

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-_____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 2024 PRICE INDEX
FOR FRANCHISED WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES**

WHEREAS, Section 126-127 of the Sarasota County Code (the "Code") provides for the Board of County Commissioners to adopt a price index for franchised water and wastewater utilities on or before May 31st of each calendar year for utilization in price index rate applications; and

WHEREAS, Section 126-127 of the Code further provides that the price index shall be equivalent to the price index set annually by the Florida Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Public Service Commission issued Order Number *PSC-2024-0013-CO-WS*, effective *January 11, 2024*, establishing the 2024 Price Index of 3.24 percent for Water and Wastewater Utilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida, in a public meeting duly assembled that:

1. The 2024 Price Index is 3.24 percent.
2. After the adoption of this Resolution, any franchised water and wastewater utility that applies to the Board of County Commissioners for a price index increase to its rates shall apply the 2024 Price Index factor to applicable 2023 calendar year operating expenses.
3. Franchised utilities using the 2024 Price Index shall use the forms attached as Appendices A, B, C, and D and shall follow all price index application requirements specified in Section 126-127(c) of the Code.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect until the Board adopts a new price index factor.

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**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, this _____ day of _____, 2024.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

KAREN E. RUSHING, Clerk of
Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of
the Board of County Commissioners of
Sarasota County, Florida

By: _____
Chair

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPENDIX A

2024 PRICE INDEX APPLICATION YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023¹

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>WASTEWATER</u>
2023 Operation and Maintenance Expenses (O&M)		
LESS: (a) Pass-through Items:		
(1) Purchased Power	_____	_____
(2) Purchased Water	_____	_____
(3) Purchased Sewage Treatment	_____	_____
(4) Other ² : _____	_____	_____
(b) Rate Case Expense Included in 2023 Expenses	_____	_____
(c) Adjustments to O&M Expenses from last rate case, if applicable:		
(1)	_____	_____
(2)	_____	_____
Costs to be Indexed	_____	_____
Multiply by Price Index	<u>.0324</u>	<u>.0324</u>
Additional O&M Expenses/Increase in Revenue	_____	_____
Divide by 2023 Revenue ³	_____	_____
Percentage Increase in Rates	_____	_____

¹This amount should be for the calendar year 2023. If the utility is on a fiscal year different from the calendar year, a pro-rata distribution between the utility's two affected annual reports should be included as a supplemental attachment. The annual reports or general ledgers should be used as the source document(s). The utility is required to send a worksheet showing the pro-rata distribution.

²If applicable, deduct on this line any other expenses for which a pass-through has been received, such as for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) fees. Specify the type of expense that is being deducted.

³If rates changed during or subsequent to the calendar year 2023, the book revenues must be adjusted to show the changes, and an explanation of the calculation should be attached to this form. (See Appendix B for instructions and sample format.)

APPENDIX B

- (1) Have rates charged for customer services changed since January 1, 2023?
- () If no, the utility should use actual revenues. This form may be disregarded.
- () If yes, the utility must annualize its revenues. Complete the remainder of this form.

Annualizing calculates the revenues the utility would have earned based upon 2023 customer consumption at the most current rates in effect. To complete this calculation, the utility will need consumption data for 2023 to apply to the existing rate schedule. Below is a sample format that may be used.

CALCULATION OF ANNUALIZED REVENUES¹

	<u>Number of</u> <u>Bill/Gal Sold</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Rates</u>	<u>Annualized</u> <u>Revenues</u>
Residential Bills:				
5/8 x 3/4" meters	_____		_____	_____
1" meters	_____		_____	_____
1 1/2" meters	_____		_____	_____
2" meters	_____		_____	_____
Gallons Sold plus	_____		_____	_____
Billing Charge Revenue	_____		_____	_____
General Service:				
5/8 x 3/4" meters	_____		_____	_____
1" meters	_____		_____	_____
1 1/2" meters	_____		_____	_____
2" meters	_____		_____	_____
3" meters	_____		_____	_____
4" meters	_____		_____	_____
6" meters	_____		_____	_____
Gallons Sold plus	_____		_____	_____
Billing Charge Revenue	_____		_____	_____
Total Annualized Revenues for 2023				\$ _____

¹Annualized revenues must be calculated separately if the utility consists of both a water system and a wastewater system. This form is designed specifically for utilities using a base facility charge rate structure. If annualized revenues must be calculated and further assistance is needed, contact the Office of Franchise Utility Regulation.

APPENDIX C

AFFIRMATION

I, _____, hereby affirm that the figures and calculations upon which the change in rates is based are accurate and that the change will not cause the utility, _____, to exceed its last authorized or calculated rate of return, pursuant to Article IV, Section 126 of the Sarasota County Code, which is _____ percent.

This affirmation is made pursuant to my request for a year 2024 price index rate increase.

Signature & Title

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

My Commission expires:

Signature: _____

Notary Public
State of Florida

APPENDIX D

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

On _____, the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County adopted provisions permitting franchise water and wastewater utilities to adjust the rates it charges to its customers without those customers bearing the additional expense of a public hearing. The adjustments in rates would depend on increases or decreases in noncontrollable expenses subject to inflationary pressures such as chemicals, and other operational and maintenance costs.

On _____, _____ filed notice of intent with the Board of County Commissioners to increase water and wastewater rates as a result of this legislation. If acknowledged and approved by the Board of County Commissioners, water rates will increase by approximately _____ percent and wastewater rates will increase by _____ percent. The adjusted rates should be reflected on your _____ bill.

Should you have any questions, please contact (name of utility) at (insert phone/email contact). Please have your account number handy for quick reference.