20 <u>\$75.76</u>	\$128.74

Residential single-family BFC for customers receiving only water service:

Meter size	Water BFC
$\frac{5}{8}$ " x $\frac{3}{4}$ "	\$12.67 <u>\$13.11</u>
1"	\$26.04 <u>\$26.95</u>
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	\$48.35 <u>\$50.04</u>
2"	\$75.07 <u>\$77.70</u>

Plus gallonage rate per 1,000 gallons as follows:

	Water rate	Wastewater rate	Water gallons	Wastewater cap (gal)
Block 1	\$5.05 <u>\$5.23</u>	\$8.27	0—5000	8,000
Block 2	\$6.58 <u>\$6.81</u>	n/a	5,001—12,000	n/a
Block 3	\$8.10 <u>\$8.38</u>	n/a	12,001 and above	n/a

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(2) *Residential multi-family BFC individually metered (includes condominiums and townhomes):*

	Water BFC	Wastewater BFC
Per dwelling unit: (when master metered) plus \$3.75 <u>\$3.88</u>	\$6.35 <u>\$6.57</u> per <u>dwelling unit</u>	\$14.93 per <u>dwelling</u> unit

Plus gallonage rate per 1,000 gallons as follows:

	Water rate	Wastewater rate	Water gallons	Wastewater cap (gal)
Block 1	\$5.05 <u>\$5.23</u>	\$8.27	0—3,600	Up to 6,000 gal/mo/unit
Block 2	\$6.58 <u>\$6.81</u>	n/a	3,601—8,500	n/a
Block 3	\$8.10 <u>\$8.38</u>	n/a	8,501 and above	n/a

Monthly water and wastewater block gallonage shall be based upon the number of units. The block thresholds for each residential multi-family water or wastewater meter shall be calculated by multiplying the number of units reserved for that meter times the number of gallons shown in the following table:

Block 1 Threshold	Block 2 Threshold	Block 3 Threshold
Usage up to 3,600 gallons multiplied by the number of units reserved shall be billed at the Block 1 rate	Usage greater than 3,600 up to 8,500 gallons multiplied by the number of units reserved shall be billed at the Block 2 rate	Usage greater than 8,500 gallons multiplied by the number of units reserved and above shall be billed at the Block 3 rate

(3) *Nonresidential BFC (includes, but is not limited to, commercially leased residential properties such as apartment complexes):*

ERCs	Water BFC rate per ERCs Reserved	Wastewater BFC Rate per ERCs Reserved
Calculations shall be based upon the number of ERCs reserved plus \$3.75 <u>\$3.88</u>	\$8.90 <u>\$9.21</u>	\$15.87

Plus gallonage rate per 1,000 gallons as follows:

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	Water Rate	Wastewater Rate
Block 1	\$5.05 <u>\$5.23</u>	\$8.27
Block 2	\$6.58 <u>\$6.81</u>	\$8.27
Block 3	\$8.10 <u>\$8.38</u>	\$8.27

There shall be no wastewater cap for this class of users and customers. Wastewater charges shall be based on total metered water use.

Monthly water block gallonage shall be based upon the number of ERCs reserved. The block thresholds for each nonresidential water meter shall be calculated by multiplying the number of ERCs reserved for that meter times the number of gallons shown in the following table:

Block 1 Threshold	Block 2 Threshold	Block 3 Threshold
Usage up to 5,000 gallons multiplied by the number of ERCs reserved shall be billed at the Block 1 rate	Usage greater than 5,000 up to 12,000 gallons multiplied by the number of ERCs reserved shall be billed at the Block 2 rate	Usage greater than 12,000 gallons multiplied by the number of ERCs reserved and above shall be billed at the Block 3 rate

(4) *Wastewater only:*

- a. Single family flat rate: ~~\$69.05~~ \$67.27 (based on ~~\$19.43~~ \$17.65 BFC + \$8.27 per gallon x 6,000 gallons)
- b. Multi-family flat rate: ~~\$68.11~~ \$68.43 per unit (based on ~~\$18.49~~ \$14.93 BFC + \$8.27 per gallon x 6,000 gallons) plus \$3.88
- c. Non-residential: \$15.87 BFC x ERCs reserved

Plus ~~\$3.75~~ \$3.88

Plus \$66.16 (based on \$8.27 per gallon x 8,000 gallons)

(5) *Reclaimed Water Usage Rates:*

Monthly Consumption Rates:

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Monthly billings shall be handled as provided in Section 61.04.

	<u>Rate</u>
<i>Base Facility Charge (BFC):</i>	\$3.57 <u>\$3.69</u> per 1,000 gallons of capacity reserved plus \$3.75 <u>\$3.88</u>
Plus	
Per 1,000 gallons of metered use	20 <u>21¢</u>

Industrial reclaimed water customer rates:

Per 1,000 gallons of metered use	29¢ <u>30¢</u>
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(d) Guaranteed revenue fee. The rate per ERC reserved shall be equal to the BFC for nonresidential as set forth above, and the monthly bill calculation shall be based upon the number of ERC's reserved in a service agreement. In addition, a \$3.88 charge shall be added to each monthly bill.

Section 5. That Section 63.17, Port St. Lucie City Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 63.17 - ~~Lift station generators.~~ Lift Station Redundancy Equipment Charges.

~~The construction plans for proposed lift stations shall include the provision of an emergency electrical power supply. With written approval of the Utility Systems Director other options may include a permanent, in place generator; connection of the wastewater pumping station to at least two independent public utility sources (sub-stations); or by provision of portable pumping equipment. Provision of an emergency electrical power supply for a wastewater pumping station shall be at no cost to the utility.~~

(a) ~~In those cases where the Applicant elects to provide an emergency electrical power source via portable generator, the cost of said equipment shall be borne by the Applicant and shall be paid to the City upon execution of the Applicant's utility service agreement. Associated generator costs shall be as set forth as follows:~~

Adoption. The City hereby adopts and establishes pursuant to general law, charges associated with providing temporary pumping abilities or emergency/temporary electrical power supplies for wastewater lift stations according to approved plans by the Department.

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~~(b) In those cases where the Applicant does not elect to provide an in-place generator or other permanent power source, a Special Designated Funds Charge shall be paid by the Applicant as set forth below:~~

Unless specifically approved in a Utility Service Agreement stating otherwise, the Applicant shall be charged the fees as set forth below:

<u>Approved Lift Station Pump Horse Power</u>	<u>Cost</u>
7.5	\$27,244.00
10.0	\$32,213.00 <u>\$36,175.00</u>
15.0	\$33,950.00 <u>\$42,319.00</u>
20.0	\$41,492.00 <u>\$48,353.00</u>
25.0	\$45,708.00 <u>\$51,726.00</u>
30.0	\$51,713.00 <u>\$63,337.00</u>
47.0	\$84,918.00 <u>\$97,860.00</u>

~~(b)~~ Projects approved by the utility to utilize pumps less than 7.5 horse power are not generally required to provide an emergency electrical power supply except as directed by the Utility Systems Director.

Section 6. Conflict. If any ordinances, or parts of ordinances, are in conflict herewith, this Ordinance shall control to the extent of the conflicting provisions.

Section 7. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are intended to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is determined to be void or is declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. Codification. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intent; the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section” or other appropriate word as may be necessary.

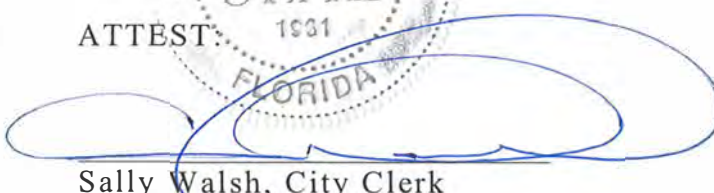
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Section 9. Effective Date. The rates, fees, and charges in this Ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2025.

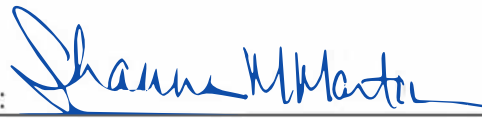
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this 22nd day of ~~September~~ 2025.



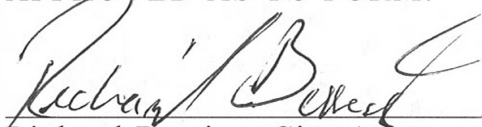
ATTEST:


Sally Walsh, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

By: 
Shannon M. Martin, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Richard Berrios, City Attorney