

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO SEWAGE DISPOSAL; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF SUBSECTION (1) OF SECTION 11-37, PERTAINING TO SEWER RATES; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABLE RATES OVER A MULTI-YEAR PERIOD; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City commissioned a Water and Sewer Rate Sufficiency Analysis wherein adjustments in the sewer rates are being recommended over a multi-year period; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to adjust and/or increase the utility rates to offset additional costs of providing utility services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the proposed changes to the rates and found this ordinance to be in the best interest, safety, and welfare of the residents and citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, notice of this ordinance has been provided in accordance with applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1.

Subsection (1) of Section 11-37, of Chapter 11, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gulfport, pertaining to sewer services charges, is hereby amended, as follows:

- 1) *Base Charges*: City sewer customers will be charged a monthly base rate per living unit, whether the water is on or off. Base Charges shall be prorated by calculating the number of days a customer's account is active in the respective month. The following subsection reflects base charges effective for the fiscal period beginning October 1st and ending September 30th as follows:

Base Charge per month:

FY 22/23 <u>25/26</u>	FY 23/24 <u>26/27</u>	FY 24/25 <u>27/28</u>
24.86 <u>\$31.32</u>	26.85 <u>\$33.83</u>	29.00 <u>\$35.52</u>

- 2) *Volumetric Charges*: City sewer customers will be charged volume charges as set forth in the following subsection per one thousand (1,000) gallons or fraction thereof of water consumed as shown by the water meter reading monthly. Volumetric charges are effective for the fiscal period beginning October 1st and ending September 30th as follows:

Volumetric Charges per 1,000 gallons of water usage

Water consumption (gallons)	FY 22/23 <u>25/26</u>	FY 23/24 <u>26/27</u>	FY 24/25 <u>27/28</u>
0 -- 2,000	1.00 <u>26</u>	1.08 <u>36</u>	1.17 <u>43</u>
2,001 -- 3,000	13.42 <u>16.90</u>	14.49 <u>18.25</u>	15.65 <u>19.16</u>
3,001 -- 5,000	14.14 <u>17.81</u>	15.27 <u>19.23</u>	16.49 <u>20.19</u>
5,001 -- 10,000	14.82 <u>18.67</u>	16.01 <u>20.16</u>	17.29 <u>21.17</u>
10,001 -- 15,000	15.56 <u>19.59</u>	16.80 <u>21.16</u>	18.14 <u>22.22</u>
15,001 -- 20,000	16.26 <u>20.48</u>	17.56 <u>22.12</u>	18.96 <u>23.23</u>
20,001 +	16.56 <u>20.85</u>	17.88 <u>22.52</u>	19.31 <u>23.65</u>

Section 2.

All Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any conflict with this Ordinance.

Section 3.

If any portion or part of this ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the valid remainder hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4.

Sewer rates and charges established by this Ordinance beginning in Fiscal Year 2026 shall be utilized in calculating customers' bills beginning on October 1, 2025, for services utilized during the preceding month.

Section 5.

Sewer rates and charges established by this Ordinance beginning in Fiscal Year 2027 shall be utilized in calculating customers' bills beginning on October 1, 2026, for services utilized during the preceding month.

Section 6.

Sewer rates and charges established by this Ordinance beginning in Fiscal Year 2028 shall be utilized in calculating customers' bills beginning on October 1, 2027, for services utilized during the preceding month.

Section 7.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage.

Karen Love, Mayor

FIRST READING : August 5, 2025

PUBLISHED : _____

SECOND READING/
PUBLIC HEARING : _____

I, Theresa M. Carrico, City Clerk of the City of Gulfport, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of law and the City Charter this ___ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Theresa M. Carrico, City Clerk