

## **ORDINANCE 25-04**

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF DUNEDIN TO INCREASE WATER AND SEWER RATES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dunedin provides water and sewer utilities and services throughout the City and portions of unincorporated Pinellas County pursuant to Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Dunedin, Florida (the City Code); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Code prescribes the current rates and charges for water and sewer utilities and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City engaged Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to review the City's water and sewer utility programs and perform a revenue sufficiency analysis to determine the appropriate fees and charges for these utilities (the Rate Study); and

**WHEREAS**, the Rate Study was presented to the City Commission on May 6, 2025, and provides recommendations regarding the City's water and sewer utility programs and the rates necessary to pay for such services and facilities through FY 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has found and determined that based on the Rate Study it is necessary to increase the rates and fees for water and sewer utilities as set forth in this Ordinance to reflect the increased costs of the administration, management, operation, and maintenance of the City's utility system, costs of collection, and changes in market conditions.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, IN SESSION DULY AND REGULARLY ASSEMBLED:**

**SECTION 1.** The above recitals are true, correct, and incorporated by reference as the findings of the City.

**SECTION 2.** The Rate Study is hereby approved and adopted. Rate adjustments are necessary to fund the identified requirements therein and to maintain the minimum reserve.

**SECTION 3.** The water and sewer rates in section 78-216 of the City Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

- (a) The monthly water, sewer, and unit charge rates are identified in the indexed rate charts below. The effective rates established on October 1, 2024 29 shall continue until subsequently amended by ordinance adopted by the City Commission.

	<u>Oct. 1, 2021</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 2022</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 2023</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 2024</u>
<u>Water Usage Charge:</u> <u>First Block</u> <u>(per 1,000 gallons)</u>	<u>\$ 4.89</u>	<u>\$ 5.18</u>	<u>\$ 5.49</u>	<u>\$ 5.82</u>
<u>Water Usage Charge:</u> <u>Second Block</u> <u>(per 1,000 gallons)</u>	<u>\$ 7.34</u>	<u>\$ 7.78</u>	<u>\$ 8.25</u>	<u>\$ 8.75</u>
<u>Water Usage Charge:</u> <u>Third Block</u> <u>(per 1,000 gallons)</u>	<u>\$ 11.02</u>	<u>\$ 11.68</u>	<u>\$ 12.38</u>	<u>\$ 13.12</u>
<u>Sewer Usage Charge:</u> <u>(per 1,000 gallons)</u>	<u>\$ 7.01</u>	<u>\$ 7.43</u>	<u>\$ 7.88</u>	<u>\$ 8.35</u>

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 2025</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 2026</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 2027</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 2028</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 2029</u>
<u>Percentage Annual Increase</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>3%</u>
<u>Water Usage Charge:</u> <u>First Block</u> <u>(per 1,000 gallons)</u>	<u>\$ 6.69</u>	<u>\$ 7.69</u>	<u>\$ 7.92</u>	<u>\$ 8.16</u>	<u>\$ 8.40</u>
<u>Water Usage Charge:</u> <u>Second Block</u> <u>(per 1,000 gallons)</u>	<u>\$10.06</u>	<u>\$ 11.57</u>	<u>\$ 11.92</u>	<u>\$12.28</u>	<u>\$ 12.65</u>
<u>Water Usage Charge:</u> <u>Third Block</u> <u>(per 1,000 gallons)</u>	<u>\$ 15.09</u>	<u>\$17.35</u>	<u>\$17.87</u>	<u>\$18.41</u>	<u>\$18.96</u>
<u>Sewer Usage Charge:</u> <u>(per 1,000 gallons)</u>	<u>\$9.60</u>	<u>\$11.04</u>	<u>\$11.37</u>	<u>\$11.71</u>	<u>\$12.06</u>

(d)The monthly water and sewer unit charges are identified in the indexed rate chart below. The effective rates established on October 1, 2024 29 shall continue until subsequently amended by ordinance adopted by the City Commission.

	<u>Oct. 1,</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Oct. 1,</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Oct. 1,</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Oct. 1,</u> <u>2024</u>
<u>Water Unit Charge</u>	<u>\$ 8.28</u>	<u>\$ 8.78</u>	<u>\$ 9.31</u>	<u>\$ 9.87</u>
<u>Sewer Unit Charge</u>	<u>\$ 11.47</u>	<u>\$ 12.16</u>	<u>\$ 12.89</u>	<u>\$ 13.66</u>

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Oct. 1,</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>Oct. 1,</u> <u>2026</u>	<u>Oct. 1,</u> <u>2027</u>	<u>Oct. 1,</u> <u>2028</u>	<u>Oct. 1,</u> <u>2029</u>
<u>Annual Percentage Increase</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>3%</u>
<u>Water Unit Charge</u>	<u>\$11.35</u>	<u>\$13.05</u>	<u>\$13.44</u>	<u>\$ 13.85</u>	<u>\$14.26</u>
<u>Sewer Unit Charge</u>	<u>\$ 15.71</u>	<u>\$18.07</u>	<u>\$18.61</u>	<u>\$19.17</u>	<u>\$19.75</u>

**SECTION 4.** The water and sewer rate adjustments as shown above in Section 3 shall be codified and made part of the City Code. Formatting and other non-substantive changes may be made to accomplish such codification.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall be published in accordance with the requirements of law.

**SECTION 6.** Each provision of this Ordinance, and its incorporated exhibits, shall be deemed separate and severable and if any section or part thereof is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and enactment. The amended rates set forth in this Ordinance shall become effective on October 1, 2025.


**PASSED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, THIS \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

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Maureen "Moe" Freaney  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Schlichter  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Jennifer R. Cowan  
City Attorney

READ FIRST TIME AND PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

READ SECOND TIME AND ENACTED: \_\_\_\_\_