

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 13-229 INCREASING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR WATER, SEWER AND RECLAIMED WATER, INCLUDING SYSTEMS LOCATED IN THE SOUTH BEACHES, MERRITT ISLAND, NORTH BREVARD, PORT ST. JOHN AND THE SOUTH CENTRAL MAINLAND SERVICE AREA; INCREASING WATER RATES FOR THE NORTH BREVARD WATER SYSTEM, INCREASING SEWER RATES FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE; AND PROVIDING FOR INDEXING OF THE RATES PURSUANT TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SEWER AND WATER MAINTENANCE INDEX (SWMI)(U); AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 180.136 Florida Statutes, and Chapter 67-1145, Laws of Florida prescribe the procedure for the fixing of a schedule of rates, fees and charges for the use of the services provided by the water, sewer, septage and reclaimed water system of Brevard County and for revising said schedule of rates, fees and charges; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2013, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners adopted, in regular session, Resolution No. 13-229; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2021, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 21-072 amending Resolution No. 13-229; and

WHEREAS, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners now desires to further amend the schedule of rates, fees and charges for the use of the services provided by water, sewer, septic and reclaimed water system, as contained in this Resolution and in the attached Exhibits A and B; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2021, the Board directed that notice be published setting forth the proposed rates, fees and charges and such notice was published on January 13, 2022, in the FLORIDA TODAY Newspaper, published in Brevard County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 8, 2022 at the Government Center Board Meeting Room, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Melbourne, Florida, for the purpose of amending the schedule of rates, fees, and charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

1. Resolution No. 13-229 is hereby amended as provided herein and as contained in the schedule attached as Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" hereto, and is hereby adopted as the schedule of rates, fees, and charges for the water, sewer, septage and reclaimed water systems maintained by Brevard County, including said systems located in the South Beaches, Merritt Island, North Brevard, Port St. John, and the South Central Mainland Service Area of Brevard County.
2. Said schedule of rates, fees, and charges shall be established for said water, sewer, septage and reclaimed water systems and any additional water, sewer and reclaimed water systems acquired by Brevard County and any future additions or extensions of any water, sewer and reclaimed water systems owned by Brevard County.
3. The rates, fees and charges in Exhibit A shall remain unchanged.

4. The rates, fees and charges in Exhibit B shall be indexed and shall change annually as follows:

- a. The water and sewer user rates will be indexed as follows effective each year:

2022 – 6.5%

2023 – 8.5%

2024 – 8.5%

2025 – 8.5%

2026 – 7.5%

Beginning and in all subsequent years, the water and sewer user rates shall automatically increase based on the actual change in the Consumer Price Index Sewer and Water Maintenance Index (S W M I)(U) based on the average of the index from the previous 12 months (November to November).

- b. Effective and in subsequent years all fees and charges, excluding the water and sewer user rates, shall be indexed automatically based on the actual change in Consumer Price Index Sewer and Water Maintenance Index (S W M I)(U) based on the average of the index from the previous 12 months (November to November).
- c. If in any year the any of the rates Described in Exhibit B are indexed utilizing the Consumer Price Index Sewer and Water Maintenance Index (S W M I)(U) and such the annual rate increase exceeds 3.4%, the proposed

increase shall be brought before the Board of County Commissioners at the next available meeting for discussion.

5. A copy of said schedule of rates, fees, and charges shall be kept on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board and shall be open for public inspection.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 8th day of February 2022.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk of the Court

BY: _____
Kristine Zonka, Chair

As Approved by the Board on _____

EXHIBIT A:
Brevard County Water & Sewer
Water and Sewer Rate Schedule
Countywide System

Definitions:

- a. Account Set-Up Charge: A charge levied for service initiation at a location where service did not exist previously, or for transfer of service to a new customer account at a previously served location.
- b. After Hours Service Activation Charge: A charge levied to activate water service outside of normal business hours (8 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Monday– Friday).
- c. Equivalent Residential Unit (E R C) is the assumed consumption for a single-family dwelling unit. Consumption is calculated per day or per month.
- d. Monthly Base Charge: A monthly charge that covers a building unit's portion of the operation and maintenance of the treatment plant. Base Charges are calculated based on the number of E R Cs stated for the building, using a single-family dwelling unit as the basis of comparison.
- e. Capacity Reservation Charge: A charge to reserve wastewater treatment plant capacity for future building units. The charge is calculated at twelve months of base charges for the estimated E R Cs for the building unit. The reservation can be continued into future years by payment of an annual charge each year. The payment of this Charge prevents another building unit from using this portion of the remaining plant capacity.
- f. Re-Activation Charge: A charge for re-activation of service, after de-activation at the customer's request.
- g. Delinquent Charge: A charge levied after water and/or sewer account becomes delinquent.
- h. Hydrant Meter Charge: A charge for the use of a portable hydrant meter for special circumstances, for use on a short-term limited basis at a specific location. A deposit and a one-time charge are collected when the meter is issued. Water usage is billed monthly at the commercial rate.
- i. Meter Replacement Charge: A charge levied upon the replacement of a meter at the customer's request.

Connection Charges for Sanitary Sewer:

Residential:

Single family, condominium, apartment, mobile home, for each unit with:

1 to 3 Bedrooms	\$2,257.00
4 Bedrooms	\$2,610.00
5 Bedrooms	\$2,962.00

Commercial:

Travel Trailer Park (per space)	\$374.00
Motel and Hotel (per room)	\$747.00
Restaurants (per seat)	\$148.00
Cocktail Lounge (per seat)	\$58.00
Laundry Facilities (per washing machine)	\$747.00

Other commercial to be determined by dividing the actual or estimated daily flows by the established daily flows by the established residential equivalent of 200 gallons per day to determine the number of equivalents to the nearest tenths. Equivalent and fraction thereof will be multiplied by the residential rate for a one to three-bedroom unit. The Utility Services Department shall estimate the gallons per day for commercial units not otherwise specified above.

1. Payment of wastewater connection charges made for existing structures in the Residential "A" Class may be made in twelve (12) equal installments during the first year of service with an interest rate to be determined by the Utility Services Department not to exceed fourteen percent (14%).
2. The Board of County Commissioners may waive the specified connection fee for any parcel of land against which a special assessment is levied to pay a portion of the acquisition cost of a sanitary sewer treatment plant and appurtenant facilities under the terms and conditions of a written acquisition agreement.
3. Connection charges shall be payable in full prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. Credit shall be applied for any unused paid sewer capacity reservation charge pursuant to Section 110-141(b) of the Brevard County Code of Ordinances, as may be amended.

Sanitary Sewer Rates:

Deposit for Sewer Service:

Residential:

Per Unit	\$100.00
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Commercial:

Meter size	Deposit
¾ inch or 1 inch	\$100.00
1½ inch	\$230.00
2 inch	\$350.00
3 inch	\$870.00
4 inch	\$1450.00
5 inch	\$3,500.00
6 inch	\$4,500.00
8 inch	\$5,800.00

North Brevard Sewer Customers:

Refund of deposits – After a residential customer has had continuous service for a period of 12 months, the Brevard County Utilities Services Department shall refund the customer's deposit provided the customer has not in the preceding 12 months: 1) made more than one late payment, 2) paid with a check refused by a bank, 3) been disconnected for non-payment, or 4) tampered with the meter or used service in a fraudulent or unauthorized manner.

If a customer is disconnected for non-payment, the outstanding balance, delinquent charge, and a new deposit must be paid prior to service re-activation.

For customers receiving sewer billing services through the cities of Melbourne and Cocoa, the procedures for deposits adopted by those cities shall be used for county sewer accounts.

Connection Charges for Water Service:

An initial connection fee shall be charged as indicated below:

Single Family Residential	\$1,903.00
Condominium Unit (each)	\$1,589.00
Apartment Unit (each)	\$1,589.00
Mobile Home (each)	\$1,589.00
Travel Trailer Park (per space)	\$476.00
Motel/Hotel (per room)	\$952.00
Restaurants (per seat)	\$190.00
Cocktail Lounges (per seat)	\$76.00
Laundry Facilities (per washing machine)	\$638.00

Other commercial to be determined by dividing the actual or estimated daily flow by the established residential equivalent of 200 gallons per day to determine the number of equivalents to the nearest tenths. Equivalent and fraction thereof will be multiplied by the single-family residential rate. The Utility Services Department shall estimate the gallons per day for commercial units not otherwise specified above.

Connection charges shall be payable prior to the initiation of service or at such other time as established by the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County by ordinance.

Payment of water connection charges made for existing residential structures may be made in twelve (12) equal installments during the first year of service with an interest rate to be determined by the Utility Services Department, not to exceed fourteen percent (14%).

Water Service Rates:

Deposit for Water Service:

Meter Size	Deposit
¾ inch	\$50.00
1 inch	\$80.00
1 – ½ inch	\$165.00
2 inch	\$260.00
3 inch	\$500.00
4 inch	\$835.00
6 inch	\$1,670.00
8 inch	\$2,500.00

Refund of Deposits: After a residential customer has had continuous service for a period of 12 months, the Brevard County Utilities Services Department shall refund the customer's deposit, provided the customer has not in the preceding 12 months: 1) made more than one late payment, 2) paid with a check refused by a bank, 3) been disconnected for non-payment, or 4) tampered with the meter or used service in a fraudulent or unauthorized manner.

If a customer is disconnected for non-payment, the outstanding balance, delinquent charge and a new deposit must be paid prior to service re-activation.

Meter Installation Charges:

An initial meter installation fee shall be charged, based upon meter size as indicated below. The actual cost of the meter will be the responsibility of the applicant for service.

Meter Size	Meter Installation Fee
¾ inch	\$200.00
1 inch	\$250.00

The meter installation fee for meters larger than one inch will be determined by the Brevard County Utility Services Department based upon the cost incurred in such meter installation.

Miscellaneous Charges for Water:

Account Set-up Charge	\$15.00
After Hours Service Activation Charge	\$50.00
Re-Activation Charge	\$15.00
Delinquent Charge	\$30.00
Hydrant Meter Charge	\$75.00 plus \$750 deposit
Meter Replacement Charge	\$300.00 (if the change is made at the customer's request. Obsolete or defective meters are replaced at no charge to the customer)

Installation Charge for Reclaimed Water Service:

An initial service installation fee of \$200.00 shall be charged to provide reclaimed water service to the property.

EXHIBIT B:
Brevard County Water & Sewer
Indexed Fees, Charges and Rates
Countywide System

Definitions:

- a. Account Set-Up Charge: A charge levied for service initiation at a location where service did not exist previously, or for transfer of service to a new customer account at a previously served location.
- b. After Hours Service Activation Charge: A charge levied to activate water service outside of normal business hours (8 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Monday– Friday).
- c. Equivalent Residential Unit (E R C) is the assumed consumption for a single-family dwelling unit. Consumption is calculated per day or per month.
- d. Monthly Base Charge: A monthly charge that covers a building unit's portion of the operation and maintenance of the treatment plant. Base Charges are calculated based on the number of E R Cs stated for the building, using a single-family dwelling unit as the basis of comparison.
- e. Capacity Reservation Charge: A charge to reserve wastewater treatment plant capacity for future building units. The charge is calculated at twelve months of base charges for the estimated E R Cs for the building unit. The reservation can be continued into future years by payment of an annual charge each year. The payment of this Charge prevents another building unit from using this portion of the remaining plant capacity.
- f. Re-Activation Charge: A charge for re-activation of service, after de-activation at the customer's request.
- g. Delinquent Charge: A charge levied after water and/or sewer account becomes delinquent.
- h. Hydrant Meter Charge: A charge for the use of a portable hydrant meter for special circumstances, for use on a short-term limited basis at a specific location. A deposit and a one-time charge are collected when the meter is issued. Water usage is billed monthly at the commercial rate.
- i. Meter Replacement Charge: A charge levied upon the replacement of a meter at the customer's request.

The following rates will be increased each January by the November to November annualized change of the Consumer Price Index Sewer and Water Maintenance Index (S W M I)(U).

Annual Charges for Sewer Capacity Reservation:

The annual charge for a Sewer Capacity Reservation is 12 times the monthly base charge for a like unit as defined below. The annual charge will be updated each year that the reservation is requested.

Residential A:

Residential single-family dwelling units including mobile homes and duplexes:

Annual Charge	\$150.00 per unit
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Residential B:

Multi-family residential units (Excluding duplexes):

Annual Charge	\$129.00 per unit
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Residential C:

Multi-family residential units (exclusive of duplexes) with individual water meters for each unit

Annual Charge	\$129.00 per unit
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Commercial:

All other users of the sewer system not classified as Residential A or Residential B:

Annual Charge	\$150.00 per Equivalent Residential Connection
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1. The initial annual charge shall be payable at the time application for sewer service is made. Subsequent charges shall be payable annually from the date of the initial payment, for as long as sewer capacity is to be reserved, as provided in applicable Brevard County regulations.

2. A one-time application fee of \$100.00 is payable at the time application for sewer service is made.

Miscellaneous Water Service Charges:

Fire Line Rates:

An annual charge for each fire line is determined by the size of the meter. No monthly base charge applies. Charges are increased each January based on the actual change in the Consumer Price Index Sewer and Water Maintenance Index (S W M I)(U).

METER SIZE	ANNUAL CHARGES
2-4 inch	\$80.00
6inch	\$100.00
8 inch	\$150.00
10 inch	\$300.00
12 inch	\$400.00

Charges for water usage will be metered through by-pass meter at rate of \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons. Water used in firefighting is exempt from charges.

Rate Schedule for Treatment of Septage and Other Truck Delivered Waste:

Charges are increased each January based on the actual change in the Consumer Price Index Sewer and Water Maintenance Index (S W M I)(U). The acceptance of the following waste types are dependent on the plant and applicable state and federal regulations.

Septage disposed of and treated at the county's Grease and Septage treatment facilities:

\$69.96 per 1000 gallons

Portable toilet waste disposed of and treated at the county's treatment facilities:

\$33.00 per 1000 gallons

Wastewater Treatment Plant sludge disposed of and treated at the county's treatment facilities:

\$79.50 per 1000 gallons

Monthly Reclaimed Water Rates:

Charges are increased each January based on the actual change in the Consumer Price Index Sewer and Water Maintenance Index (S W M I)(U).

Single Family and Duplex units are charged a monthly flat rate.

Multi-Family units are charged monthly based on the square footage of the irrigated area that will not be less than the Single-Family charge.

Small Users (1 Acre Maximum):

Single-Family	\$6.00/Month
Duplex	\$6.00/Month/Potable Water Meter
Multi-Family	\$1.20 Per 1000 Sq. Ft. Irrigated Area (\$6/Month Minimum)

Medium Users (Greater than 1 Acre, Non-"Major Users"):

Multi Family, Commercial, Recreational, Landscape, Agricultural, and other uses.
\$20 Per Acre, \$10.00 Per Additional 1/2 Acre.

"Major User" Per 17-610 III, F.A.C. (Greater than 100,000 GPD):

All major users of Brevard County Reclaimed Water shall be Governed by Individual Reclaimed Water Agreements.

BREVARD COUNTY UTILITY SERVICES 2021 SEWER BILLING RATES

Monthly Charges for Sanitary Sewer Service:

2021 RATE

Residential A:

Residential single-family dwelling units, including mobile homes and duplexes, for each family living unit:

MONTHLY BASE CHARGES:	\$22.42	
COMMODITY CHARGE	\$4.74	PER 1,000 GALLONS TO MAX OF 12,000 GAL
MAXIMUM BILLING	\$79.30	

Residential B:

Multi-family residential dwelling units (exclusive of duplexes) and mobile home parks with common water meter for all units

MONTHLY BASE CHARGES:	\$19.26	PER UNIT
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COMMODITY CHARGE: \$4.74 PER 1,000 GALLONS
NO MAXIMUM BILLING

Residential C:

Multi-family residential dwelling units (exclusive of duplexes) with individual water meters for each unit:

MONTHLY BASE CHARGES: \$19.26

COMMODITY CHARGE \$4.74 PER 1,000 GALLONS TO
MAX OF 12,000 GAL

MAXIMUM BILLING \$76.14

Commercial:

All other users of the sewer system which are not classified as Residential A, Residential B or Residential C, shall be classified as commercial users.

MONTHLY BASE CHARGES: \$22.42

COMMODITY CHARGE: \$4.74 PER 1,000 GALLONS

NO MAXIMUM BILLING

RATES FOR CUSTOMERS NOT ON WATER SERVICE:

SINGLE FAMILY \$50.88

DUPLEX \$101.78

Melbourne:

Seascape Motel - Bill for Sewer \$274.75
Only - 13 units

All other commercial or residential users not presently served from an approved metered water unit shall be billed at the applicable rate based upon the following flow estimated for each unit. The total flow for the commercial or residential user shall be the following estimated flow for each unit times the total number of units of such user:

Multi-family Units 4,000 gallons per unit

Trailer Parks 5,000 gallons per unit

Motel Units 2,500 gallons per unit

Motel Apartment Units 3,750 gallons per unit

All other commercial or residential users not presently served from an approved metered water unit shall be billed at the applicable rate based upon the following flow estimated for each unit. The total flow for the commercial or residential user shall be the following estimated flow for each unit times the total number of units of such user.

Surcharge for Strong Wastes:

To the above rates and charges there shall be added a surcharge of 0.1% for each ppm of suspended solids in excess of 300 ppm and 0.125% for each ppm of five-day, 20 degrees Centigrade, BOD in excess of 250 ppm, all as determined by the County from samples and tests made of the customer's sewage. The County may require such customers discharging strong wastes into the system to construct control manholes to facilitate observation and sampling. Customers discharging large quantities of sewage may be required to construct special holding tanks so as to release the quantity at an even rate over a twenty-four hour holding period.

NORTH BREVARD UTILITY SERVICES 2021 WATER BILLING RATE

MONTHLY CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE:

Each water customer shall pay a Base Charge as indicated in the following Table. Water used in excess of the Maximum Gallons in Base Charge shall be charged at the usage rate indicated for each usage range tier.

2021 North Brevard Water Usage Rate per 1,000 Gallons per Month

Usage Tiers, Thousand Gallons per Month

Meter Size Inches	Base Charge	Maximum Gallons in Base Charge	Tier 1 \$5.44	Tier 2 \$7.90	Tier 3 \$11.46	Tier 4 \$15.44
3/4	\$17.40	3,000	3-8	8-16	16-24	>24
1	\$29.00	5,000	5-12	12-18	18-24	>24
1 1/2	\$69.61	12,000	12-32	32-64	64-96	>96
2	\$121.80	21,000	21-42	42-84	84-168	>168
3	\$278.45	48,000	48-96	96-182	182-364	>364
4	\$493.07	85,000	85-170	170-340	340-680	>680
6	\$1,113.709	192,000	192-384	384-768	768-1536	>1536
8	\$1,989.77	340,000	340-680	680-1300	1300-2200	>2200

Mims 2021 Contracted Rates:

Kingswood \$5.19

Oakwood \$5.19

Fire Meters Water \$ per 1,000 \$5.64

The minimum monthly charge for a meter larger than eight (8) inches shall be determined by the Utility Services Department prior to connection, based upon a consideration of a minimum equivalent rate.

An additional monthly fee of \$1.00 per residential unit shall be charged for fire hydrant rental. The monthly fire hydrant rental for commercial units shall be \$1.00 per Equivalent Residential Connection (ERC) based on monthly water usage (1 ERC = 7,600 gallons per month).