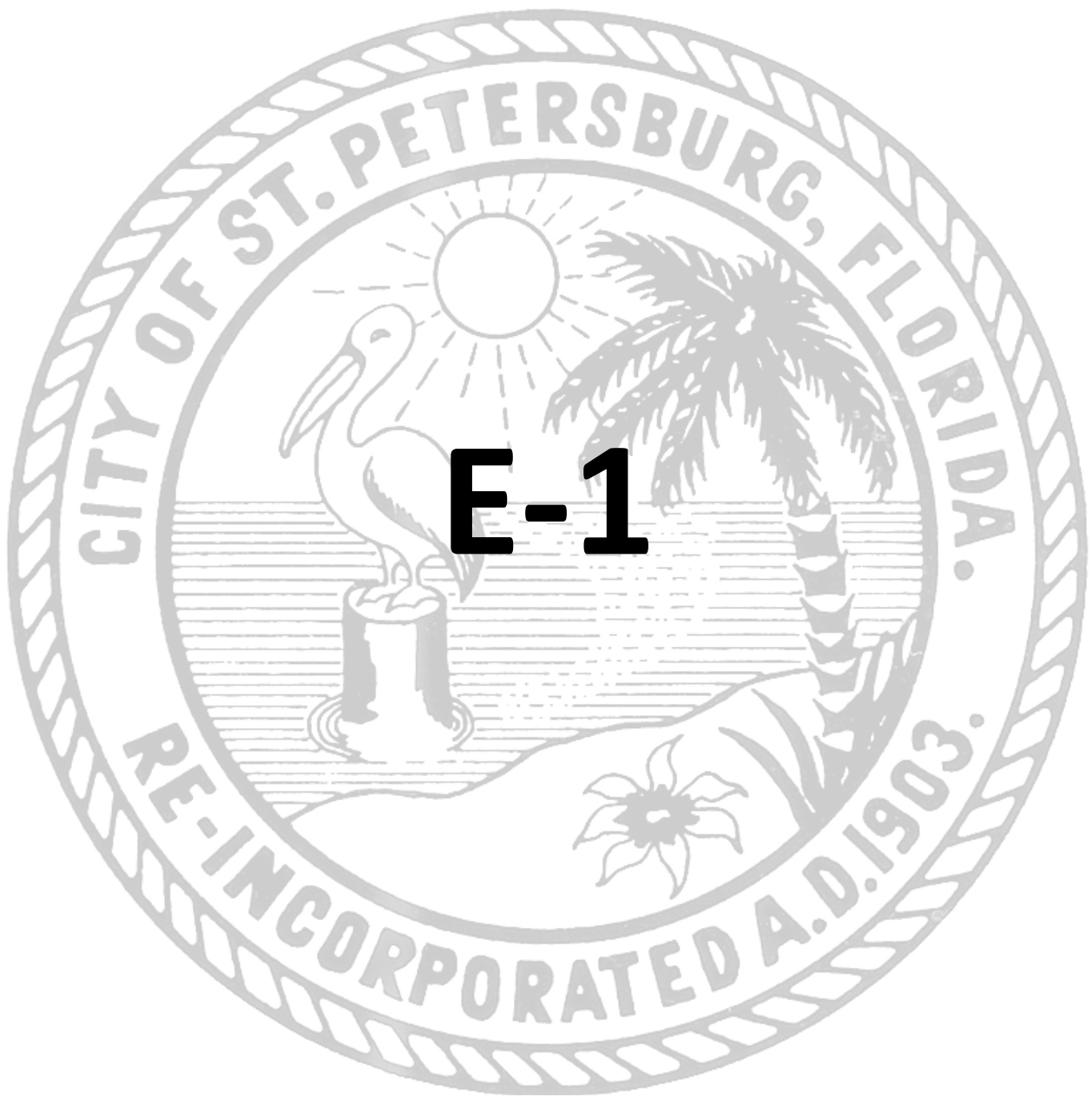


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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

KENNETH T. WELCH, MAYOR

DATE: August 14, 2025
TO: The Honorable Copley Gerdes, Chair and Members of City Council
FROM: Kenneth T. Welch, Mayor 
SUBJECT: Utility Rates for FY2026 (First Reading)

Today, I bring before you the First Reading of the FY26 recommended utility rate changes for the city's five (5) public utility systems. These adjustments are a direct result of the annual FY26 Utility Rate Study ("Study") which provides a comprehensive review of the required operating and capital expenses for each utility fund. This year's study closely aligns with original projections, with slightly higher overall rates due to increased inflationary costs that have impacted the various utilities' operating and capital expenditures.

Additionally, this year's study includes a review of potential funding sources, including utility rates, to support the St. Pete Agile Resilience (SPAR) Program. The SPAR Program, which started development during FY25, will re-prioritize and fast-track infrastructure initiatives that will provide immediate and long-lasting impacts in utility infrastructure throughout the city. The SPAR Program is in response to the continued challenges the city faces due to significant natural disasters such as higher-intensity rain events and stronger hurricanes. The FY26 Rate Study began reviewing funding options for this program and includes approximately \$10M of SPAR pre-planning work in FY26. The remainder of the SPAR Program's full cost (\$614 million) for Water and Stormwater is not currently included as other potential funding options, such as a General Obligation Bond, are still under review.

The attached memo provides detailed information on each individual utility rate program and their recommended rate adjustments. In general, the average utility customer can expect to see an 8-10% increase on their overall utility bill. Requested revenue increases for each utility are as follows: a 6.25% increase for Water, 7.75% increase for Wastewater, 9.75% increase for Reclaimed Water, 17.50% increase for Stormwater, and 7.00% increase for Sanitation.

A detailed report of these proposals has been presented at two Budget, Finance & Taxation Committee meetings held on June 12th and July 10th, 2025, as well as during a City Council Report on August 7th, 2025. Today, I am requesting approval of the FY26 Utility Rates to proceed to a

Public Hearing on September 4, 2025, for final approval and adoption. There will be three separate ordinances.

CDT:aym

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kenneth T. Welch, Mayor

FROM: Claude D. Tankersley, P.E., Public Works Administrator *CDT*
Amy Foster, Housing & Neighborhood Services Administrator *AF*

DATE: August 14, 2025 (First Reading)

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026 Utility Rate Study Program
(Water Resources, Stormwater, and Sanitation Utility Programs)

Executive Summary

City staff, along with the financial team of Stantec Consulting Services, has conducted a Revenue Sufficiency Analysis and Cost of Service Utility Rate Study ("Study") for the City of St. Petersburg's Water, Wastewater, Reclaimed Water, Stormwater, and Sanitation Utility Funds. The purpose of this program is to ensure that utility program expenditures are supported through a healthy and stable revenue stream now and into the future. Cost of service expenditures are impacted by, but not limited to, inflation changes, equipment purchases, aging infrastructure, increased regulatory requirements, increased borrowing costs, changes in technology, and system impacts from natural events. This year's Study aligns closely with what was originally anticipated with slightly higher overall rates due to increased inflationary costs that have impacted the various utilities' operating and capital expenditures.

Additionally in this year's Study, a focus on potential funding sources, including utility rates, were reviewed to support the St. Pete Agile Resilience (SPAR) Program. The SPAR Program, which started development during FY25, will re-prioritize and fast-track infrastructure initiatives that will provide immediate and lasting impacts in utility infrastructure throughout the city. The SPAR Program is in response to the continued challenges the City faces due to significant natural disasters such as higher-intensity rain events and stronger hurricanes. The FY26 Rate Study began reviewing funding options for this program and includes approximately \$10M of SPAR pre-planning work in FY26. The rest of the full SPAR Program (\$614M) for Water and Stormwater is currently not included at this time as other potential funding options, such as a General Obligation (GO) Bond, for this program is currently under review.

Customer Utility Billing Analysis

Revenues supporting the current utility capital and operating expenditures are collected through the utility funds through a variety of ways which includes direct customer utility billing charges, miscellaneous service fees, grant funding, state and federal loan programs, and bonding programs. The Utility Rate Study has a particular focus on utility customers' billing and any rate



adjustments that need to be made to fees and charges. Upon completion of this year's Study, the recommended rate adjustments to customer utility billing are as follows: 6.25% increase to Water rates, 7.75% increase to Wastewater rates, 9.75% increase to Reclaimed Water rates, 17.50% increase to Stormwater rates, and 7.00% increase to Sanitation rates. Table 1 represents the recommended rate changes as compared to the anticipated rates for FY26.

Table 1: Recommended Revenue Rate Changes by Utility

Utility	Anticipated FY26 Rate Changes (from last year's study)	FY26 Final Recommendation
Water	6.75%	6.25%
Wastewater	6.75%	7.75%
Reclaimed Water	6.75%	9.75%
Stormwater	15.00%	17.50%
Sanitation	6.00%	7.00%

Upon implementation, the combination of the recommended rates across all utilities will impact a customer's total utility bill differently based on various factors including water/wastewater volume consumption, utilization of the reclaimed water system, and a customer's stormwater tier. As mentioned above, the current rates incorporate approximately \$10M of SPAR project planning necessary to implement the remaining \$614M of SPAR projects beginning in FY27.

St. Pete Agile Resilience Program (SPAR)

In August, September, and October 2024, the region was impacted by three hurricanes. These historical storms resulted in widespread flooding and strain on utility infrastructure. As such, the City is advancing a comprehensive program called the SPAR which is focused on accelerating flood mitigation projects, ensuring long-term resilience in the face of climate challenges, and embedding the latest scientific and technological approaches into Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Program planning. At its core, the "A" in "SPAR" which stands for "AGILE," reflects the City's commitment to quickly respond to change through rapid action and adaptation, while emphasizing data-driven decision-making, the use of SMART (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology), the application of climate and environmental science, the promotion of innovation, and the integration of digital tools. The SPAR Program revolves around public utility infrastructure in general but encompasses several projects across the Water Resources and Stormwater Utilities. Key features of the SPAR Program include:



- **Accelerated Projects:** Prioritizing and fast-tracking infrastructure initiatives that will provide immediate and lasting impacts in public utility infrastructure.
- **Critical Investment:** Without SPAR, the City had already built \$833 million in utility CIP projects into the five-year CIP program for Water Resources and Stormwater. Upon approval of the SPAR Program, the total investment for the Water Resources and Stormwater Utility CIP programs would be \$1.4 billion between FY26-FY30.
- **Funding Plans:** Funding for SPAR projects could come from a variety of sources, such as utility rates, utility bonds (borrowing) and GO bonds, or state and federal grant opportunities. Discussions with City Council have already begun on potential funding options for their approval.
- **FY26 SPAR Projects:** To develop immediate action throughout the community for the SPAR Program, the Water Resources and Stormwater Utility CIP Programs have included initial funding investments in planning and design costs in the FY26 CIP. Table 2 provides the funding program plan with potential investments in the program.

SPAR FUNDING PLAN

Table 2: SPAR Funding Plan (in \$1,000)

	*FY 2026 Recomm'd	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	TOTAL
WASTEWATER COLLECTION	\$500	\$9,700	\$27,150	\$43,600	\$51,500	\$132,450
WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMP. (DIS)	\$500	\$20,600	\$8,200	\$5,500	\$3,500	\$38,300
WASTEWATER TREATMENT	\$4,500	\$38,200	\$40,900	\$9,600	\$10,000	\$103,200
WATER TREATMENT/SUPPLY	\$700	\$5,000	\$8,400	\$19,750	\$21,000	\$54,850
WATER RESOURCES INFLATION CONTINGENCY		\$1,838	\$4,233	\$5,884	\$8,600	\$20,554
STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	\$2,150	\$29,150	\$32,400	\$39,400	\$45,400	\$148,500
WET WEATHER STORMWATER TREATMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	\$1,250	\$23,750	\$19,000	\$8,000	\$6,500	\$58,500
STORMWATER FLOOD PROTECTION AND PUMP STATIONS	\$250	\$1,750	\$11,000	\$14,000	\$24,000	\$51,000
STORMWATER INFLATION CONTINGENCY	\$0	\$1,366	\$3,120	\$4,605	\$7,590	\$16,681
	\$9,850	\$131,354	\$154,403	\$150,339	\$178,090	\$624,035

*Recommended FY26 CIP program includes funding for pre-planning activities necessary to kick off the majority of SPAR projects in FY27

Individual Utility Fund Program Discussion

It is important to note that although all utility service fees and charges are consolidated into one utility bill, each utility program is reviewed and adjusted individually and the required utility revenues for FY26 are based on the CIP and Operating Budgets within each utility fund program. Below is a summary of recommended updates by utility fund:



FY26 WATER RESOURCES FUND:

FY26 Water Resources System Funding Requirements

The Public Works Administration recommends an overall revenue increase of 7.25% for the Water Resources fund as a whole [Note: The Water Resources Operating Fund is the funding source of three (3) separate utilities: water, wastewater, and reclaimed water.] This 7.25% is broken down into individual proposed rate changes of 6.25% for Water, 7.75% for Wastewater, and 9.75% for Reclaimed Water. Revenues will be used to operate the combined Water Resources system, to improved infrastructure throughout the CIP, and to cover debt service for the system. The following breaks down how expenditures are being supported throughout the fund.

The projected expense requirements for the FY26 Water Resources Operating Fund is projected at \$251.16M in FY26. The proposed expenses for the Water Resources Operating Fund (i.e., \$251.16M) represents an increase of 13.17% as compared to the FY25 Adopted Water Resources Operating Fund Budget. In addition, the Water Resources Operating Fund will support a \$51.26M transfer in operating funds to the Water Resources Debt Fund, as well as a \$56.27M transfer to the Water Resources Capital Projects Fund for essential capital improvement projects. The five-year FY26-30 Water Resources CIP is recommended at \$668.92M (includes Penny for Pinellas Funds) and includes significant capital enhancements to the systems' assets including projects recommended in St. Pete's Water Plan (master plan). Highlights of the five-year CIP include continued improvements to the sanitary sewer collection system with \$20.0M in funding from the Citywide Infrastructure Capital Improvement Fund (Penny for Pinellas Funds), and \$71.74M from the Water Resources Capital Projects Fund. Water Reclamation Facilities are also recommended to be funded at \$164.14M from the Water Resources CIP for continued improvements at the Northeast, Northwest, and Southwest Reclamation Facilities. Table 3 below is a summary of the 5-year Water Resources Fund CIP.

Table 3: 5-year Water Resources CIP Fund Summary including Penny for Pinellas Funds (in \$1,000)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total
Cosme & Pump Stations	\$19,290	\$27,750	\$34,000	\$14,950	\$8,100	\$104,090
Water Distribution Maint.	\$23,000	\$28,800	\$31,100	\$35,550	\$25,850	\$144,300
Wastewater Collection Maint.	\$12,050	\$18,290	\$20,700	\$16,300	\$13,400	\$80,740
Lift Stations	\$25,675	\$19,900	\$6,350	\$7,350	\$8,050	\$67,325
Water Reclamation Facilities	\$42,905	\$20,400	\$22,250	\$41,850	\$36,730	\$164,135
Reclaimed System Imp's	\$3,875	\$11,775	\$13,875	\$9,825	\$4,555	\$43,905
Other	\$4,325	\$10,731	\$12,745	\$15,529	\$21,099	\$64,429
TOTAL	*\$131,120	\$137,646	\$141,020	\$141,354	\$117,784	\$668,924

***FY26 includes \$6.2M in pre-planning work for the SPAR Program**



FY26 Water Resources Sanitary Sewer Funding Program

In FY20, Administration approved additional funding for Sanitary Sewer Pipe Repair and Replacement and Cured-in-Place Pipe Lining (CIPP) Projects from the Penny for Pinellas Citywide infrastructure Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$9.0M annually. Beginning in FY24, the Penny for Pinellas funding shifted from allocating \$9.0M annually to \$7.0M for FY24 and \$5.0M for the remaining years of the five-year CIP plan through FY29. This plan will be analyzed and reviewed during the annual Rate Study process to review adjustments that may need to be made moving forward. Table 4 shows the current recommended plan for the next five years.

Table 4: Penny for Pinellas Sanitary Sewer Funding Plan

Program Scenario	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30
Citywide Infrastructure CIP Fund (3027)	\$5.0M	\$5.0M	\$5.0M	\$5.0M	\$0.0M

FY26 Water Resources Reclaimed Water System Recovery Costs

The FY26 five-year CIP also includes a new project for the Reclaimed Water System which supports the replacement of reclaimed water piping systems at the Northwest (NW) Reclamation Facility that were installed in the 1970's and 1980's and have reached the end of their useful life. Currently, reclaimed water rates recover approximately 80% of system costs, with the remaining balance recovered via water and wastewater retail rates. To maintain approximately 80% cost recovery rate for reclaimed water customers, and to support \$31M to replace the reclaimed water pipes discussed above, a 9.75% reclaimed water revenue rate adjustment is proposed for each year of the five-year FY26-FY30 planning horizon.

FY26 Water Resources Recommended Financial Plan

The Water Resources System continues to see significant cost impacts to its operations, maintenance, and capital improvement projects from common drivers such as labor and material costs, design complexity, and regulatory compliance. This includes increased costs in various areas anywhere from 20% up to 70% (i.e., supply chain cost increases, increases in chemical costs and building material costs, etc.). In addition, beginning in FY23, Administration finalized the adoption of the 50/50 cash-to-debt funding objective which funds annual capital improvement costs equally between cash-related funding sources (utility rates, grants, fees etc.) and borrowing (debt backed by utility bonds). By sustaining a 50/50 cash-to-debt funding ratio, the City will avoid hundreds of millions of dollars in long-term borrowing costs (debt interest payments) while balancing the cost burden between current and future generations. The ten-year financing program plan funds all essential projects identified in St. Pete's Water Plan and is inclusive of all



required maintenance and operational needs for a resilient and sustainable system now and into the future. Table 5 below represents the current five-year Water Resources Rate Changes Plan with 50/50 cash-to-debt funding.

Table 5: Five-Year Water Resources Operating Fund Revenue Adjustment Plan

Program Scenario	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30
50/50 Cash to Debt Ratio	*7.25%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	6.50%

*7.25% represents the weighted average of the three individual utility revenue increases for water (6.25%), wastewater (7.75%), and reclaimed water (9.75%)

FY26 Water Resources Fund – Sewer Capacity Fee Update (Water Closet Fee)

In addition to the sufficiency review of Utility revenues from water and sewer consumption, this year's study builds on past years' studies and looked at the year-over-year cost recovery plan for the City's Sewer Capacity Fee, also referred to as the "Water Closet Fee". The Sewer Capacity Fee provides revenue from new development necessary to cover the costs of serving new customers, ensuring that new development pays for its fair share of the utility system. Last year, Administration proposed, and Council approved, a three-year plan to increase the Sewer Capacity Fee by 52.4%, (to \$600 per Water Closet) with an additional \$200 per year increase over the following two years. This year, Administration recommends the Sewer Capacity Fee be increased to the full cost-recovery level of to \$1,000 per Water Closet. with continuous review of this fee on an annual basis. This recommendation supports achieving full cost recovery now versus continued phasing over two years.

FY26 STORMWATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND:

FY26 Stormwater Utility Funds – System Funding Requirements

The Public Works Administration recommends a Stormwater Utility Fee increase of 17.50% to support an operating budget of \$46.52M. The proposed expenses for the Stormwater Operating Fund (i.e., \$46.52M) represents an increase of 12.26% as compared to the FY25 Adopted Stormwater Operating Fund Budget. In addition, the Stormwater Operating Fund will support a \$3.79M transfer in operating funds to the Stormwater Debt Fund, as well as a \$14.50M transfer to the Stormwater Capital Projects (CIP) Fund for essential capital improvement projects in FY26. The total five-year Stormwater CIP is recommended at \$173.96M. The Stormwater CIP funds projects related to the Stormwater Master Plan, as well as storm drainage projects throughout the city is shown in Table 6 below.



Table 6: Summary of the Stormwater Utility Fund 5-year CIP (in \$1,000)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	Total
Master Plan Storm Drainage	\$ 1,500	\$ 7,750	\$ 2,900	\$ 1,600	\$ 5,500	\$ 19,250
Storm Drainage Improvements	\$ 6,800	\$ 27,000	\$ 23,300	\$ 14,800	\$ 20,800	\$ 92,700
Water Quality	\$ 16,300	\$ 7,750	\$ 3,750	\$ 8,250	\$ 10,250	\$ 46,300
Other	\$ 7,650	\$ 1,063	\$ 1,498	\$ 1,849	\$ 3,655	\$ 15,714
TOTAL	\$ 32,250	\$ 43,563	\$ 31,448	\$ 26,499	\$ 40,205	\$ 173,964

**FY26 includes \$3.65M in pre-planning work for the SPAR Program*

FY26 Stormwater Utility Capital Fund - Recommended Financial Plan

Similar to the Water Resources Capital Fund, the Stormwater Utility Capital Fund aligns the CIP funding program with the bond rating agency's recommendation for a 50/50 cash-to-debt funding plan. Beginning in 2025, projects from the 2024 Stormwater Master Plan are included in the full five-year CIP program. As done historically, Administration has continued to approve the submission of grant applications which will continue to be reviewed in alignment with the annual Utility Rate Study Program. Table 7 shows the current financial program plan for the Stormwater Utility Fund throughout the Five-Year Forecast.

Table 7: Five-Year Stormwater Operating Fund Revenue Adjustment Plan

Program Scenario	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30
50/50 Cash to Debt	17.50%	15.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%

FY26 SANITATION OPERATING FUND:

FY26 Sanitation Utility Fund-System Requirements

The 7.00% proposed increase in Sanitation service rates will bring operational revenues in line with rising operational expenses. The rate proposal also includes a baseline provision for preventative maintenance and repairs to the Sanitation facilities, a catch-up funding replacement cycle for dated fleet vehicles, and establishes a fully funded normal replacement cycle for service vehicles and containers on a fiscal basis through FY35. The rate proposal also includes provisions that will assist with cost escalation on commodities and services such as uniforms and temporary labor. The proposed rate also assumes an 8% year-over-year increase in Pinellas County tipping fees. The Sanitation Utility Program is anticipated to stay consistent with the current estimated rate increases as reflected in Table 12 below.



Table 8: Five-Year Sanitation Operating Fund Revenue Adjustment Plan

Program Scenario	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY29
Flat Fee Trash and Recycling	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	4.75%

Recommended Action:

Today, August 14, 2025, City Council will conduct a First Reading of the proposed rate ordinances and will vote to move forward to a Public Hearing for the proposed rates for final adoption on September 4, 2025. This will allow the rates to be effective as of October 1, 2025, as included within the FY26 revenue projections. Attachment 1 consists of three separate Ordinances requiring action, each reflecting the proposed rate changes described herein with respect to the Water Resources Utility Program (water, wastewater, reclaimed), the Stormwater Utility Program, and the Sanitation Program.

Attachment 1: Utility Ordinances

Attachment 2: Water Rates Recommendation Tables

Attachment 3: Wastewater Rates Recommendation Tables

Attachment 4: Wholesale Rate Recommendations

Attachment 5: History of Rate Increases



ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SANITATION RATES AND CHARGES; AMENDING CHAPTER 27, SECTION 27-557 OF THE ST. PETERSBURG CITY CODE; AMENDING RATES AND CHARGES FOR SANITATION SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; PROVIDING AN EXPLANATION OF WORDS STRUCK THROUGH AND UNDERLINED; ESTABLISHING A DATE TO BEGIN CALCULATING NEW RATES FOR BILLING PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION ONE. Section 27-557 of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-557. - Sanitation charges.

(a) *Generally.* All occupants or owners of premises in the City that are subject to having accumulations of garbage, recyclable materials, rubbish and garden trash removed and disposed of by the City shall be required to pay charges for garbage, recyclable materials and rubbish removal, and these charges shall be paid to the City and will be billed with water and sewer service billings. When a water service is active and unless specifically included in other sections of this article, all occupants or owners of premises in the City shall pay a removal charge as follows:

(1) *Ninety-gallon or 300-gallon bulk garbage container service (twice-per-week).*

a. *Curbside/alley monthly charge.*

1. Single-family residence ~~\$32.35~~ \$30.23

Each additional automated 90-gallon bulk garbage container (six-month minimum) \$17.85 ~~\$16.68~~

2. Multiple-family residence, per unit ~~\$32.35~~ \$30.23

3. Business or institution:

One automated 90-gallon can ~~\$32.35~~ \$30.23

Each additional automated 90-gallon can (six-month minimum).....\$17.85
~~\$16.68~~

b. *Backyard monthly charge.*

1. Single-family residence:

One automated 90-gallon bulk garbage container or two, manual system \$77.17 ~~\$72.12~~

Each additional automated 90-gallon bulk garbage container or two bulk garbage containers, manual system..... \$37.81 ~~\$35.34~~

2. Multifamily residence, per unit \$77.17 ~~\$72.12~~

3. Business or institution:

One automated 90-gallon can or two cans, manual system \$77.17 ~~\$72.12~~

Each additional automated 90-gallon can or two cans, manual system.....\$37.81 ~~\$35.34~~

c. *Mobile home space.* Each mobile home space constitutes a single-family residential unit.

(2) *Ninety-gallon bulk garbage container service (once-per-week).*

a. Once-per-week collection status will be made available. To qualify, the customer must make application to the POD, and meet all of the following criteria:

1. Have a single-family residence;
2. Have a household consisting of only one or two persons;
3. Participate at least once per calendar month in the city-wide recycling program; and
4. In the billing month, have water consumption of 5,000 gallons or less. If water consumption exceeds 5,000 in a given month, then the twice-per-week rate shall apply.

The once-per-week status will be granted to customers who share a large automated bulk garbage container if they meet the criteria of this subsection (a)(2)a.

b. Single-family residence, once-per-week, monthly charge \$25.64 ~~\$23.96~~

c. Once a week garbage collection service will be withdrawn and twice a week garbage service instituted at the prescribed charge therefor upon 15 days' written notice to the customer (occupant or owner) with the notice provided by regular United States mail or by delivery to the premises served. Notice shall be complete upon mailing or delivery. Such notice shall be given if the POD determines that one of the following has occurred in connection with the once a week service:

1. A potential or actual health hazard or odor problem has occurred or is occurring due to the once a week garbage service; or
2. Sufficient material is being placed in the container that once a week service is not adequate for removal.
3. The customer has not met the criteria for once-per-week collection listed in subsection (a)(2)a. for three consecutive months.

- d. The owner or occupant given such notice may appeal the decision to withdraw once a week service by giving written notice thereof in the manner and to the person prescribed in the notice of withdrawal of once a week service along with payment of the prescribed fee therefor. The notice of appeal must be actually delivered to and stamped received by the POD within ten days of the date of mailing of the notice of withdrawal of once a week service.

The Mayor shall by administrative regulation provide for the processing of appeals including the amount of the fee therefor and who shall determine appeals. All appeals shall be determined according to the evidence presented. The appellant and the POD shall have a right to be present and present evidence and be heard. The strict rules of evidence shall not apply.

- e. If once a week garbage service has been withdrawn as provided herein it shall not be reinstituted until one year has elapsed and then only upon proper application.

(3) *Other bulk container service fees.*

- a. Standby fees and criteria for charging such fees are discussed in section 27-141(c)(2). The monthly standby fee shall be..... \$16.62 ~~\$15.53~~
- b. Other fees. A one-time placement fee for an additional 90-gallon can will be \$15.39 ~~\$14.38~~
- c. Single stream recycling fee. A monthly fee for single family residence bulk recycling container service shall be \$4.27 ~~\$3.99~~

- (4) *Roll off container service.* Where a roll off container is used the charge is per pull. It is \$2.33 ~~\$2.18~~ per cubic yard capacity times the compaction ratio of one for regular containers and four for compacting containers plus the cost of disposal plus \$209.17 ~~\$195.49~~. There is a one-time placement fee of \$14.48 ~~\$13.53~~. \$72.44 ~~67.70~~ will be charged for overloaded or blocked containers; \$50.71 ~~\$47.39~~ will be charged for cleaning.

- (5) *Bulk container service rate.* Where a commercial or multi-family residential bulk container is used, the charge per cubic yard shall be based on size of container and frequency of collection as shown on Tables A—E. The monthly charge will be calculated by multiplying the charge per cubic yard from the applicable table times the size of the bulk commercial or multi-family residential container times the number of pickups per week times 52 weeks divided by 12 months. In addition, the following charges will apply:

- a. Special rollout charge, per occurrence \$4.61 ~~\$4.31~~
- b. Special pickups \$19.06 ~~\$17.81~~

Plus the established per cubic yard cost from Tables A—E for that customer.

- c. Special service charge for multifamily units serviced by bulk commercial or multi-family residential containers, per unit, per month \$7.30 ~~\$6.82~~

Plus, the appropriate bulk container rate (condominium, apartment, mobile home park, etc.)

TABLE A. COMMERCIAL - UNCOMPACTED

Times/week collected	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 cubic yard	\$21.17	\$18.63	\$17.76	\$17.35	\$17.10	\$16.94	\$16.80
2 cubic yards	\$13.96	\$12.68	\$12.24	\$12.00	\$11.89	\$11.79	\$11.71
3 cubic yards	\$11.70	\$10.74	\$10.43	\$10.28	\$10.16	\$10.09	\$10.07
4 cubic yards	\$10.49	\$9.76	\$9.51	\$9.38	\$9.30	\$9.25	\$9.20
5 cubic yards	\$9.79	\$9.18	\$8.97	\$8.87	\$8.81	\$8.79	\$8.76
6 cubic yards	\$9.32	\$8.79	\$8.58	\$8.51	\$8.46	\$8.41	\$8.40
8 cubic yards	\$8.72	\$8.26	\$8.12	\$8.04	\$8.02	\$7.97	\$7.96
10 cubic yards	\$8.41	\$7.97	\$7.83	\$7.78	\$7.69	\$7.68	\$7.67

<u>Times/week collected</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>1 cubic yard</u>	<u>\$22.65</u>	<u>\$19.93</u>	<u>\$19.00</u>	<u>\$18.56</u>	<u>\$18.30</u>	<u>\$18.13</u>	<u>\$17.98</u>
<u>2 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$14.94</u>	<u>\$13.57</u>	<u>\$13.10</u>	<u>\$12.84</u>	<u>\$12.72</u>	<u>\$12.62</u>	<u>\$12.53</u>
<u>3 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$12.52</u>	<u>\$11.49</u>	<u>\$11.16</u>	<u>\$11.00</u>	<u>\$10.87</u>	<u>\$10.80</u>	<u>\$10.77</u>
<u>4 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$11.22</u>	<u>\$10.44</u>	<u>\$10.18</u>	<u>\$10.04</u>	<u>\$9.95</u>	<u>\$9.90</u>	<u>\$9.84</u>
<u>5 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$10.48</u>	<u>\$9.82</u>	<u>\$9.60</u>	<u>\$9.49</u>	<u>\$9.43</u>	<u>\$9.41</u>	<u>\$9.37</u>
<u>6 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$9.97</u>	<u>\$9.41</u>	<u>\$9.18</u>	<u>\$9.11</u>	<u>\$9.05</u>	<u>\$9.00</u>	<u>\$8.99</u>
<u>8 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$9.33</u>	<u>\$8.84</u>	<u>\$8.69</u>	<u>\$8.60</u>	<u>\$8.58</u>	<u>\$8.53</u>	<u>\$8.52</u>

<u>10 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$9.00</u>	<u>\$8.53</u>	<u>\$8.38</u>	<u>\$8.32</u>	<u>\$8.23</u>	<u>\$8.22</u>	<u>\$8.21</u>
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TABLE B. COMMERCIAL – COMPACTED

<u>Times/week collected</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>2 cubic yards</u>	\$28.79	\$28.38	\$28.25	\$28.17	\$28.12	\$26.91	\$26.88
<u>3 cubic yards</u>	\$26.96	\$26.67	\$26.57	\$26.53	\$26.51	\$26.50	\$26.49
<u>4 cubic yards</u>	\$25.80	\$25.73	\$25.71	\$25.70	\$25.68	\$25.65	\$25.51
<u>5 cubic yards</u>	\$25.31	\$25.26	\$25.23	\$25.22	\$25.22	\$25.21	\$25.09
<u>6 cubic yards</u>	\$24.98	\$24.93	\$24.91	\$24.89	\$24.89	\$24.87	\$24.64
<u>8 cubic yards</u>	\$24.64	\$24.54	\$24.48	\$24.47	\$24.47	\$24.47	\$24.46

<u>Times/week collected</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>2 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$30.81</u>	<u>\$30.37</u>	<u>\$30.23</u>	<u>\$30.14</u>	<u>\$30.09</u>	<u>\$28.79</u>	<u>\$28.76</u>
<u>3 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$28.85</u>	<u>\$28.54</u>	<u>\$28.43</u>	<u>\$28.39</u>	<u>\$28.37</u>	<u>\$28.36</u>	<u>\$28.34</u>
<u>4 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$27.61</u>	<u>\$27.53</u>	<u>\$27.51</u>	<u>\$27.50</u>	<u>\$27.48</u>	<u>\$27.45</u>	<u>\$27.30</u>
<u>5 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$27.08</u>	<u>\$27.03</u>	<u>\$27.00</u>	<u>\$26.99</u>	<u>\$26.99</u>	<u>\$26.97</u>	<u>\$26.85</u>
<u>6 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$26.73</u>	<u>\$26.68</u>	<u>\$26.65</u>	<u>\$26.63</u>	<u>\$26.63</u>	<u>\$26.61</u>	<u>\$26.36</u>
<u>8 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$26.36</u>	<u>\$26.26</u>	<u>\$26.19</u>	<u>\$26.18</u>	<u>\$26.18</u>	<u>\$26.18</u>	<u>26.17</u>

TABLE C. MULTI-FAMILY – UNCOMPACTED

Times/week collected	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 cubic yard	\$18.96	\$16.42	\$15.58	\$15.15	\$14.90	\$14.73	\$14.60
2 cubic yards	\$11.78	\$10.46	\$10.06	\$9.81	\$9.69	\$9.58	\$9.53
3 cubic yards	\$9.51	\$8.54	\$8.24	\$8.07	\$7.97	\$7.89	\$7.87
4 cubic yards	\$8.29	\$7.55	\$7.31	\$7.18	\$7.07	\$7.03	\$7.01
5 cubic yards	\$7.58	\$6.99	\$6.78	\$6.66	\$6.59	\$6.55	\$6.54
6 cubic yards	\$7.10	\$6.57	\$6.40	\$6.30	\$6.27	\$6.21	\$6.19
8 cubic yards	\$6.51	\$6.05	\$5.92	\$5.85	\$5.81	\$5.77	\$5.76
10 cubic yards	\$6.21	\$5.77	\$5.63	\$5.55	\$5.50	\$5.48	\$5.47

<u>Times/week collected</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>1 cubic yard</u>	<u>\$20.29</u>	<u>\$17.57</u>	<u>\$16.67</u>	<u>\$16.21</u>	<u>\$15.94</u>	<u>\$15.76</u>	<u>\$15.62</u>
<u>2 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$12.60</u>	<u>\$11.19</u>	<u>\$10.76</u>	<u>\$10.50</u>	<u>\$10.37</u>	<u>\$10.25</u>	<u>\$10.20</u>
<u>3 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$10.18</u>	<u>\$9.14</u>	<u>\$8.82</u>	<u>\$8.63</u>	<u>\$8.53</u>	<u>\$8.44</u>	<u>\$8.42</u>
<u>4 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$8.87</u>	<u>\$8.08</u>	<u>\$7.82</u>	<u>\$7.68</u>	<u>\$7.56</u>	<u>\$7.52</u>	<u>\$7.50</u>
<u>5 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$8.11</u>	<u>\$7.48</u>	<u>\$7.25</u>	<u>\$7.13</u>	<u>\$7.05</u>	<u>\$7.01</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>
<u>6 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$7.60</u>	<u>\$7.03</u>	<u>\$6.85</u>	<u>\$6.74</u>	<u>\$6.71</u>	<u>\$6.64</u>	<u>\$6.62</u>
<u>8 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$6.97</u>	<u>\$6.47</u>	<u>\$6.33</u>	<u>\$6.26</u>	<u>\$6.22</u>	<u>\$6.17</u>	<u>\$6.16</u>
<u>10 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$6.64</u>	<u>\$6.17</u>	<u>\$6.02</u>	<u>\$5.94</u>	<u>\$5.89</u>	<u>\$5.86</u>	<u>\$5.85</u>

TABLE D. MULTI-FAMILY - COMPACTED

<u>Times/week collected</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>2 cubic yards</u>	\$20.00	\$19.61	\$19.45	\$19.38	\$19.33	\$19.29	\$19.26
<u>3 cubic yards</u>	\$18.18	\$17.89	\$17.78	\$17.73	\$17.70	\$17.69	\$17.68
<u>4 cubic yards</u>	\$17.21	\$17.05	\$16.96	\$16.94	\$16.91	\$16.88	\$16.86
<u>5 cubic yards</u>	\$16.70	\$16.54	\$16.47	\$16.43	\$16.42	\$16.42	\$16.41
<u>6 cubic yards</u>	\$16.33	\$16.18	\$16.13	\$16.12	\$16.11	\$16.11	\$16.08
<u>8 cubic yards</u>	\$15.85	\$15.76	\$15.73	\$15.70	\$15.67	\$15.67	\$15.66

<u>Times/week collected</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>2 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$21.40</u>	<u>\$20.98</u>	<u>\$20.81</u>	<u>\$20.74</u>	<u>\$20.68</u>	<u>\$20.64</u>	<u>\$20.61</u>
<u>3 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$19.45</u>	<u>\$19.14</u>	<u>\$19.02</u>	<u>\$18.97</u>	<u>\$18.94</u>	<u>\$18.93</u>	<u>\$18.92</u>
<u>4 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$18.41</u>	<u>\$18.24</u>	<u>\$18.15</u>	<u>\$18.13</u>	<u>\$18.09</u>	<u>\$18.06</u>	<u>\$18.04</u>
<u>5 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$17.87</u>	<u>\$17.70</u>	<u>\$17.62</u>	<u>\$17.58</u>	<u>\$17.57</u>	<u>\$17.57</u>	<u>\$17.56</u>
<u>6 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$17.47</u>	<u>\$17.31</u>	<u>\$17.26</u>	<u>\$17.25</u>	<u>\$17.24</u>	<u>\$17.24</u>	<u>\$17.21</u>
<u>8 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$16.96</u>	<u>\$16.86</u>	<u>\$16.83</u>	<u>\$16.80</u>	<u>\$16.77</u>	<u>\$16.77</u>	<u>\$16.76</u>

TABLE E. CARDBOARD

Times/week collected	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2 cubic yards	\$5.26	\$5.26	\$5.26	\$5.26	\$5.26	\$5.26	\$5.26
3 cubic yards	\$4.65	\$4.65	\$4.65	\$4.65	\$4.65	\$4.65	\$4.65
4 cubic yards	\$4.37	\$4.37	\$4.37	\$4.37	\$4.37	\$4.37	\$4.37
6 cubic yards	\$2.91	\$2.91	\$2.91	\$2.91	\$2.91	\$2.91	\$2.91
8 cubic yards	\$2.17	\$2.17	\$2.17	\$2.17	\$2.17	\$2.17	\$2.17

<u>Times/week collected</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>2 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$5.63</u>	<u>\$5.63</u>	<u>\$5.63</u>	<u>\$5.63</u>	<u>\$5.63</u>	<u>\$5.63</u>	<u>\$5.63</u>
<u>3 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$4.98</u>	<u>\$4.98</u>	<u>\$4.98</u>	<u>\$4.98</u>	<u>\$4.98</u>	<u>\$4.98</u>	<u>\$4.98</u>
<u>4 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$4.68</u>	<u>\$4.68</u>	<u>\$4.68</u>	<u>\$4.68</u>	<u>\$4.68</u>	<u>\$4.68</u>	<u>\$4.68</u>
<u>6 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$3.11</u>	<u>\$3.11</u>	<u>\$3.11</u>	<u>\$3.11</u>	<u>\$3.11</u>	<u>\$3.11</u>	<u>\$3.11</u>
<u>8 cubic yards</u>	<u>\$2.32</u>	<u>\$2.32</u>	<u>\$2.32</u>	<u>\$2.32</u>	<u>\$2.32</u>	<u>\$2.32</u>	<u>\$2.32</u>

d. There is a one-time placement fee of \$14.48 ~~\$13.53~~ for each temporary bulk container.

- (6) *Special service charges for private collection.* For nonresidential collection, the special service charge for a privately collected roll off container is \$2.34 ~~\$2.19~~ per cubic yard capacity times the compaction ratio.

For existing nonautomated multifamily back door, door to door apartment private collection, the monthly special service charge for private collections is \$2.34 ~~\$2.19~~ per

cubic yard capacity times the compaction ratio times the frequency of pickup per month, plus an annual monitoring fee of \$7.30 ~~\$6.82~~ per unit. The monitoring fee is to be paid annually in advance.

- a. The special service charge for all other multifamily units privately collected will be \$7.30 ~~\$6.82~~ per unit per month (condominium, apartment, mobile home park, etc.).
 - b. All existing nonautomated multifamily apartment back door collection, door to door by the owner, shall be allowed to continue for so long as it remains impractical for the City to provide such service.
- (b) *Special services.* All materials accumulated and/or declared of a special nature by the POD will be collected on a time and material basis as determined by the POD, except those services and charges as follows:
- Special collections, per cubic yard with one cubic yard minimum \$25.65 ~~\$23.97~~
- Dead animal pickup, per animal \$16.07 ~~\$15.02~~
- Lot clearing, per lot plus actual cost of clearing lot \$94.17 ~~\$88.01~~
- Surcharge per truck load of seafood (will be prorated where more than one customer contributes seafood to the truckload) \$144.87 ~~\$135.39~~
- (c) *Deposit required.* Deposits for sanitation services in subsection (a) of this section shall be collected and held in accordance with the policies and procedures in section 27-3.
- (d) *Deposit amounts, sanitation.* The sanitation service deposits shall be in the following amounts:
- (1) *Curbside or alley service.*
 - a. Single-family residential \$64.69 ~~\$60.46~~.
 - b. Multifamily residential, per living unit \$64.69 ~~\$60.46~~.
 - (2) *Commercial and special residential service.* Two times the estimated monthly charge for the type of service to be provided.
 - (3) *Deposits for service outside the limits of the City.* Subject to a 25 percent increase.
- (e) *Water service.* All sanitation charges will apply for a water service in active status. A flat sanitation standby charge will apply for a water service in standby status. Sanitation charges will only be waived when water service has been discontinued.

SECTION TWO. Coding: As used in this ordinance, language appearing in struck-through type is language to be deleted from the City Code, and underlined language is language to be added to the City Code, in the section, subsection, or other location where indicated. Language in the City Code not appearing in this ordinance continues in full force and effect unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. Sections of this ordinance that amend the City Code to add new sections or subsections are generally not underlined.

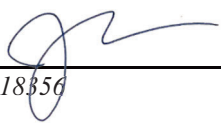
SECTION THREE. The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to be severable. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION FOUR. The rates and fees established by this ordinance shall be utilized in calculating customers' bills beginning on October 1, 2025.

SECTION FIVE. COMPLIANCE WITH § 166.041(4), FLORIDA STATUTES. This ordinance is related to revenue sources necessary to fund the budget. Therefore, a business impact estimate was not required and was not prepared for this ordinance.

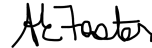
SECTION SIX. In the event this ordinance is not vetoed by the Mayor in accordance with the City Charter, it shall become effective after the fifth business day after adoption unless the Mayor notifies the City Council through written notice filed with the City Clerk that the Mayor will not veto the ordinance, in which case the ordinance shall take effect immediately upon filing such written notice with the City Clerk. In the event this ordinance is vetoed by the Mayor, in accordance with the City Charter, it shall not become effective unless and until the City Council overrides the veto, in which case it shall become effective immediately upon a successful vote to override the veto.

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ADMINISTRATION:



ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO UTILITY RATES; AMENDING SECTION 27-405, SUBSECTIONS (b)(1) AND (b)(2) OF THE ST. PETERSBURG CITY CODE; AMENDING THE STORMWATER UTILITY FEE; AMENDING THE TIERED RATE STRUCTURE FEES FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PARCELS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; PROVIDING AN EXPLANATION OF WORDS STRUCK THROUGH AND UNDERLINED; ESTABLISHING A DATE TO BEGIN CALCULATING NEW RATES FOR BILLING PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Subsections 27-405(b)(1) and 27-405(b)(2) of the St. Petersburg City Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-405. Stormwater management system utility fee.

(b) *Scheduled rates.* The following uniform schedule of utility rates for services and facilities of the stormwater system is hereby established:

(1) A monthly stormwater system utility fee of ~~\$19.78~~ 23.24 per month is established as the rate for each SFU.

(2) Each SFRP is grouped into the following categories for purposes of calculating stormwater charges based upon their measured impervious area:

Tier	Impervious Area	Fee
Tier 1	Less than 1,600 square feet	\$ 9.94 <u>11.68</u>
Tier 2	1,601 square feet – 3,200 square feet	\$ 19.78 <u>23.24</u>
Tier 3	3,201 square feet – 4,800 square feet	\$ 31.06 <u>36.50</u>
Tier 4	More than 4,801 square feet	\$ 46.34 <u>54.45</u>

SECTION 2. The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to be severable. If any provision of this ordinance is determined unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of any other provisions of this ordinance.

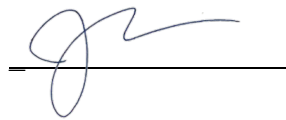
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SECTION 4. The rates established by this ordinance shall be utilized in calculating customers' bills beginning on October 1, 2025.

SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH § 166.041(4), FLORIDA STATUTES. This ordinance is related to revenue sources necessary to fund the budget. Therefore, a business impact estimate was not required and was not prepared for this ordinance.


SECTION 6. In the event that this ordinance is not vetoed by the Mayor in accordance with the City Charter, it shall become effective after the fifth business day after adoption unless the Mayor notifies the City Council through written notice filed with the City Clerk that the Mayor will not veto the ordinance, in which case the ordinance shall take effect immediately upon filing such written notice with the City Clerk. In the event this ordinance is vetoed by the Mayor in accordance with the City Charter, it shall not become effective unless and until the City Council overrides the veto in accordance with the City Charter, in which case it shall become effective immediately upon a successful vote to override the veto.

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ADMINISTRATION:



ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO UTILITY RATES AND CHARGES; AMENDING CHAPTER 27, SECTIONS 27-4 (c), 27-6, 27-109 (b), 27-109 (d), 27-113 (b), 27-141 (a), 27-141 (b), 27-142 (a), 27-143 (b), 27-144, 27-146 (b), 27-146 (d), 27-177 (a), 27-177 (d), 27-250 (a), 27-283 (a), 27-284 (a), 27-284 (d), AND 27-337 OF THE ST. PETERSBURG CITY CODE; AMENDING OWNER LIABILITY FOR CERTAIN CHARGES; ADDING ADJUSTMENT RELIEF FOR POOL REFILLS FOLLOWING A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY; AMENDING CHARGES FOR POTABLE WATER CONNECTION; AMENDING BASE AND VOLUME CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE; AMENDING VARIOUS SERVICE CHARGES; AMENDING WHOLESALE WATER SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF GULFPORT; AMENDING FIRE SERVICE CHARGES; AMENDING RATES AND CHARGES FOR IRRIGATION ONLY ACCOUNTS; AMENDING RATES AND CHARGES FOR COMMERCIAL WATER ONLY ACCOUNTS; AMENDING RATES AND CHARGES FOR RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE; AMENDING SEWER CAPACITY FEE; AMENDING RETAIL AND WHOLESALE WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGES; AMENDING GREASE MANAGEMENT FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; PROVIDING AN EXPLANATION OF WORDS STRUCK THROUGH AND UNDERLINED; ESTABLISHING A DATE TO BEGIN CALCULATING NEW CHARGES FOR BILLING PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Subsection 27-4 (c) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-4. Liability for charges; liens.

- (c) When utility services are found on for a premises that does not have approved utility service established by the City and unauthorized water consumption occurs, a utility account shall be activated in the name of the owner as reflected in the records of the Pinellas County Property Appraiser for any unauthorized water consumption and utility service. The City shall be responsible to look no further than the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Office for property owner information. The account shall be billed the found on administrative charge per bill pursuant to section 27-141(b)(16) applicable deposits, and the owner will be charged for all unauthorized water consumption and utility service.

SECTION 2. Section 27-6 of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to add a new subsection (i) to read as follows:

Sec. 27-6. Adjustments to accounts.

- (i) Sewer volume adjustment for swimming pool drain and refill due to flooding or storm surge following a state of emergency. In addition to any other relief available in this section, customers who must drain and fill a pool due to flooding or storm surge within the 60 days following the declaration of a state of emergency under the City's Emergency Code for a hurricane or flooding event may apply for a single adjustment of their sewer volume charges for the filling of the pool. In order to obtain a sewer charge adjustment, the customer must provide a written request seeking the adjustment and submit documentation that the pool was impacted by flooding or storm surge and establishing the date the pool was filled. For good cause shown, the 60-day deadline may be extended by six months and the single fill may be increased to two fills. In calculating the sewer charge adjustment, the sewer volume shall be reduced either to an amount equivalent to the customer's average sewer volume for the three-month period prior to filling of the pool or to an amount reflecting a reduction by the gallonage of the pool, whichever results in lesser adjustment. No adjustments shall be made to the water charges or volume for pool fillings.

SECTION 3. Subsection 27-109 (b) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-109. Charges.

- (b) *Potable services.* Charges for connection to the City water system are hereby established as follows:

Service Size (in inches)	Connection Charge
5/8 or 3/4	\$1,301.53 <u>\$1,395.89</u>
1	\$1,556.17 <u>\$1,668.99</u>
1 1/2	\$4,753.40 <u>\$5,098.02</u>

2 or larger	Actual costs not to exceed 10% more than the written, estimated costs provided to customer prior to installation
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Charges for connections in this section include costs of: Tap, meter, meter setting, dual check or double check backflow preventer, labor and other materials to complete such connection.

- (1) In certain applications having a higher potential for contamination of the water system, the City may require a reduced pressure backflow preventer instead of the dual check or double check backflow preventer. For such connections, in addition to the connection charges referenced above, an estimated additional charge will be required to pay for the increased costs for specialized equipment. Upon completion of installation, the actual charges for the connection will be determined, and a refund or additional charge made.
- (2) Water service connection charges do not include water main extensions which may be required to extend the water system to the customer's property.
- (3) Payment for water services larger than those listed in the above table and for water main extensions shall be made in advance and based upon estimated cost. Upon completion of the installation, actual charges for the connection will be determined and a refund or additional charge made.

SECTION 4. Subsection 27-109 (d) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (d) *Meter relocation.* All meter relocations on the same property will be done at actual cost. A minimum of ~~\$339.53~~ \$364.15 will be charged for all meter relocations. Any cost exceeding this minimum charge will be billed to the customer.

SECTION 5. Subsection 27-113 (b) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-113. Portable meters.

- (b) *Charges.* Charges for water and reclaimed water utilizing portable meters shall be billed on a monthly basis. The monthly base charge shall be billed according to the base charge for a three-inch potable water meter set forth in section 27-141. The monthly base charge shall be prorated based on the number of days a portable meter is in use, if a portable meter is returned to the City prior to the end of a given month. Consumption recorded for portable water meters shall be billed at the established rate per 1,000 gallons of flow at the first ~~5,600~~ 3,500 gallons rate as set forth in section 27-141. Consumption recorded for portable reclaimed water meters shall be billed at the established rate set forth in section 27-177. In addition, a ~~\$50.93~~ \$54.62 service charge shall be applied to the initial monthly bill. The City shall consider the portable meter in use on the date such portable meter is connected to the water or reclaimed water system, until the meter is returned to the City in good working

condition. The City reserves the right to require the return of the portable meter at any time. Repairs or replacement to damaged meters, equipment and or attachments shall be billed at actual cost. If a meter is not returned within 15 calendar days of the request by the City, a replacement fee for actual cost of replacements shall be charged to the customer.

SECTION 6. Subsection 27-141 (a) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-141. Established; amount; service categories defined; surcharge.

(a) *Monthly use rate.* City water customers will be charged monthly base and volume charges as set forth in the following subsections:

(1) *Base charges.* The base charges, determined by meter size, are listed in the following table:

Meter Size (in inches)	Base Charge
5/8 or 3/4	\$10.35 \$11.00
1	\$18.23 \$19.37
1½	\$45.82 \$48.68
2	\$56.33 \$59.85
3	\$135.15 \$143.60
4	\$266.53 \$283.19
6	\$529.27 \$562.35
8	\$923.39 \$981.10
10	\$1,448.88 \$1,539.44
12	\$1,744.47 \$1,853.50

(2) *Volume charges.* Volume charges, determined by gallons used, are listed in the following tables:

- a. For single-family dwelling customers, \$2.64 for each 1,000 gallons consumed as cost of water from Tampa Bay Water and an inverted rate as follows:

Volume Charges

Single-Family Dwelling Customer

Rates Per 1,000 Gallons

by Gallonage Increments

First 3,500	\$3.79 \$4.19
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Next 3,500	\$5.94 <u>\$6.48</u>
Next 3,500	\$14.51 <u>\$15.58</u>
Over 10,500	\$23.09 <u>\$24.70</u>

- b. For multifamily dwelling customers, \$2.64 for each 1,000 gallons consumed as cost of water from Tampa Bay Water and an inverted rate as follows:

Volume Charges

Multifamily Dwelling Customer

Rates Per 1,000 Gallons

Total Volume Divided by Number

of Dwelling Units Served by Meter

First 3,500 per unit	\$3.79 <u>\$4.19</u>
Next 3,500 per unit	\$5.94 <u>\$6.48</u>
Next 3,500 per unit	\$14.51 <u>\$15.58</u>
Over 10,500 per unit	\$23.09 <u>\$24.70</u>

- c. For commercial customers, \$2.64 for each 1,000 gallons consumed as cost of water from Tampa Bay Water and an inverted rate as follows:

Volume Charges

Commercial Customer

Rates Per 1,000 Gallons

Gallonage Based on Monthly

Average per

Commercial Customer

Up to average	\$3.79 <u>\$4.19</u>
Average to 2.0 times the average	\$5.94 <u>\$6.48</u>
2.0 to 3.0 times the average	\$14.51 <u>\$15.58</u>
Over 3.0 times the average	\$23.09 <u>\$24.70</u>

A monthly average of a 12-month period will be calculated per commercial customer for each fiscal year beginning October 1. The 12-month period utilized will be October through September of the preceding fiscal year and will be updated annually. For new commercial customers without consumption history,

the lowest block rate will be utilized until a 12-month period between October and September is completed.

A commercial customer who experiences changed business conditions which would necessitate a revised calculation of the monthly average, may request a water use evaluation by the City. The City may calculate a new average based on that evaluation. After receiving notice of the results of the evaluation, the customer may appeal these results to the Utility Billing Review Committee within 14 days by filing notice of appeal with the City Clerk.

SECTION 7. Subsection 27-141 (b) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) *Utility water service charges rate.*

- (1) Change account status from active to standby ~~\$11.32~~ \$12.14
- (2) Utility lien recording and releasing fee ~~\$39.61~~ \$42.48
- (3) Turn-on or turn-off service ~~\$28.29~~ \$30.34
- (4) Charges in subsections (b)(3) and (8) of this section nonbusiness hours add ~~\$22.64~~ \$24.28
- (5) Reread meter (customer request) ~~\$22.64~~ \$24.28
- (6) New account activation charge ~~\$33.95~~ \$36.41

Plus deposit as required pursuant to section 27-3;

- (7) Lock-off charge for nonpayment ~~\$28.29~~ \$30.34
- (8) Turn-on charge after nonpayment ~~\$28.29~~ \$30.34
- (9) Reinstallation of meter on existing service ~~\$367.82~~ \$394.49

Plus deposit as required pursuant to section 27-3;

- (10) Tampering with a water service, pursuant to section 27-82(c), plus estimated water bill ~~\$113.18~~ \$121.39
- (11) Unauthorized use of fire hydrant, plus estimated water bill \$500.00
- (12) Notification of service termination ~~\$4.53~~ \$4.86
- (13) Re-inspection fee due to inaccessible meter ~~\$56.59~~ \$60.69
- (14) Notification of past due account ~~\$4.53~~ \$4.86
- (15) Special tests for change meters, large meters, and fire flow tests ~~\$147.13~~ \$157.80
- (16) Found on administrative charge pursuant to section 27-4 (c) \$66.75.

SECTION 8. Subsection 27-142 (a) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-142. Wholesale water customers.

- (a) Wholesale water service shall be provided to the City of Gulfport at a uniform volume rate of ~~\$6,545.00~~ \$6,838.00 per million gallons effective October 1, ~~2024~~ 2025. Charges and surcharges shall be added to the uniform volume rate in accordance with the terms of the City of Gulfport's wholesale water service agreement with the City of St. Petersburg, including, but not limited to, a 25 percent outside the City surcharge.

SECTION 9. Section 27-143 (b) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-143. Fire service.

- (b) *Monthly use rate.* City water service area customers who have either dedicated or combination fire service will be charged a monthly base charge and volume charge as set forth below in addition to the monthly charges established in section 27-141 and will be billed with water and sewer service billings:

- (1) *Base charge.* The base charges, determined by meter size are listed below:

a. *Dedicated fire service.*

Meter Size in Inches	Base Charge
1½	\$1.90 <u>\$2.02</u>
2	\$1.99 <u>\$2.11</u>
3	\$4.97 <u>\$5.28</u>
4	\$6.63 <u>\$7.04</u>
6	\$8.70 <u>\$9.24</u>
8	\$12.10 <u>\$12.86</u>
10	\$18.40 <u>\$19.55</u>

b. *Combination fire service.*

Meter Size in Inches	Base Charge
1½	\$4.03 <u>\$4.28</u>
2	\$4.40 <u>\$4.68</u>
3	\$16.44 <u>\$17.47</u>
4	\$20.14 <u>\$21.40</u>
6	\$32.35 <u>\$34.37</u>
8	\$46.72 <u>\$49.64</u>
10	\$71.62 <u>\$76.10</u>

- (2) *Volume charge.* Volume charge shall be the prevailing retail rate for potable water established in section 27-141.

SECTION 10. Section 27-144 of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-144. Irrigation only accounts.

- (a) *New connections.* All new connections to the water mains for irrigation only purposes shall be made by the City. The following connection charges shall apply.

New Irrigation Only Service	
Meter Size in Inches	Connection Charges
5/8 or 3/4	\$1,103.47 <u>\$1,183.47</u>
1	\$1,443.00 <u>\$1,547.62</u>
1 1/2	\$4,425.19 <u>\$4,746.02</u>

Charges for connections in this section include the costs of: Tap, meter, meter setting, backflow preventer as required by chapter 27, labor and other materials to complete such connection.

- (1) Water service connection charges for irrigation only purposes do not include water main extensions which may be required to extend the water system to the customer's property.
 - (2) Payment for water services larger than those listed in the above table and for water main extensions shall be made in advance based upon an estimated cost. Upon completion of the installation, actual charges for the connection will be determined and a refund or additional charge billed to the customer. Actual costs shall not exceed ten percent more than the estimated cost.
 - (3) The customer shall be required to obtain an irrigation only permit, the charge shall be ~~\$51.25~~ \$54.97 per permit issued. All irrigation only permits shall be issued by the Reclaimed Water section of the Water Resources Department.
- (b) *Existing connections.* Customers with two potable water connections; one serving domestic water use and the other serving as an irrigation only connection may request to have the customer's irrigation connection designated as an irrigation only account. Any customer wishing to convert an existing account to an irrigation only account shall be required to pay the following connection charges.

Existing Irrigation Only Service	
Meter Size in Inches	Connection Charges
5/8 or 3/4	\$713.01 <u>\$764.70</u>
1	\$933.70 <u>\$1,001.39</u>

Customers requesting an existing irrigation only water service to be designated as an irrigation only account shall submit a request to the City on provided forms. Upon designation of the account as an irrigation only account, the City may take a minimum of two billing cycles for this

service to be activated and irrigation only charges to be used in calculating a customer's bill. No retroactive refunds shall be given to customers for existing irrigation only water service account.

- (c) *Monthly irrigation only account charges.* Customers with an irrigation only account shall not be charged fees for wastewater services for that account but shall pay a base charge based on the meter connection size, and also shall pay the Tampa Bay Water volume charge and the tiered volume rate based on water consumption as follows:

Irrigation Only Base and Volume Charges							
Meter Size (inches)	Base Fee ⁺	Volume Rates (per 1,000 Gallons)			Consumption Ranges (in Gallons)		
		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
¾	\$14.62 \$15.58	\$14.51 \$6.48	\$23.09 \$15.58	\$24.70	10,500 0 - 7,000	10,501 and over 7,001-10,500	10,501 and up
1	\$22.50 \$23.95	\$14.51 \$6.48	\$23.09 \$15.58	\$24.70	23,100 0-15,400	23,101 and over 15,401-23,100	23,101 and up
1½	\$50.09 \$53.26	\$14.51 \$6.48	\$23.09 \$15.58	\$24.70	67,200 0-44,800	67,201 and over 44,801-67,200	67,201 and up
2	\$60.60 \$64.43	\$14.51 \$6.48	\$23.09 \$15.58	\$24.70	84,000 0-56,000	84,001 and over 56,001-84,000	84,001 and up
3	\$139.42 \$148.18	\$14.51 \$6.48	\$23.09 \$15.58	\$24.70	210,000 0-140,000	210,001 and over 140,001-210,000	210,001 and up
4	\$270.80 \$287.77	\$14.51 \$6.48	\$23.09 \$15.58	\$24.70	420,000 0-280,000	420,001 and over 280,001-420,000	420,001 and up
6	\$533.54 \$566.93	\$14.51 \$6.48	\$23.09 \$15.58	\$24.70	840,000 0-560,000	840,001 and over 560,001-840,000	840,001 and up
8	\$927.66 \$985.68	\$14.51 \$6.48	\$23.09 \$15.58	\$24.70	1,470,000 0-980,000	1,470,001 and over 980,001-1,470,000	1,470,001 and up
10	\$1,453.15 \$1,544.02	\$14.51 \$6.48	\$23.09 \$15.58	\$24.70	2,310,000 0-1,540,000	2,310,001 and over 1,540,001-2,310,000	2,310,001 and up
12	\$1,748.74 \$1,858.08	\$14.51 \$6.48	\$23.09 \$15.58	\$24.70	2,782,500 0-1,820,000	2,782,501 and over 1,820,001-2,730,000	2,730,001 and up
Tampa Bay Water: \$2.64 per 1,000 Gallons							

*Base ~~charge~~ fee includes annual inspection fee divided by 12

- (d) A surcharge of 25 percent shall be added to all charges established in this section for irrigation only service outside the City.

SECTION 11. Subsection 27-146 (b) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-146. Commercial water only account.

- (b) *Application for commercial water only account.* Each commercial customer requesting a commercial water only account shall submit an application form provided by the City along with a nonrefundable application fee in the amount of ~~\$113.18~~ \$121.39. Each commercial customer shall provide documentation demonstrating that the metered water for such account will not enter the City's wastewater system. The following information shall be submitted with each application:
- (1) Name, mailing address, email address, phone number, name of representative for contact purposes and the commercial customer's existing City Utility Account Number, if applicable.
 - (2) A drawing or schematic of the commercial customer's property, building and premises showing the existing and proposed plumbing with the proposed and/or existing meter locations(s) and the wastewater discharge points clearly identified. In addition, the drawing shall identify the location of any cooling towers and any other systems or equipment using potable water.
 - (3) Executed consent form granting the City the right to conduct unplanned inspections of the commercial customer's property and premises at any time during business operations, including the right of City inspector's to temporarily shut off water to any water service provided by the City to the commercial customer in order to determine if any unauthorized connections have been made. The commercial customer shall also agree to cooperate with any reasonable requests during the inspection, including any request by the City to operate private valves to ensure no cross connection exists.

Upon receipt of a completed application, the City will review the information provided, conduct an inspection and approve or deny the request for a commercial water only account. The inspection will be scheduled to confirm that water delivered through the meter for a commercial water only account is not returned to the wastewater system. A commercial customer who fails to pass the required inspection shall be required to pay a fee of ~~\$51.25~~ \$54.97 for each subsequent inspection required. The City may reject any application that is missing one or more items of information or documentation that is required in order to complete the application. A commercial customer whose application for a commercial water only account is denied may re-file the application upon the inclusion of the information or documentation previously determined by the City to be deficient.

Upon approval of the application for commercial water only account, the City will make the necessary connection to the water system in accordance with the City's routine practices, policies and regulations. No credit for wastewater charges shall be made for any water services provided prior to the connection being made for a commercial water only account. The City shall conduct an inspection of the property and premises for each commercial water only account at least once annually.

SECTION 12. Subsection 27-146 (d) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-146. Commercial water only account.

- (d) *Monthly charges.* Commercial customers with a commercial water only account shall not be charged fees for wastewater services for that account; however, the commercial customer shall pay a base charge based on the meter connection size and volume charges based on water consumption as follows:

- (1) *Base charges.* The base charges, determined by meter size, are listed in the following table:

Meter Size (in inches)	Base Charge
$\frac{5}{8}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$	\$14.62 <u>\$15.58</u>
1	\$22.50 <u>\$23.95</u>
1½	\$50.09 <u>\$53.26</u>
2	\$60.60 <u>\$64.43</u>
3	\$139.42 <u>\$148.18</u>
4	\$270.80 <u>\$287.77</u>
6	\$533.54 <u>\$566.93</u>
8	\$927.66 <u>\$985.68</u>
10	\$1,453.15 <u>\$1,544.02</u>
12	\$1,748.74 <u>\$1,858.08</u>

*Base charge includes annual inspection fee divided by 12

- (2) *Volume charges.* The volume charges shall be the same volume charges as set forth in section 27-141(a)(2) for commercial customers.

SECTION 13. Subsection 27-177 (a) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-177. Rates.

- (a) A rate shall be charged to the customers of the reclaimed water system in accordance with the following schedule:
- (1) For nonmetered service for tracts of one acre in size or smaller, the monthly charge shall be ~~\$38.49~~ \$42.24.
 - (2) For nonmetered service for larger tracts an additional monthly charge of ~~\$22.06~~ \$24.21 per each additional acre, or portion thereof in excess of one acre, shall be added to the fee of ~~be \$38.49~~ \$42.24 per month.
 - (3) For customers on metered service, the charge shall be ~~\$1.07~~ \$1.17 per 1,000 gallons per month, but in no case shall the charge be less than ~~\$38.49~~ \$42.24 per month.
 - (4) A surcharge of 25 percent will be added for service outside the City.
 - (5) The customer shall be required to obtain a reclaimed water permit, the charge shall be ~~\$51.25~~ \$54.97 per permit issued. This fee will cover the initial inspection fee and turn-

on fee. All reclaimed water permits shall be issued by the Reclaimed Water section of the Water Resources Department.

- (6) For turn-on of an established service which will include a reinspection, the customer shall be required to pay a fee of ~~\$102.50~~ \$109.94.

SECTION 14. Subsection 27-177 (d) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (d) All connections to the reclaimed water system shall be approved by the POD. The total connection charge will consist of the tapping fee for the reclaimed water service and the fee for installing a backflow prevention device on each potable water service serving the same tract.
- (1) All reclaimed water connections smaller than two inches and involving potable water services smaller than two inches will be charged an average, actual cost as determined annually by the POD. Payment of reclaimed water connection charges will be paid in advance at the time service is requested.
- (2) All other reclaimed water connections will be charged actual costs as determined by the POD. An estimate of the actual cost will be paid in advance for those connections involving a reclaimed service or backflow prevention device two inches and larger. Upon completion of the installation, actual charges not to exceed the estimated costs by more than ten percent will be determined, and a refund or additional charge made.
- (3) A surcharge of 25 percent shall be added to the above connection charges for service outside the City.
- (4) The hose connection assemblies shall consist of one hose connection, one lock box and key, and 50 feet of color coded hose with a special cam lock connection.
- (5) The charge for the hose connection assembly as described herein will be ~~\$235.96~~ \$253.07 for 50 feet or ~~\$321.38~~ \$344.68 for 100 feet per assembly plus a ~~\$51.25~~ \$54.97 inspection fee.
- (6) All repairs and replacement materials for the assembly shall meet all City standard specifications as contained in the reclaimed water policies and procedures.
- (7) Materials shall be available at the current rate charged by the City's warehouse or authorized City vendors.

SECTION 15. Subsection 27-250 (a) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-250. Sewer capacity fee.

- (a) For all new buildings and structures, the applicant for a building permit shall, prior to the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, pay a sewer capacity fee as provided herein. For

buildings and structures which are renovated or to which additions are added, the applicant shall, at the time of application for issuance of a building permit, pay a sewer capacity fee as provided herein. The sewer capacity fee to be charged is as follows:

- (1) *New residential units.* Single-family, apartment, condominium, mobile home, hotel or motel, ~~\$600.00~~ \$1,000.00 per water closet.
- (2) *New and renovated commercial structures.* Commercial structures, ~~\$600.00~~ \$1,000 per water closet, excluding restaurants, theaters, carwashes, laundries and other commercial enterprises making more than a normal demand on the sewer system, all of which shall be treated under the industrial category.
- (3) *New and renovated industrial structures.* Shall be determined based on the number of gallons to be used and the demand on system.
- (4) *Service outside the City.* A surcharge of 25 percent will be added to capacity fees for service outside the City.

SECTION 16. Subsection 27-283 (a) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-283. Wastewater service charge.

- (a) *Established, amount.* There is hereby established and imposed upon the owners and/or occupants of all premises which are connected to the sewer system a charge, to be designated "wastewater service charge," which charge shall be based upon the amount of water used on the premises except for that amount of water used for irrigation only accounts as established pursuant to section 27-144, as shown by the following schedule:

- (1) A base charge per month based upon meter size in accordance with the following table:

Meter Size (inches)	Base Charge
$\frac{5}{8}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$	\$26.49 <u>\$28.54</u>
1	\$53.74 <u>\$57.90</u>
1½	\$149.12 <u>\$160.68</u>
2	\$185.46 <u>\$199.83</u>
3	\$457.99 <u>\$493.48</u>
4	\$912.20 <u>\$982.90</u>
6	\$1,820.62 <u>\$1,961.72</u>
8	\$3,183.25 <u>\$3,429.95</u>
10	\$5,000.09 <u>\$5,387.60</u>
12	\$6,022.07 <u>\$6,488.78</u>

- (2) In addition to the base charge, there shall be a charge of ~~\$10.21~~ \$11.00 for each 1,000 gallons of potable water registered on the water meter.

- (3) Rates charged to customers outside the City in accordance with subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall have added to the rate a surcharge of 25 percent of the total wastewater charge.
- (4) The base charge and any volume charge will apply on all active services; the base charge will apply to all service in standby status; only when a service has been removed will the base charge not be in effect.

SECTION 17. Subsection 27-284 (a) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-284. Wholesale wastewater customers.

- (a) Wholesale wastewater service shall be provided to the City of Gulfport; the City of South Pasadena; Bear Creek Sanitary Sewer District, Pinellas County; Ft. Desoto, Pinellas County; the City of Treasure Island; and Sunshine Water Services at a uniform volume rate of ~~\$6,531.00~~ \$7,179.00 per million gallons for wholesale wastewater service effective October 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, based upon metered wastewater flows.

SECTION 18. Subsection 27-284 (d) of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (d) Wholesale wastewater service shall be provided to the City of St. Pete Beach at an estimated rate including a uniform operation and maintenance volume rate of ~~\$3,349.00~~ \$3,555.00 per million gallons and a monthly capital charge of ~~\$108,323.00~~ \$134,792.00 for wholesale wastewater service effective October 1, ~~2024~~ 2025. At the end of each fiscal year, actual rates for the fiscal year will be determined in accordance with the terms of the agreement for wholesale wastewater service between the City of St. Petersburg and the City of St. Pete Beach.

SECTION 19. Section 27-337 of the St. Petersburg City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-337. Fees.

These fees are separate and distinct from all other fees chargeable by the City. All fees shall become immediately due and owing to the City upon receipt of invoices for rendition of services or expenditure by the City and shall become delinquent if not fully paid within 30 days after receipt. Any delinquent amount shall be subject to a late charge of 15 percent. Fees are as follows:

- (1) *Grease discharge permit fees.* Grease discharge permit (GDP) fees shall be determined according to the computed average daily water usage by the food handling area, including sanitary wastewater, of the food service facility based on at least six months

accumulated data from the potable water meters. Fees shall be charged annually throughout the duration of the three-year permit and shall be as follows:

0 gallons to 100 gallons per day, per year ~~\$106.77~~ \$114.51

101 gallons to 1,000 gallons per day, per year ~~\$213.54~~ \$229.02

1,001 gallons to 10,000 gallons per day, per year ~~\$320.31~~ \$343.53

Greater than 10,001 gallons per day, per year ~~\$427.08~~ \$458.04

In cases where more than 20 percent of potable water is used for purposes other than in the food handling area, at the pre-permit inspection, the GMP Official shall estimate the food handling area, including sanitary wastewater, water usage based on best professional judgment by taking at least, but not limited to, the following criteria into consideration:

Size of food handling area and number of employees;

Number of meals served per day (if applicable);

Number of seats or beds (if applicable);

Utensils used in food preparation and service;

Types of washing up processes;

Number of sinks, garbage disposals, dishwashers, floor drains, restrooms, etc.;

Total monthly potable water use for at least the previous six-month period; and

Other uses of water within the facility.

In the case of a new facility, best professional judgment shall be applied by the GMP Official to determine the projected average daily water usage by the food handling area using the criteria in this section without the water meter data.

- (2) *Variance fee.* A food service facility applying for a variance from the monthly pumping requirements shall submit an application fee of ~~\$293.62~~ \$314.91 with the application. An application for variance will not be considered until the fee has been submitted.
- (3) *Pre-permit inspection fees.* The charge for the initial pre-permit inspection and the second inspection shall be included as part of the permit application fee. A fee of ~~\$266.93~~ \$286.28 shall be charged to a food service facility if a third pre-permit inspection is required due to the food service facility's failure to correct deficiencies. If a fourth or more inspections are required, a fee of ~~\$533.85~~ \$572.55 shall be charged to the food service facility to recover the cost for each inspection. Such fee shall be in addition to any enforcement actions.
- (4) *Food service facility inspection and re-inspection fees.* There shall be no charge for periodic inspections conducted by GMP Officials on food service facilities with current GDPs. If a grease interceptor or trap has to be re-inspected because of deficiencies

found during the previous inspection by the GMP Official, and all of the deficiencies have been corrected, there shall be no charge for the re-inspection. If all of the deficiencies have not been corrected, a first re-inspection fee of ~~\$160.16~~ \$171.77 shall be charged to the food service facility. If a second re-inspection is required, a second re-inspection fee of ~~\$266.93~~ \$286.28 shall be charged to the food service facility if all of the deficiencies have still not been corrected. If a third or more re-inspections are required a re-inspection fee of ~~\$533.85~~ \$572.55 for each successive re-inspection shall be charged to the food service facility in addition to other enforcement actions if all of the deficiencies have still not been corrected.

- (5) *Demand monitoring fees.* Fees for any demand monitoring, sampling, and analysis of wastewater discharges deemed necessary for the protection of the WRF shall be charged to the food service facility in the amount established in section 27-308(i).
- (6) *Late reporting fee.* Grease haulers are required to submit reports to the City after each pump out. Reports submitted more than 5 days after each pump-out shall be subject to a late fee of ~~\$53.39~~ \$57.26.
- (7) *Grease hauler permit fee.* Each GHP application shall be accompanied by an application fee of ~~\$213.54~~ \$229.02 for an initial application together with a ~~\$53.39~~ \$57.26 vehicle fee for each vehicle included on the application form. Renewal fees - shall be the same as initial application fees.
- (8) *Administrative order fee.* A fee of ~~\$53.39~~ \$57.26 shall be charged to any food service facility requesting an administrative order pursuant to section 27-335(h).

SECTION 20. The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to be severable. If any provision of this ordinance is determined unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of any other provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 21. Coding: As used in this ordinance, language appearing in struck-through type is language to be deleted from the City Code, and underlined language is language to be added to the City Code, in the section, subsection, or other location where indicated. Language in the City Code not appearing in this ordinance continues in full force and effect unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. Sections of this ordinance that amend the City Code to add new sections or subsections are generally not underlined.


SECTION 22. All fees and charges established by this ordinance shall go into effect on October 1, 2025. The rates and charges established by this ordinance shall be utilized in calculating customers' bills beginning on November 1, 2025, for water consumed during the preceding month.

SECTION 23. COMPLIANCE WITH § 166.041(4), FLORIDA STATUTES. Pursuant to City Council resolution 2023-507, a business impact estimate was prepared for this

ordinance and posted on the City's website no later than the date the notice of the proposed ordinance was published.

SECTION 24. In the event that this ordinance is not vetoed by the Mayor in accordance with the City Charter, it shall become effective after the fifth business day after adoption unless the Mayor notifies the City Council through written notice filed with the City Clerk that the Mayor will not veto the ordinance, in which case the ordinance shall take effect immediately upon filing such written notice with the City Clerk. In the event this ordinance is vetoed by the Mayor in accordance with the City Charter, it shall not become effective unless and until the City Council overrides the veto in accordance with the City Charter, in which case it shall become effective immediately upon a successful vote to override the veto.

LEGAL:


City Attorney (designee)
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ADMINISTRATION:



WATER RECOMMENDATIONS

CONNECTIONS AND METERS

Potable Water Connection Charges: 27-109(b)			
Size of Service Size (in inches)	FY25	FY26	Difference
5/8"	\$1,301.53	\$1,395.89	7.25%
1"	\$1,556.17	\$1,668.99	7.25%
1.5"	\$4,753.40	\$5,098.02	7.25%
2"	Actual costs not to exceed 10% more than the written, estimated costs provided to customer prior to installation.		

Meter Relocation Charge: 27-109(d)			
	FY25	FY26	Difference
Meter Relocation	\$339.53	\$364.15	7.25%

Portable Meter Charge: 27-113(b)			
	FY25	FY26	Difference
Portable Meter Set Charge	\$50.93	\$54.62	7.25%

RATES AND CHARGES

Portable Water Base Rates: 27-141 (a)				
Meter Size	FY25	FY26	Difference	Difference*
5/8"	\$10.35	\$11.00	\$0.65	6.25%
1"	\$18.23	\$19.37	\$1.14	6.25%
1½"	\$45.82	\$48.68	\$2.86	6.24%
2"	\$56.33	\$59.85	\$3.52	6.25%
3"	\$135.15	\$143.60	\$8.45	6.25%
4"	\$266.53	\$283.19	\$16.66	6.25%
6"	\$529.27	\$562.35	\$33.08	6.25%
8"	\$923.39	\$981.10	\$57.71	6.25%
10"	\$1,448.88	\$1,539.44	\$90.56	6.25%
12"	\$1,744.47	\$1,853.50	\$109.03	6.25%

**Base Rates include an AWWA Factor which will adjust the overall Rate Change*

Variable Water Block Rates: 27-141(a)(2 a.b.c.) (Gallons per Month)

	FY25	TBW	FY25 Total	FY26	TBW	FY26 Total	Difference
First 3,500 gal/mo	\$3.79	\$2.64	\$6.43	\$4.19	\$2.64	\$6.83	6.25%
Next 3,500 gal/mo	\$5.94	\$2.64	\$8.58	\$6.48	\$2.64	\$9.12	6.25%
Next 3,500 gal/mo	\$14.51	\$2.64	\$17.15	\$15.58	\$2.64	\$18.22	6.25%
Over 10,500 gal/mo	\$23.09	\$2.64	\$25.73	\$24.70	\$2.64	\$27.34	6.25%

(Single-Family Residential and Multifamily Residential: Per Dwelling Unit) (Per 1,000 Gallons)

* Applies to Single-Family Residential Customers only

Commercial Only Block Rates (Per 1,000 Gallons) 27-141(a)(2 a.b.c.)							
	FY25	TBW	FY25 Total	FY26	TBW	FY26 Total	Difference
<i>Up to the Average</i>	\$3.79	\$2.64	\$6.43	\$4.19	\$2.64	\$6.83	6.25%
<i>Average to 1.4 Times Average</i>	\$5.94	\$2.64	\$8.58	\$6.48	\$2.64	\$9.12	6.25%
<i>1.4 to 1.8 Times Average</i>	\$14.51	\$2.64	\$17.15	\$15.58	\$2.64	\$18.22	6.25%
<i>Over 1.8 Times Average</i>	\$23.09	\$2.64	\$25.73	\$24.70	\$2.64	\$27.34	6.25%

Utility Water Service Charges: 27-141(b)			
	FY25	FY26	Difference
(1) Change account status from active to standby	\$11.32	\$12.14	7.25%
(2) Utility lien recording and releasing fee	\$39.61	\$42.48	7.25%
(3) Turn-on or turn-off service	\$28.29	\$30.34	7.25%
(4) Charges in subsections (b)(3) and (8) of this section nonbusiness hours add	\$22.64	\$24.28	7.25%
(5) Reread meter (customer request)	\$22.64	\$24.28	7.25%
(6) New account activation charge	\$33.95	\$36.41	7.25%
(7) Lock-off charge for nonpayment	\$28.29	\$30.34	7.25%
(8) Turn-on charge after non-payment	\$28.29	\$30.34	7.25%
(9) Reinstallation of meter on existing service	\$367.82	\$394.49	7.25%
(10) Tampering with a water service, pursuant to section 27-82(c), plus estimated water bill	\$113.18	\$121.39	7.25%
(11) Unauthorized use of fire hydrant, plus estimated water bill	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
(12) Notification of service termination	\$4.53	\$4.86	7.25%
(13) Re-inspection fee due to inaccessible meter	\$56.59	\$60.69	7.25%
(14) Notification of past due account	\$4.53	\$4.86	7.25%
(15) Special tests for change meters, large meters, and fire flow tests	\$147.13	\$157.80	7.25%

FIRE SERVICE FEES

Fire Service Fees 27-143 (b)(1)a				
(Dedicated Fire Service)	FY25	FY26	Difference	Percent Diff
1.5	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.02	\$ 0.12	6.25%
2	\$ 1.99	\$ 2.11	\$ 0.12	6.25%
3	\$ 4.97	\$ 5.28	\$ 0.31	6.25%
4	\$ 6.63	\$ 7.04	\$ 0.41	6.25%
6	\$ 8.70	\$ 9.24	\$ 0.54	6.25%
8	\$ 12.10	\$ 12.86	\$ 0.76	6.25%
10	\$ 18.40	\$ 19.55	\$ 1.15	6.25%

Combination Fire Service Fees 27-143 (b)(1)b				
Combination Fire Service	FY25	FY26	Difference	Percent Diff
1.5	\$ 4.03	\$ 4.28	\$ 0.25	6.25%
2	\$ 4.40	\$ 4.68	\$ 0.28	6.25%
3	\$ 16.44	\$ 17.47	\$ 1.03	6.25%
4	\$ 20.14	\$ 21.40	\$ 1.26	6.25%
6	\$ 32.35	\$ 34.37	\$ 2.02	6.25%
8	\$ 46.72	\$ 49.64	\$ 2.92	6.25%
10	\$ 71.62	\$ 76.10	\$ 4.48	6.25%

IRRIGATION WATER ONLY RATES

Irrigation Only Base and Volume Charges: 27-144							
		Volume Rates			Consumption Ranges (in Gallons)		
		(per 1,000 Gallons)					
Meter Size (inches)	Base Fee*	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
¾	\$15.58	\$6.48	\$15.58	\$24.70	0-7,000	7,001-10,500	>10,501
1	\$23.95	\$6.48	\$15.58	\$24.70	0-15,400	15,401-23,100	>23,101
1½	\$53.26	\$6.48	\$15.58	\$24.70	0-44,800	44,801-67,200	>67,201
2	\$64.43	\$6.48	\$15.58	\$24.70	0-56,000	56,001-84,000	>84,001
3	\$148.18	\$6.48	\$15.58	\$24.70	0-140,000	140,001-210,000	>210,001
4	\$287.77	\$6.48	\$15.58	\$24.70	0-280,000	280,001-420,000	>420,001
6	\$566.93	\$6.48	\$15.58	\$24.70	0-560,000	560,001-840,000	>840,001
8	\$985.68	\$6.48	\$15.58	\$24.70	0-980,000	980,001-1,470,000	>1,470,001
10	\$1,544.02	\$6.48	\$15.58	\$24.70	0-1,540,000	1,540,001-2,310,000	>2,310,001
12	\$1,858.08	\$6.48	\$15.58	\$24.70	0-1,820,000	1,820,001-2,730,000	>2,730,001
Tampa Bay Water:		\$2.64 per 1,000 Gallons					
*Base charges include an annual inspection fee divided by 12							

New Irrigation Only Connections 27-144 (a)			
Meter Size	FY25	FY26	Difference
5/8 or 3/4	\$1,103.47	\$1,183.47	7.25%
1	\$1,443.00	\$1,547.62	7.25%
1½"	\$4,425.19	\$4,746.02	7.25%
Irrigation Permit Fee	\$51.25	\$54.97	7.25%

Existing Irrigation Only Connections 27-144 (b)			
Meter Size	FY25	FY26	Difference
5/8 or 3/4	\$713.01	\$764.70	7.25%
1	\$933.70	\$1,001.39	7.25%
1½"	actual	actual	

COMMERCIAL WATER ONLY RATES

Commercial Water Only Account 27-146 (d)					
		FY25	FY26	Difference	Difference
Commercial Water Application		\$113.18	\$121.39	\$8.21	7.25%
Annual Inspection Charge		\$51.25	\$54.97	\$4.58	7.25%
5/8" X 3/4"	Base	\$14.62	\$15.58	\$0.96	6.57%
1"	Base	\$22.50	\$23.95	\$1.45	6.44%
1.5"	Base	\$50.09	\$53.26	\$3.17	6.33%
2"	Base	\$60.60	\$64.43	\$3.83	6.32%
3"	Base	\$139.42	\$148.18	\$8.76	6.28%
4"	Base	\$270.80	\$287.77	\$16.97	6.27%
6"	Base	\$533.54	\$566.93	\$33.39	6.26%
8"	Base	\$927.66	\$985.68	\$58.02	6.25%
10"	Base	\$1,453.15	\$1,544.02	\$90.87	6.25%
12"	Base	\$1,748.74	\$1,858.08	\$109.34	6.25%

***Base Rates include an annual Inspection Charge divided by 12 months**

**** Base Rates include an AWWA Factor which will adjust the overall Rate Change**

RECLAIMED WATER RATES

Reclaimed Water Connection Fees: 27-177 (a) and (d5)			
	FY25	FY26	Difference
Nonmetered Service	\$38.49	\$42.24	9.75%
Additional Acre	\$22.06	\$24.21	9.75%
Metered Service	\$1.07	\$1.17	9.75%
Permit Fee	\$51.25	\$54.97	7.25%
Inspection Fee	\$51.25	\$54.97	7.25%
Turn on/off established service to include reinspection	\$102.50	\$109.94	7.25%
Assembly Fee-50 Feet	\$235.96	\$253.07	7.25%
Assembly Fee-100 Feet	\$321.38	\$344.68	7.25%

WASTEWATER RECOMMENDATIONS

RATES AND CHARGES

Wastewater Base Rates: 27-283				
Meter Size	FY25	FY26	Difference	Percent Difference
5/8"	\$26.49	\$28.54	\$2.05	7.75%
1"	\$53.74	\$57.90	\$4.16	7.75%
1½"	\$149.12	\$160.68	\$11.56	7.75%
2"	\$185.46	\$199.83	\$14.37	7.75%
3"	\$457.99	\$493.48	\$35.49	7.75%
4"	\$912.20	\$982.90	\$70.70	7.75%
6"	\$1,820.62	\$1,961.72	\$141.10	7.75%
8"	\$3,183.25	\$3,429.95	\$246.70	7.75%
10"	\$5,000.09	\$5,387.60	\$387.51	7.75%
12"	\$6,022.07	\$6,488.78	\$466.71	7.75%

Wastewater Variable Rate (Per 1,000 Gallons)			
	FY25	FY26	Difference
WASTEWATER	\$10.21	\$11.00	7.75%

Sewer Capacity Fee: 27-250 (1)			
	FY25	FY26	Difference
Sewer Capacity Fee	\$600.00	\$1,000.00	66.67%

WHOLESALE RATE RECOMMENDATIONS

WHOLESALE WATER: 27-142 (a)

Customer: City of Gulfport

4.48% increase

FY25: \$6,545.00/million gallons

FY26: \$6,838.00/million gallons

WHOLESALE WASTEWATER: 27-284

Customers: Cities of: Gulfport, South Pasadena, Treasure Island

Pinellas County Utilities: Ft. Desoto, Bear Creek Sanitary Sewer District

Sunshine Water Services: Tierra Verde

9.92% increase

FY25: \$6,531.00/million gallons

FY26: \$7,179.00/million gallons

Customer: City of St. Pete Beach

6.15% increase (O&M); 24.44% increase (capital)

FY25: \$108,323.00/million gallons, \$134,792.00/month for capital projects

FY26: \$3,349.00/million gallons, \$3,555.00/month for capital projects

HISTORY OF RATE INCREASES

SANITATION HISTORY				
Fiscal Years	From	To	Amount Change	Percent Change
FY88-96	\$18.20	\$18.20	\$0.00	0.00%
FY97-05	\$18.20	\$16.35	(\$1.85)	-10.16%
FY06	\$16.35	\$19.95	\$3.60	22.02%
FY07	\$19.95	\$21.15	\$1.20	6.02%
FY08	\$21.15	\$21.76	\$0.61	2.88%
FY09	\$21.76	\$22.33	\$0.57	2.62%
FY10-18	\$22.33	\$22.33	\$0.00	0.00%
FY19	\$22.33	\$23.50	\$1.17	5.24%
FY20	\$23.50	\$24.73	\$1.23	5.23%
FY21	\$24.73	\$25.47	\$0.74	2.99%
FY22	\$25.47	\$26.43	\$0.96	3.77%
FY23	\$26.43	\$27.42	\$0.99	3.75%
FY24	\$27.42	\$28.59	\$1.17	4.27%
FY25	\$28.59	\$30.23	\$1.64	5.74%
FY26	\$30.23	\$32.35	\$2.12	7.00%
Total Increase since 1988			\$14.15	

Note: Rates above do not include the monthly recycling fee instituted in FY 2015 for the cost of the curbside recycling program. The FY 26 proposed rate increase yields a recycling fee of \$4.27

WATER & WASTEWATER HISTORY COMBINED- (4000 Gallons/month)				
Fiscal Years	Amount Prior to Increase	Bill After Increase	Amount Change	Percent Change
99-00	\$25.35	\$27.01	\$1.66	6.55%
00-05	\$27.01	\$39.25	\$12.24	45.32%
05-10	\$39.25	\$44.90	\$5.65	14.39%
10-11	\$44.90	\$48.25	\$3.35	7.46%
11-12	\$48.25	\$50.53	\$2.28	4.73%
12-13	\$50.53	\$51.89	\$1.36	2.69%
13-14	\$51.89	\$53.83	\$1.94	3.74%
14-15	\$53.83	\$56.37	\$2.54	4.72%
15-16	\$56.37	\$58.46	\$2.09	3.71%

16-17	\$58.46	\$61.55	\$3.09	5.29%
17-18	\$61.55	\$71.58	\$10.03	16.30%
18-19	\$71.58	\$76.16	\$4.58	6.40%
19-20	\$76.16	\$80.81	\$4.65	6.11%
20-21	\$80.81	\$85.07	\$4.26	5.27%
21-22	\$85.07	\$89.00	\$3.93	4.62%
22-23	\$89.71	\$94.48	\$4.77	5.32%
23-24	\$94.48	\$99.77	\$5.29	5.60%
24-25	\$99.77	\$103.40	\$3.63	3.64%
25-26	\$103.40	\$110.86	\$7.46	7.21%
Total Increase since FY99			\$84.80	

STORMWATER HISTORY				
Fiscal Years	Amount Prior to Increase	Bill After Increase	Amount Change	Applied Percent Change
91-01	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$0.00	0.00%
01-02	\$4.50	\$5.00	\$0.50	11.12%
02-03	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	0.00%
03-04	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	0.00%
04-05	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$1.00	20.00%
05-06	\$6.00	\$6.15	\$0.15	2.50%
06-07	\$6.15	\$6.40	\$0.25	4.07%
07-08	\$6.40	\$6.65	\$0.25	3.91%
08-09	\$6.65	\$6.85	\$0.20	3.01%
09-10	\$6.85	\$6.85	\$0.00	0.00%
10-11	\$6.85	\$6.84	(\$0.01)	(0.15%)
11-12	\$6.84	\$6.84	\$0.00	0.00%
12-13	\$6.84	\$6.84	\$0.00	0.00%
13-14	\$6.84	\$6.84	\$0.00	0.00%
14-15	\$6.84	\$6.84	\$0.00	0.00%
15-16	\$6.84	\$6.84	\$0.00	0.00%
16-17	\$6.84	\$9.00	\$2.16	31.58%
17-18	\$9.00	\$10.00	\$1.00	11.11%

18-19		\$10.00	\$11.00	\$1.00	10.00%	
19-20	Tier 1	\$11.00	\$4.99	(\$6.01)	(54.64%)	9.09%
	Tier 2	\$11.00	\$9.93	(\$1.07)	(9.73%)	
	Tier 3	\$11.00	\$15.59	\$4.59	41.73%	
	Tier 4	\$11.00	\$23.27	\$12.27	111.55%	
20-21	Tier 1	\$4.99	\$5.49	\$0.50	10.07%	10.07%
	Tier 2	\$9.93	\$10.93	\$1.00	10.07%	
	Tier 3	\$15.59	\$17.16	\$1.57	10.07%	
	Tier 4	\$23.27	\$25.61	\$2.34	10.07%	
21-22	Tier 1	\$5.49	\$6.37	\$0.88	16.01%	16.01%
	Tier 2	\$10.93	\$12.68	\$1.75	16.01%	
	Tier 3	\$17.16	\$19.91	\$2.75	16.01%	
	Tier 4	\$25.61	\$29.71	\$4.10	16.01%	
22-23	Tier 1	\$6.37	\$7.33	\$0.96	15.00%	15.00%
	Tier 2	\$12.68	\$14.58	\$1.90	15.00%	
	Tier 3	\$19.91	\$22.90	\$2.99	15.00%	
	Tier 4	\$29.71	\$34.17	\$4.46	15.00%	
23-24	Tier 1	\$7.33	\$7.95	\$0.62	8.50%	8.50%
	Tier 2	\$14.58	\$15.82	\$1.24	8.50%	
	Tier 3	\$22.90	\$24.85	\$1.95	8.50%	
	Tier 4	\$34.17	\$37.07	\$2.90	8.50%	
24-25	Tier 1	\$7.95	\$9.94	\$1.99	25.00%	25.00%
	Tier 2	\$15.82	\$19.78	\$3.96	25.00%	
	Tier 3	\$24.85	\$31.06	\$6.21	25.00%	
	Tier 4	\$37.07	\$46.34	\$9.27	25.00%	
25-26	Tier 1	\$9.94	\$11.68	\$1.74	17.50%	17.50%
	Tier 2	\$19.78	\$23.24	\$3.46	17.50%	
	Tier 3	\$31.06	\$36.50	\$5.44	17.50%	
	Tier 4	\$46.34	\$54.45	\$8.11	17.50%	
Tiers calculated by square feet of Impervious Surface Area on a single-family residential property						
Tier 1	Tier 2		Tier 3		Tier 4	
<1,600	1,601 to 3,200		3,201 to 4,800		> 4,800	