



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council, Regular Session

MEETING DATE: July 1, 2025

FROM: Mike Null, Asst. City Manager

SUBJECT: Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. O-12-2025, amending City Code Chapter 90, Article III, Electric Utility, section 90-122 entitled “rate schedule for electricity furnished”; and section 90-123 entitled “fees for capital installation in the electric department”; and section 90-61, “security and night-lights”; and section 90-62 “meters, generally, a new service connection charge; temporary service, generally”. *Mike Null*

BACKGROUND

While the public’s focus and most of the discussion on this ordinance has been on the electric rate increases, it is important to remember that there are other important components in the ordinance that address fees designed for new development to pay for itself.

The Electric Department completed a rate study with Leidos in July 2024. Following the completion of the FY 2023 Audit report and the FY 24-25 budget process, staff felt it was best to immediately update the rate study with the most recent information as the rate study had used unaudited 2023 numbers as the base year. Over the last several months, city staff has worked closely with Leidos and staff from FMPA to update the July 2024 rate study as well as establishing certain assumptions to ensure the financial health of the Electric Department enterprise fund and the physical health of the electric system moving forward. The rate increases that were passed in October 2023 and October 2024 were also considered as part of the update.

This update was presented to City Council in a Special Session on March 25, 2025. Council direction was to move forward with the study update recommendations which included implementing a 14% base rate increase immediately and an additional 6% base rate increase effective October 1, 2025. Council direction also included setting rates to accomplish an annual transfer to the General Fund of 13% of revenues and setting aside an annual Renewal and Extension reserve contribution of 3% of revenues. Historically, the transfer to General Fund has averaged 7% and there has not been a budgeted set aside for Renewal and Extension or reserves in the Electric Fund.

This ordinance was heard at two public hearings on May 6 and May 20, 2025. After significant public comment and evaluation of several alternate rate scenarios, Council was unable to reach a consensus and the ordinance did not pass. Unfortunately, the need for a rate increase still exists in order to maintain the level of service and reliability that our customers have become accustomed to and to improve the financial stability of the Electric Fund. Additionally, the other items covered in this ordinance still need to be addressed.

City staff has continued to review alternate scenarios and engage with some of those who spoke out against the rate increases, with a focus on more precisely and effectively communicating the need for the rate increase and to continue to explore options to reduce the rate impact on our customers, while maintaining a consistent quality of service and safeguarding the financial position of the Electric Fund.

Also in this same time frame, the city's FY 23-24 annual audit was completed and presented to the City Council. The audit highlighted the need to:

1. Increase the annual operating income in the Electric Fund.
2. Increase / restore the unassigned Electric Fund balance, which has been depleted from \$12 Million to \$3 Million in recent years.
3. Increase / restore the unassigned General Fund balance to 3 to 4 months of operating expenses, or approximately \$3,000,000.

General Fund is mentioned here because it has two revenue sources that we can control; millage rate and transfers from utilities. Approximately 30% of the properties in Green Cove Springs are non-taxable; City-owned property, County-owned property, School Board property and churches. Adjusting the millage rate does not impact these property owners, which can adversely affect the remaining citizens and businesses who do pay taxes. By capturing a "profit" or transfer from the utilities, the impact on our citizens and property owners is decreased and spread onto these non-taxable entities as well.

One concern raised by the citizens about the transfer to the General Fund is that there are no controls or limitations on how that transfer is allocated or expended. Staff is currently developing the proposed City budget for FY 26. The budget will be reviewed in all-day special session(s) with the City Council on August 7 and 12 (if needed). Our citizens and utility customers are encouraged to attend these budget session(s) to see and hear the budget process, see how your monies are being spent, and ask questions. As we move forward with the budget process, staff intends to identify how the transfer for FY 26 will be utilized in the General Fund in FY 26. For example, the transfer may be used to fund general operations, specific projects, reserves, etc.

The consideration presented to Council at the June 17, 2025 Council meeting incorporated rates sufficient to provide a 12% revenue increase for the Electric Fund to be effective July 2, 2025 with no consideration for additional rate increases. It is important to note that to implement all policies as directed by Council, a 20% rate increase is still needed by October 1, so this 12% proposal is well short of that, which means policies will have to be compromised. While the rate study update does project the need for future annual rate increases, these increases will be considered one year at a time and adjusted based on performance of the fund and rates at that time.

The rates presented on June 17, in keeping with the concern about our fixed income residents, were proposed as a 9% increase on the <1,000 kWh residential tier and 20% increase on the >1,000 kWh residential tier. The result was that customers using 1,000 kWh or less would have only seen a 9.1 or 9.2% increase in their electric bill. Customers using between 1,000kWh and 1,400 kWh will see an increase of 10% - 12%. This tiered rate only affects residential consumption. The residential customer charge and all non-residential rate elements would have been increased by 12%.

Based on Council direction at the June 17 meeting, the ordinance proposed this evening for adoption on second and final reading contains a flat 12% increase on all rate components and all rate classes.

As referenced above, it is important to note that this 12% proposal reduces the revenues as projected in the rate study by over \$1,000,000. As we move forward with the FY 26 budget process, these decreases in projected revenues will likely:

- Reduce the 3% R and R contribution directed by City Council back in March to 0%, an impact of about \$500,000.
- Reduce the 13% transfer to the General Fund to approximately 9%, an impact of over \$600,000.

Following is discussion on the remaining components of this ordinance:

It is also necessary to increase the per lot fee paid by the developer of a subdivision. The fee was \$1,300 per lot from 2015 through 2024. In 2024, Council raised that fee to \$2,200. Given the continuing increase in material costs, it is now necessary to increase that fee to \$2,600. This fee is used to cover the cost of installation of wire and transformers in new developments where the developer has installed conduit and transformer pads. This helps to ensure that new development pays for itself instead of being funded by existing customers.

The next item this ordinance addresses is streetlights and area lights. The current fees for area lights were established in 2015. Since then, many streetlights and area lights have been converted to, or installed as, LEDs, which use less electricity. Additionally, the current city code does not address any policy regarding the installation of new streetlights. The proposed changes in this ordinance establish guidelines for installation of streetlights and area lights, as well as set rates that take into consideration LED lights. This evening, for the second hearing, staff has added a \$25 fee for relocation of area lights. This language is in the existing code and was inadvertently omitted from the new language.

The last item addressed in this ordinance is the new electric service connection fee. The current fee of \$125 was established in 2015. Since then, the cost of meters has increased significantly. Therefore, staff recommended increasing this fee to \$200 at the June 17 meeting. Council direction at the June 17 meeting was to increase this fee to \$300 for the second and final reading. Staff was also requested to gather comparative information on fees from other utilities. This information is attached for Council review and discussion. Any time we set rates and fees, they should be defensible. In some cases, it is required by Florida Statute. Staff's recommendation to increase our new service fee from \$125 to \$200 is supported by the cost of purchasing and installing the new meter. Based on the comparative information, there does not appear to be a comparative basis upon which to increase the charge to \$300. Staff will implement the new fee as directed by council upon final approval of this ordinance. Again, this is another effort to ensure that new development pays its own way instead of the existing customers.

FISCAL IMPACT

As described in the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve on Second and Final Reading Ordinance No. O-12-2025, to amend City Code Chapter 90, Article III, Electric Utility.

ORDINANCE NO. O-12-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 90, UTILITIES, ARTICLE III, ELECTRIC UTILITY, SECTION 90-122 ENTITLED “RATE SCHEDULE FOR ELECTRICITY FURNISHED”; AND SECTION 90-123 ENTITLED “FEES FOR CAPITAL INSTALLATION IN THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT”; AND SECTION 90-61, “SECURITY AND NIGHT-LIGHTS”; AND SECTION 90-62 “METERS, GENERALLY, A NEW SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE; TEMPORARY SERVICE, GENERALLY.”; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 90, Utilities, Article III, Electric Utility, Division 3 establishes rates and charges for electric service from the City’s Electric System; and

WHEREAS, the City hired an independent rate consultant to review and perform a rate study on the City’s electric service rates; and

WHEREAS, the City has now determined that it is necessary to make certain changes to its electric service rates effective July 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to file its revised tariff sheets with the Florida Public Service Commission upon approval of this Ordinance, with an effective date of such revised tariff sheets of July 2, 2025, subject to approval by the Florida Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, increases in material and construction costs necessitate an increase in the per lot fee paid by developers of subdivisions for installation of electric infrastructure to each lot; and

WHEREAS, conversion of some halogen area lights to LED lights necessitates an adjustment of the fees charged for area lights; and

WHEREAS, increases in the cost of electric meters and materials necessitate an increase in the new electric service connection fee; and

WHEREAS, in order to enact such rates, the City Council has proposed this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council declares that changes are necessary to implement policy recommendations on the Electric Utility System. City Code Chapter 90, Article III, Electric Utility is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 90-122. - Rate schedule for electricity furnished.

The following schedule of rates and charges to be imposed, assessed and collected by the city for electric energy, facilities and services furnished by the city to its customers, including the initial deposit, and other connection and service charges, is hereby adopted and established. Such rates shall be reviewed bi-annually.

(1) Residential service, as defined in section 90-59, for the following:

- a. *Character of service.* Alternating current; regulated frequency of 60 cycles; delivered at approximately 120/240 volts, single-phase; other phases and voltages as required when available.
- b. *Available.* Within the service area of the electric utility of the city.
- c. *Monthly meter reading.* All quantities of electrical energy shown by regular monthly watt-hour meter readings to have been delivered shall be charged the rate provided in subsection (1)d of this section.
- d. *Rate per month.*
 1. Customer service charge: ~~\$16.50~~ 18.48.
 2. Shall apply to each account whether or not there is consumption.
 3. Energy charge for the first 1,000 kWh consumed in a billing month, per kWh: ~~0.11869~~ 0.13293.
 4. Energy charge for each additional kWh above 1,000, per kWh: ~~0.12344~~ 0.13825.

(2) General service nondemand (commercial), as defined in section 90-59, for the following:

- a. *Character of service.* Alternating current; regulated frequency of 60 cycles; delivered at approximately 120/240 volts, single-phase; other phases and voltages as required when available.
- b. *Available.* Within the service area of the electric utility of the city.
- c. *Rate per month.*
 1. Customer service charge: ~~\$16.50~~ 18.48.
 2. Energy charge (all kWh), per kWh: ~~0.12617~~ 0.14131.

d. *Minimum monthly bill.* A minimum monthly electric bill shall be rendered to each customer whose application has been approved for general service nondemand service, for an amount equal to the customer service charge.

e. *Bulk power cost adjustment.* The bulk power cost adjustment shall be as provided in subsection (6)b of this section.

(3) General service demand (commercial), as defined in section 90-59, for the following:

a. *Character of service.* Alternating current; regulated frequency of 60 cycles, single-phase or three-phase, at voltages less than 600 volts line-to-line, as required when available.

b. *Available.* Within the service area of the electric utility of the city. Applicable to all customers who qualify for a demand rate who have an operable demand meter installed, as defined in section 90-59.

c. *Rate per month.*

1. Customer service charge: ~~\$66.00~~ 73.92.

2. Demand charge (all kW), per kW: ~~\$9.91~~ 11.10.

3. Energy charge (all kWh), per kWh: ~~\$0.09275~~ 0.10388.

d. *Minimum bill.* The minimum bill shall be the customer service charge, plus the demand charge times the minimum demand kW.

e. *Bulk power cost adjustment.* The bulk power cost adjustment shall be as provided in subsection (6)b of this section.

(4) General service large demand (industrial), as defined in section 90-59, for the following:

a. *Character of service.* Alternating current; regulated frequency of 60 cycles, single-phase or three-phase, at voltages less than 60 volts line-to-line, as required when available.

b. *Available.* Within the service area of the electric utility of the city. Applicable to all customers who qualify for a demand rate who have an operable demand meter installed, as defined in section 90-59.

c. *Rate per month.*

1. Customer service charge: ~~\$275.00~~ 308.00.
2. Demand charge (all kW), per kW: ~~\$11.08~~ 12.41.
3. Energy charge (all kWh), per kWh: ~~0.08142~~ 0.09119.

d. *Minimum bill.* The minimum bill shall be the customer service charge plus the demand charge times the minimum demand kW.

e. *Change of classification of account.* Any existing general service large demand customer who constructs additional facilities under a separate demand metered account may have such new account classed as general service large demand from the date of service connection, provided the following are met:

1. The existing large service demand account has maintained a minimum kilowatt demand of 1,000 kW or greater for each of the preceding 12 months; and
2. The new account, in the sole opinion of the city, is anticipated as attaining in not less than six months a monthly demand of 200 kW or greater and a load factor of greater than 70 percent. Should such new account not have met such criteria after 12 months of operation, the city shall allow such account to continue as general service large demand provided the customer's combined general service large demand accounts when summed together would qualify for such classification based on this section.

f. *Bulk power cost adjustment.* The bulk power cost adjustment shall be as provided in subsection (6)b of this section.

(5) Master-metered service, as defined in section 90-59, for the following:

a. *Character of service.* Alternating current; single or three-phase, regulated frequency of 60 cycles; at a locally-available system primary voltage.

b. *Available.* Within the service area of the electric utility of the city. This rate schedule is not available to residential subdivisions or individually metered residences or businesses, and resale of electric service is not permitted.

c. *Rate per month.*

1. Customer service charge: ~~\$58.85~~ 65.91.
2. Energy charge (all kWh), per kWh: ~~\$0.12100~~ 0.13552.

d. *Minimum bill.* The minimum bill shall be the customer service charge.

e. *Bulk power cost adjustment.* The bulk power cost adjustment shall be as provided in subsection (6)b of this section.

(6) Rate stabilization; power cost adjustment.

a. *Rate stabilization fund.* An amount may be established from time to time by the city by resolution to be deposited (rate stabilization fund deposit or RSFD) in a rate stabilization fund which shall be used at the discretion of the city council to offset increases in the cost of power to the city (rate stabilization fund adjustment or RSFA) or for other lawful electric utility purposes, including, but not limited to, expansions, renewals and replacement of electric utility facilities. The rate stabilization fund deposit and rate stabilization fund adjustment, if any, may be included in the calculation of the bulk power cost adjustment in accordance with the provisions in subsection (6)b of this section, or may be handled in a similarly equitable manner as a separate billing line item.

b. *Bulk power cost adjustment.*

1. *Determined by city.* The bulk power cost adjustment (BPCA) will be determined each month by the city. This factor is designed to recover the cost of bulk power supply and related expenses actually incurred by the city to provide electric service to its customers. Bulk power supply costs shall include the following:

(i) Cost of power purchased from any bulk power supplier for use in the city's electric system.

(ii) The cost of transmission services to deliver bulk power to the city's substations.

(iii) The cost of any equipment owned or leased by the city to generate power.

(iv) The cost of operation including fuel and maintenance of city-owned or city-operated power generating equipment.

(v) Other costs directly related to securing bulk power supply for the city, such as professional services to issue, evaluate, and negotiate bulk power supply contracts, and regulatory fees associated with bulk power supply.

2. *Under recovery.* If the BPCA under recovers the actual costs of bulk power supply and related expenses, the city will increase the BPCA to collect the under recovery. If the BPCA over collects actual costs of bulk power supply and related expenses, the city will decrease the fuel adjustment to credit back to customers the over recovery. In order to

stabilize fluctuations in the BPCA, the city manager may determine to phase in such increases or decreases over time. In no case, however, will cumulative under or over collections be allowed to exceed eight percent of the fiscal year's annual adopted bulk power supply budget without appropriate adjustments to the BPCA. All over recovered funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year would be carried over to the subsequent fiscal year to be applied to the BPCA calculation for future months.

3. *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this subsection (6), shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Bulk power cost (BPC) means all electric energy costs during the calculation period related to the purchase of wholesale power and the capacity costs associated with the joint action agency ownership of generation.

Bulk power cost adjustment (BPCA) means the difference between the adjusted bulk power unit cost and the power cost base, stated in cost per kilowatt-hour, as determined by the calculation. This is also referred to as the purchased power/fuel adjustment factor.

Bulk power cost true-up (BPCT) means the difference between the bulk power cost actually incurred and the bulk power cost recovered through the power cost base and the bulk power cost adjustment that may be deposited in or removed from a true-up account, as applicable. The BPCT is that portion of the true-up account to be recovered from or returned to customers through the calculated BPCA.

Power cost base (PCB) means the bulk power-related cost that is embedded within the base retail rate, stated in cost per kilowatt-hour. The energy charge includes a power cost base of \$0.08015 per kWh in the base rate.

Rate stabilization fund adjustment (RSFA) means funds to offset sudden and/or temporary changes in the cost of power may be deposited in or removed from a rate stabilization fund, as applicable. The RSFA is that portion of the rate stabilization fund to be recovered from or returned to customers through the calculated BPCA.

System loss factor means the factor applied to adjust the bulk power unit cost from a basis of cost per kilowatt-hour of purchases to a basis of cost per kilowatt-hour of sales.

(7) Rates when demand history for a customer has not yet been established with the electric utility. All customers who initially request either the general service large demand (industrial) or general service demand (commercial) rate class will be

billed under the general service nondemand (commercial) rate class until such time as an applicable consumption history with the electric utility justifies, and the customer requests, reclassification as a demand account based on the definitions contained in section 90-59 has been established. The city shall determine the appropriate rate class for the customer based on consumption history as defined in section 90-59.

(Code 1983, § 23-53.1; Code 2001, § 78-83; Ord. No. O-16-99, § 1(23-53.1), 4-27-1999; Ord. No. O-14-2000, § 1(23-53.1), 11-21-2000; Ord. No. O-08-2007, § 2, 6-5-2007; Ord. No. O-12-2008, § 1, 6-17-2008; Ord. No. O-12-2010, § 1, 10-19-2010; Ord. No. O-05-2013, § 1, 4-9-2013; Ord. No. O-10-2015, § 1, 8-4-2015; Ord. No. O-14-2015, § 1, 9-15-2015)

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 90-123(e) OF THE GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY CODE. The first two sentences of Chapter 90, Article III, Division 3, Section 90-123(e) of the Green Cove Springs City Code is hereby amended and restated as follows:

- (e) *Responsibilities of developer.* The developer shall be responsible for paying a capital installation fee of ~~\$2,200.00~~ \$2,600.00 per lot. The aforementioned fee amount may be increased by the city from time to time, upon posted notice at city hall, by not more than the increase in such amount as is required by cover all of the city's actual costs for capital installations. The fee shall be paid to the city within 30 days of the subdivision plat recording date. If any fee increase is posted by the city after the initial payment of the fee by a developer, the city will provide specific information to the developer evidencing its actual costs, and the developer shall have 30 days to pay such increased amount invoiced by the city.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 90-61 OF THE GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY CODE. Chapter 90, Article III, Division 3, Section 90-61 of the Green Cove Springs City Code is hereby amended and restated as follows:

~~Sec. 90-61. Security and night lights.~~

- (a) ~~The city shall charge such owner or tenant a fee as follows for security or night lights. The city will install and maintain such lights. The city will only install new lights on existing poles.~~
- (1) ~~175-watt mercury vapor light or 100-watt high-pressure sodium light or LED light monthly charge: \$10.25.~~
- (2) ~~400-watt mercury vapor light or 250-watt high-pressure sodium light monthly charge: \$20.00.~~

~~(3) Relocate light head, photo eye or lamp fee of \$25.00 during normal business hours.~~

~~(b) The requesting party shall agree in writing that any poles, lights, or accessories placed upon his property shall remain the sole property of the city, and the city shall have the right to remove such equipment at any time fees are delinquent.~~

Sec. 90-61. Streetlights and Area Lights.

A. Streetlights within the city limits of Green Cove Springs and Green Cove Springs Electric Utility Boundaries.

Existing streets with existing Green Cove Springs overhead utility poles:

1. The City of Green Cove Springs will provide, install, and maintain these streetlights on existing city rights-of-way.
2. These streetlights are provided at no additional charge to the public.

B. New streets within New Planned Developments with Underground Utilities.

On collector street rights-of-way within the city limits of Green Cove Springs.

1. The developer will purchase, build, and install the streetlight system. Green Cove Springs Electric will maintain these streetlights at no additional charge to the public.

Note: Green Cove Springs Electric will provide specifications for this system and approve the streetlight designs.

On residential street rights-of-way and all other rights-of-way locations within the service area of Green Cove Springs Electric:

1. The developer will purchase, build, and install the streetlight system that the HOA will own and maintain. These lights are charged a monthly fee, as follows, for the electric power used.
 - a. LED lights, 0 - 50-watt - \$4.00 each, per month
 - b. LED lights, 51-watt and above, \$8.00 each, per month
 - c. Alternatively, lights can be installed behind an electric service meter and have a monthly bill.
2. Existing streetlights in existing HOA developments, that are not LED lights, will remain available at the previous charge of \$10.25 each, per month.

C. Streetlights within the service area of Green Cove Springs Electric, but outside the City Limits of Green Cove Springs

1. The City of Green Cove Springs does not provide streetlights in this area.

D. Area Lights (night-light).

1. Green Cove Springs Electric will provide, install, and maintain area lights within its service area, only on existing Green Cove Springs Electric overhead utility poles.
 - a. 50-watt LED Dusk-to-Dawn, pole-mounted, \$10.25 each, per month.
2. Area lights require a minimum two-year contract.
3. Relocate light head, photo eye or lamp fee of \$25.00 during normal business hours.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 90-62 OF THE GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY CODE. Chapter 90, Article III, Division 3, Section 90-62 of the Green Cove Springs City Code is hereby amended and restated as follows:

Sec. 90-62. Meters, generally, and new service connection charge; temporary service, generally.

The city shall have the right to connect and install or set meters of such sizes as the electric utility may determine, after consideration of all services to be served by the electric system of the city, and shall charge and collect in advance from the user, property owner, contractor, or agent a total of ~~\$125.00~~ \$300.00 as a new electric service connection fee, payable at the time that the building permits are let. All new connections will be done during normal business hours. All meters so installed shall be and remains the property of the city and shall be maintained and kept in repair by the department without cost to the user. All temporary electric service shall be metered and all charges imposed by this section shall apply thereto. The city shall charge and collect in advance from the user, property owner, contractor, or agent a total of \$50.00 as a new temporary construction service connection fee or \$50.00 as a new temporary short-term service connection fee, payable at the time that the building permits are let. All temporary service connections will be done during normal business hours.

SECTION 5. REPEALER. Any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. The various parts, sections, and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the

remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

**INTRODUCED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY ON THE FIRST
READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE
SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025.**

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Matt Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk

**PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THIS 1ST DAY OF
JULY, 2025.**

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Matt Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

L. J. Arnold, III, City Attorney

Mike Null

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Mike,

The answer is very much all over the place. Angel has done a great job of summarizing a list of utilities where he was able to locate the various fees and costs.

Please take a look. Please reach out if you'd like to take a deeper dive into a specific area.

New Service, Connection, and Installation Fees for Single-family Homes

Member City	Deposit for New Electric Service	Service and Connection Charges	Installation Charges	
Alachua	\$150	\$25		https://www.cityofalachua.com/home/showpublished
Bartow	\$5 fee for credit-based deposit determination	\$20		https://www.cityofbartow.net/173/New-Service https://library.municode.com/fl/bartow/codes/code
Blountstown	Deposit in the sum of \$200.00 or 200 percent of the average monthly bill (which may be estimated by the city) or whichever is greater.	\$25 \$75 (after hours or weekends)		https://library.municode.com/fl/blountstown/codes/c

Bushnell	<p>\$150.00 or an amount equivalent up to two months of the customer's average estimated electric bill, including all applicable adjustments and surcharges, whichever, as determined by the city, is greater.</p> <p>The city reserves the right to review the customer's credit status prior to establishing the deposit amount (plus \$5 credit inquiry fee)</p>	<p>\$50 \$100 (after hours or weekends)</p>		<p>https://library.municode.com/fl/bushnell/codes/code</p> <p>https://library.municode.com/fl/bushnell/codes/code</p> <p>https://library.municode.com/fl/bushnell/codes/code</p>
Chattahoochee	<p>Minimum electric deposit is based on a two-month average of the electric consumption of the last 12 months or \$250, whichever is greater.</p>	\$500	Actual cost to the City if polyphase	<p>https://chattahoocheefl.gov/utilities/rates_and_servic</p> <p>https://library.municode.com/fl/chattahoochee/codes/51ELCOCH</p>
Clewiston	<p>Utility deposits are based on two months' average bill for that residence or \$200,</p>	\$10		<p>https://library.municode.com/fl/clewiston/codes/code/116INDECOHELWASE</p> <p>https://library.municode.com/fl/clewiston/codes/code</p>

	whichever is greater.			
Fort Meade	The deposit shall be not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for electric	Overhead: \$200 Underground up to 200 feet: \$450		https://library.municode.com/fl/fort_meade/codes/co154ELSETECO https://library.municode.com/fl/fort_meade/codes/co155RACH
Fort Pierce	Customers who apply for Residential service will be required to post a Minimum Security Deposit, or one equal to twice the average monthly bill, whichever is greater. However, upon Customer request, the UA may use a credit verification agency to obtain the Customer's Fair, Isaac score. Based on the score, the UA will determine one of the following deposit levels: (1) no deposit, (2) Minimum Security Deposit, or (3) deposit equal to twice the average monthly bill.	\$130 \$255 (after hours or weekends)		https://fpua.com/account-and-billing/billing-payment https://fpua.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2013-

Gainesville	\$145	\$26		https://www.gru.com/My-Home/Content/Residential-
Green Cove Springs	\$350	\$125		https://library.municode.com/fl/green_cove_springs/c22NEUTCUE https://library.municode.com/fl/green_cove_springs/c62MEGENESECOCHTESEGE
Havana	\$150 to \$200, depending upon an online credit verification	\$25	\$1,000	https://townofhavana.com/utilities https://www.townofhavana.com/news-detail?item_id
Jacksonville	\$200	Ordered in advance or before noon for same day request: \$10.00 Ordered after noon for same day request: \$25.00		https://www.jea.com/my_account/residential_forms
Jacksonville Beach	Residential utility deposits start at \$125.00. The deposit may be in the form of cash, check, or money order. Deposits may be waived if customer provides a utility credit letter with excellent credit history over the last 12 months. Depending on credit history, the deposit required may be up to (2) times the average utility cost for that	\$10 (8 AM - 1 PM) \$20 (after 1 PM)	Overhead: \$200 Underground: \$400	https://beachesenergy.com/my-account/start-stop-se https://library.municode.com/fl/jacksonville_beach/co

	service location.			
Key West	\$125	\$40		https://www.keysenergy.com/resources/residential-s
Kissimmee	\$340	\$15		https://kua.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Sched
Lake Worth Beach	The initial service deposit for electric utility service shall be the greater of Two Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$275) or two and one-half (2.5) times the monthly average of estimated bill rounded up to the nearest Fifty Dollars (\$50)	Service: \$17 Connection Fee: \$35 or \$45 (after hours)	Cost difference between overhead and underground when underground is requested.	https://lwbassets.nyc3.cdn.digitaloceanspaces.com/d
Lakeland	\$150 or up to estimated two months average billing	\$20		https://cdn.kubra.com/a/lakelandelectric/assets-docs/
Leesburg	\$200	Could not find	Electric Service Planners will determine the costs for new services and line extensions.	https://library.municode.com/fl/leesburg/codes/code_181UTDEPO https://library.municode.com/fl/leesburg/codes/code_133COFEMECH https://www.leesburgflorida.gov/services/electric/new
Moore Haven	\$250	\$30		https://library.municode.com/fl/moore_haven/codes/ https://library.municode.com/fl/moore_haven/codes/

Mount Dora	Residential deposit amounts are 2 times the average monthly bill with a \$240 minimum	\$30 Reduced to \$5 if sign up for both paperless billing and automatic bank draft payments		https://www.ci.mount-dora.fl.us/1080/Apply-for-Utilities
New Smyrna Beach	Determined by utility credit history, should it be determined a deposit is necessary. The minimum deposits for residential service shall be \$75 and the maximum shall be \$240.	\$35		https://www.nsbufi.com/deposits https://www.nsbufi.com/service-fees
Newberry	Vary based upon credit worthiness of the customer, and ranges from \$0.00 to \$300.00, or an amount equivalent of up to two times the highest month's service usage for the service address during the preceding 12 months, whichever, as determined by the city, is greater.	\$45 (includes \$15 for credit check) Same-day additional \$25 After 4:00 PM additional \$75	If total cost of new facilities is higher than the cost for providing standard service, the customer shall pay to the city a contribution in aid of construction (CIAC). A contribution in aid of construction shall be the difference between total installed cost of new facilities and cost for standard service.	https://library.municode.com/fl/newberry/codes/code https://library.municode.com/fl/newberry/codes/code https://library.municode.com/fl/newberry/codes/code
Ocala	Not clear for new homes	\$57 \$34 for returning		https://library.municode.com/fl/ocala/codes/code https://www.ocalafl.gov/government/city-department

		customers or transfers		
Orlando	Based on your personal credit history, services available at the premise and/or your payment history with OUC, a deposit may be required before utility service begins.	\$25		https://www.ouc.com/account/start-stop-move/
Quincy	\$280	Could not find		https://www.myquincy.net/customer-service/page/op
Starke	\$200	\$25		https://www.cityofstarke.org/wp-content/uploads/Cu
Tallahassee	\$160	\$18.50		https://www.talgov.com/you/you-customer-helpful-fe
Wauchula	In order to determine a potential or current customer's deposit, the city of Wauchula will assess the credit risk of the customer using the screening tool ONLINE Utility Exchange at the point of application	\$25 processing fee \$18 service charge	\$150	https://www.cityofwauchula.gov/utilities-customer-se https://www.cityofwauchula.gov/utilities-customer-se
Williston	\$200	Could not find	Overhead service: \$60.00 plus \$2.00 per foot. Underground: \$60.00 plus \$5.00 per foot.	https://library.municode.com/fl/williston/codes/code

Winter Park	\$250	\$65 account opening fee \$5 application fee \$29 activation fee before 4:30 PM \$87 activation fee after 4:30 PM	\$3,000 Residential underground service under 400 A Cost to serve 400 A and greater	https://cityofwinterpark.org/docs/departments/finance
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