

CITY OF HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 28 "UTILITIES," ARTICLE I "IN GENERAL", ARTICLE II "WATER", ARTICLE III "SEWER", ARTICLE IV "WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION", AND ARTICLE VI "DEPOSITS", IN ORDER TO ADJUST THE RATES AND CHARGES LEVIED FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Homestead, Florida (the "City Council") finds it periodically necessary to amend its Code of Ordinances (the "City Code") in order to update regulations and procedures to implement municipal goals and objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has found it necessary to fully capture the costs of water and sewer improvements required for the City's utilities system in order to maintain a financially sound utility and fund its anticipated needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to increase water and sewer rates to generate the water and sewer system revenues needed in order to maintain a financially sound utility; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has provided notice of the proposed water and sewer rate, charge, or fee increase to each water and sewer customer through the City of Homestead's utility billing process pursuant to Section 180.136, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council has reviewed this Ordinance at two duly noticed public hearings in accordance with law and determined that it is consistent with the City's comprehensive plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the water and sewer rate charges, the City desires to codify the schedule of fees that the City levies for the review right of way (ROW) permitting and administration of the water and sewer utility system; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that this proposed Ordinance serves to further enhance the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Recitals Adopted.** That the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. City Code Amended.** That Article I “In General” of Chapter 28 “Utilities” is hereby amended to read as follows: <sup>1</sup>

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Sec. 28-3. ~~Same~~—Permit fee schedule.

The public works department shall charge and collect fees for the items and rates listed in this section. Fees for public works construction, under permit issued by the public works department, in road and street rights-of-way and easements in the incorporated area of the city are fixed as follows:

(1) Sanitary Sewer and Water Systems – Plans Review and Right-of-Way (ROW) Permit Review and Inspection Fees

<u>Fee Name</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>Application Fee for Water and Sewer Plans Review</u>	<u>\$150</u>
<u>Engineering and Utilities Plan Review – per 500 linear feet per plan sheet, or fraction thereof*</u>	<u>\$300</u>
<u>Pump Station*</u>	<u>\$800</u>
<u>Reviews after second review</u>	<u>\$75 per hour</u>
<u>Renewal of Expired Approval and Revisions</u> <u>(One year or more after approval): subject to new reviews</u>	<u>Same as</u> <u>original fee</u>
<u>*Note: Plans review fee entitles the applicant to an initial plans review and one final review. Review fees are for the review and approval of plans to City of Homestead standards</u>	

<sup>1</sup> Deletions from the City Code are denoted by ~~strike through~~. Additions to the City Code are denoted by underline.

<b><u>Fee Name</u></b>	<b><u>Fee</u></b>
<u>regarding water/sewer extension projects, including sewer laterals, connections, and pump stations.</u>	
<b><u>Sanitary Sewer / Water System Inspection:</u></b>	
<u>Sanitary sewer and water system permit inspection fee includes initial inspection, during the excavation process and final inspection of the restored excavation required for the proposed sanitary sewer and water system in the public right-of-way/easement.</u>	<b><u>\$150</u></b>
<u>Pipes/structure bedding and layout</u>	<b><u>\$115</u></b>
<u>Backfill and compaction</u>	<b><u>\$115</u></b>
<u>Re-inspection fee: (first)</u>	<b><u>\$100</u></b>
<u>Re-inspection fee: (second)</u>	<b><u>\$150</u></b>
<u>Re-inspection fee: (third)</u>	<b><u>\$200</u></b>
<u>Re-inspection fee: (for each additional re-inspection after third)</u>	<b><u>\$275</u></b>

(2) Stormwater Drainage Systems within the Right-of-Way (ROW) Permit Review and Inspection Fees

<b><u>Fee Name</u></b>	<b><u>Fee</u></b>
<u>Residential – Flat Rate</u>	<b><u>\$75</u></b>
<u>Commercial / Industrial / Residential Development</u>	<b><u>\$50 per 100 l.f.</u></b> <b><u>(Min fee \$150)</u></b>
<b><u>Stormwater Inspection:</u></b>	
<u>Stormwater inspection permit fee includes initial inspection, during the excavation process and final inspection of a proposed stormwater management system in the public right-of-way</u>	<b><u>\$150</u></b>
<u>Pipe/structure bedding and layout</u>	<b><u>\$115</u></b>
<u>Stormwater System partial backfill and compaction</u>	<b><u>\$115</u></b>
<u>SW System final—Backfill, compaction, interior mud work, and pipe lamping</u>	<b><u>\$225</u></b>
<u>Re-inspection fee: (first)</u>	<b><u>\$100</u></b>
<u>Re-inspection fee: (second)</u>	<b><u>\$150</u></b>
<u>Re-inspection fee: (third)</u>	<b><u>\$200</u></b>

Re-inspection fee: (for each additional re-inspection after third)	<b><u>\$275</u></b>
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**(3) Implementation of Permit Fees.**

*(a) Permit fees will be computed only for the primary items of work for which a permit is required. The fee collected will also cover items of work incidental to the primary items and all processing and inspection services rendered by the Department of Public Works.*

*Example:*

- *ROW permit for the installation streetlight poles will not incur an additional permit fee for the required MOT, the reconstruction of the immediately impacted sidewalk flags (2 flags maximum per light pole), nor a fee for excavation required for the light pole foundations.*
- *The conduit work between each light pole and the installation of pull boxes, vault boxes, etc., will incur their associated, listed, fees.*

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**Sec. 28-4. – Supplemental Fees. ~~Same—Penalty fees.~~**

(1) **Letters of Availability.** Prior to submitting a site plan application for development or construction plans for building purposes within or outside the City of Homestead, but within the City of Homestead's Water and Sewer Utility service area, a Municipal Plat Review Water & Sewer Availability Form, from hereon to be referred as the City's Letter of Availability (LOA) application shall be submitted. To obtain an LOA, all requests (except for those listed below) will require the development of a hydraulic analysis that will determine if the water and sewer utility system/infrastructure is able to handle the additional projected demand from the project.

(A) Exemption from Hydraulic Analysis Requirements:

- i. Projects categorized as "Fill-in"
- ii. Projects categorized as "No Net Increase"

(B) The following fees shall apply for the application and processing of an LOA (Municipal Plat Review Water & Sewer Availability Form):

<b>Fee Name</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Application Fee: Includes review of application for completeness, conceptual design meeting with applicant.	<b>\$158</b>
Executing FL Housing Finance Verification of Avail. of Infrastructure-Water	<b>\$100</b>
Executing FL Housing Finance Verification of Avail. of Infrastructure-Sewer	<b>\$100</b>
<b>If Hydraulic Analysis Is Not Required:</b>	
Preparation of Municipal Plat Review Water & Sewer Availability Form (LOA) for water/sewer when it is determined that no hydraulic analysis is required: Includes closeout meeting with applicant	<b>\$293</b>
<b>If Hydraulic Analysis Is Required:</b>	
Administrative Fee: Includes City hydraulic modeling coordination review, City meeting with applicant	<b>\$453</b>
Hydraulic Analysis – Water system	<b>\$8,000</b>
Hydraulic Analysis – Sewer system	<b>\$8,000</b>
Revisions caused by changes to design, capacity, or other factors requiring rework of the report or hydraulic model.	<b>\$4,000</b>
Administrative hourly charge for effort caused by changes to design, capacity, or other factors.	<b>\$75</b>

(2) Administrative Water and Sewer Fees. The following fees shall be assessed for City services rendered in relation to the development and operation of the City water and sewer system:

<b>Fee Name</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Water/Sewer Service Installation Application Request Processing Fee	<b>\$250</b>
Review and Execution by the City of Forms, Certifications, and/or Document for which no fee is specified (per form/certification/document)	<b>\$150</b>
Water Allocation Certification: Initial Certification (requires hydraulic analysis and expires after 1 year)	<b>\$90</b>
Utility Release Letter	<b>\$150</b>
Legal Document Fees (Covenants, Unities of Title, Satisfaction, Indemnification, and Hold Harmless, etc.)	<b>\$150</b>

<b>Fee Name</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Conditional consent letter for permission to use easement until required by the City	<b>\$100</b>
Preparation of Service Agreement, Assignment, and Addendum Fees for Water Only (residential, multi-family, and commercial use)	<b>\$200</b>
Preparation of Service Agreement, Assignment, and Addendum Fees for Water and Sewer (residential, multi-family, and commercial use)	<b>\$400</b>
Field visit after initial attempt to read meter, disconnect service, or to inspect backflow prevention device required due to denied access	<b>\$75</b>
Preliminary review of a proposed development/building project to determine potential water and/or sewer improvement requirements and available points of infrastructure connection without capacity analysis. An LOA needs to be requested if there is a need for further information and or analysis.	<b>\$100</b>
Water - As-Built Review Fees: Review and approval of as-built plans for survey standards, regulatory compliance, plan adherence, and GIS compatibility: 3 sheets or less (initial and second review included)	<b>\$210</b>
Water - As-Built Review Fees: Review and approval of as-built plans for survey standards, regulatory compliance, plan adherence, and GIS compatibility 4 sheets or greater (initial and second review included)	<b>\$420</b>
Sewer - As-Built Review Fees: Review and approval of as-built plans for survey standards, regulatory compliance, plan adherence, and GIS compatibility: 3 sheets or less (initial and second review included)	<b>\$210</b>
Sewer - As-Built Review Fees: Review and approval of as-built plans for survey standards, regulatory compliance, plan adherence, and GIS compatibility 4 sheets or greater (initial and second review included)	<b>\$420</b>
As-built rework of review per cycle per component (water and sewer)	<b>\$220</b>
Water Shop Drawing Review (per shop drawing): Fee charged for the review of shop drawings for City compliance regarding water valve fittings and taps.	<b>\$60</b>
Sewer Shop Drawing Review (per shop drawing): Fee charged for the review of shop drawings for City compliance regarding sewer manholes, fittings, and taps.	<b>\$100</b>
Atlas Page Request Fee (per sheet)	<b>\$5</b>

<b>Fee Name</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Verification of Underground Water and Sewer Infrastructure Horizontal Location Fee: 0-100 linear feet (verification of horizontal location of underground infrastructure as shown on as-builts/atlas)	<b>\$50</b>
Verification of Underground Water and Sewer Infrastructure Horizontal Location Fee: per linear feet after initial 100 linear feet (verification of horizontal location of underground infrastructure as shown on as-builts/atlas)	<b>\$0.50</b>
Developer Repayment Fee: To cover administrative costs for collection and repayment of construction connection charges from connecting and/or abutting properties on behalf of developers who constructed the facilities. Percent of the total amount collected including interest.	<b>2.5%</b>
Unauthorized Usage of Water on Fire Lines: Daily charge against fire line accounts for allowing unauthorized usage or waste of water. Fee is per day in additional to the estimated consumption charge.	<b>\$100</b>
After-hours Construction Inspection Activity Fees: Per hour rate charged for work outside the city's normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, non-holidays, for contractors with special requirements or deadlines for construction.	<b>\$90/hr</b>
Return Field Visit to set meter after failed meter installation because site was not up to City standards (service lines not ready at meter box, inaccessible meter box due to sediment/debris, permanent house number missing, street name signs missing, etc.)	<b>\$100</b>
Backflow preventer Test and Non-Compliance Certification Fee: Charge to customers that fail to comply with the annually required backflow preventer testing; customer will receive two notices before a contractor is hired to perform testing and the fee for the contractor is charged to the customer in addition to the fee.	<b>\$250</b>
<u>Illicit Discharge Remediation Fee</u>	<b>\$500</b>
Removal of clean-out plug	<b>\$150</b>
Facilities with Excessive Infiltration Surcharge: percent increase to utility consumption monthly rate	<b>10%</b>
Telemetry Equipment Installation fee to developer installed pump stations: per pump station	<b>\$7,550</b>

<b>Fee Name</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Customer Call-Out Fees during Regular Working Hours: Fee for investigation and/or emergency response to sewer collection complaints (call-outs), fee charged only if City is not responsible to correct complaint.	<b>\$125</b>
Customer Call-Out Fees during Non-Regular Working Hours: Fee for investigation and/or emergency response to sewer collection complaints (call-outs), fee charged only if City is not responsible to correct complaint.	<b>\$175</b>
Customer Initiated Closed Circuit Television Lateral Inspection Fee: per inspection	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Floating/Temporary Portable Meters</b>	
Floating/Temporary Portable Meter Application Fee	<b>\$150</b>
Floating/Temporary Portable Meter Guarantee Deposit (deposit does not earn interest)	<b>\$3,000</b>
Floating/Temporary Portable Meter monthly inspection/read charge	<b>\$50</b>
Floating/Temporary Portable Meter charge for failure to provide meter for inspection as required (first attempt)	<b>\$150</b>
Floating/Temporary Portable Meter charge for failure to provide meter for inspection as required (second attempt) (in addition to forfeiting full deposit, deposit will not be applied to outstanding charges, and account will be suspended)	<b>\$1,000</b>
Floating/Temporary Portable Meter not at Address Specified on the Account	<b>\$500</b>
Floating/Temporary Portable Meter Damage/ <u>Loss</u> / <u>Stolen</u> Charge (in addition to forfeiting full deposit, deposit will not be applied to outstanding charges, and account will be suspended)	<b>\$1,000</b>
Floating/Temporary Portable Meter Tamper Charge (in addition to forfeiting full deposit, deposit will not be applied to outstanding charges, and account will be suspended)	<b>\$1,000</b>
Floating/Temporary Portable Meter Charge for return five (5) days after notice to return	<b>\$1,000</b>
Floating/Temporary Portable Meter Minimum Charge for estimated bill for consumption based on partial usage if meter is lost or damaged	<b>\$1,000</b>
Violation of Rules Governing Use of Temporary Floating Hydrant Meters (Construction Meters) for which no fee is specified	<b>\$1,000</b>



~~When work for which a permit is required is commenced prior to obtaining a permit, a penalty fee will be imposed. The penalty fee will be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) plus double the original permit fee. The payment of such penalty fee shall not relieve any person from fully complying with all of the requirements of all applicable regulations and ordinances, nor shall it relieve them from being subject to any of the penalties in this Code.~~

Sec. 28-5. ~~Same~~—Waiver of permit fees.

~~Fee applicability, assessment, adjustment, and/or waiver is at the discretion of the City Manager or designee (only applicable to City projects funded by the general fund).~~

The City Manager may, in his/her discretion, adjust and/or waive the fees or charges identified within this Article for projects constructed by, or on behalf of the City, that are paid for utilizing monies from the City general fund.

~~———— The City Manager shall have the authority to waive or adjust the permit fees described in this Article for projects constructed by or on behalf of the City. The public works department shall waive the permit fee for all work performed by a governmental agency, whether this work is performed by employees of the governmental agency or by private firm or corporation under contract with the governmental agency. However, such governmental agency or private firm or corporation under contract therewith shall not be relieved of the responsibility for obtaining a permit for work covered in section 28-3.~~

~~(1) For installation or repair of sanitary and storm sewers, waterlines, gas lines, and other underground utilities:~~

~~For 100 lineal feet or less \$ 28.00~~

~~For each additional 100 lineal feet or fraction thereof 12.50~~

~~(2) For french drains, consisting of catch basin and seepage trench or slab covered trench:~~

~~For the installation consisting of one or two catch basins, and seepage trench or soakage pit of lengths not to exceed 100 lineal feet 25.00~~

~~(3) For installation of poles or down guys for overhead utilities:~~

~~For each pole or unit 10.00~~

~~(4) For construction or replacement of sidewalks, curb and gutter:~~

~~For 100 lineal feet or less 25.00~~

~~For each additional 100 lineal feet or fraction thereof 12.50~~

~~(5) For construction of driveways:~~

~~For driveway width of 20 feet or less 10.00~~

~~For driveway width greater than 20 feet but less than 40 feet (each driveway) 20.00~~

~~For driveway width greater than 40 feet (each driveway) 40.00~~

~~(6) For construction of street pavements:~~

~~a. One (1) lane or two (2) lane pavements (width of pavement 0 to 24 feet):~~

~~For 100 lineal feet or less 75.00~~

~~For each additional 100 lineal feet or fraction thereof 25.00~~

~~b. Three (3) or more lanes of pavement (aggregate width greater than 24 feet):~~

~~For 100 lineal feet or less 100.00~~

~~For each additional 100 lineal feet or fraction thereof 50.00~~

~~(7) For paving of parkways and shoulders:~~

~~For 100 lineal feet or less 50.00~~

~~For each additional 100 lineal feet or fraction thereof 25.00~~

~~(8) For construction of curb separators:~~

~~For 100 lineal feet or less 25.00~~

~~For each additional 100 lineal feet or fraction thereof 10.00~~

**Section 3. City Code Amended.** That Article II "Water" of Chapter 28 "Utilities" of the City of Homestead Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

## ARTICLE II. Water

### DIVISION 2. Services Rates and Charges

#### Sec. 28-41. Rate schedule.

All users of water provided by the water utility system of the city shall be charged per month as follows:

Table 28-41(a)

METER SIZE	SERVICE CHARGE	CHARGE PER 1,000 GALLONS
$\frac{5}{8}$ " — $\frac{3}{4}$ "	\$ <del>9.11</del> <u>12.50</u>	See Table 28-41(b)
1"	\$ <del>20.85</del> <u>28.59</u>	<del>\$1.44</del> <u>2.22</u>
1½	\$ <del>48.22</del> <u>66.10</u>	<del>\$1.44</del> <u>2.22</u>
2"	\$ <del>63.71</del> 87.34	<del>\$1.44</del> <u>2.22</u>
3"	<del>\$126.17</del> 172.95	<del>\$1.44</del> <u>2.22</u>
4"	<del>\$183.89</del> 252.08	<del>\$1.44</del> <u>2.22</u>
<u>6"</u>	<u>\$311.44</u>	<u>\$2.22</u>

Table 28-41(b)

Usage Per 1,000 gallons Meter size $\frac{5}{8}$ " — $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Rate
0 to 3,000 gallons	<del>\$0.88</del> <u>1.35</u> per 1,000 gallons
3,001 to 9,000 gallons	<del>\$1.22</del> 1.88 per 1,000 gallons
9,001 to 14,000 gallons	<del>\$1.69</del> 2.60 per 1,000 gallons
14,001 gallons and up	<del>\$2.28</del> 3.50 per 1,000 gallons

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#### Sec. 28-43. Service resumption charges.

- (a) Charge for water and wastewaters resumption of service where service is installed, water and wastewater charges are separate:

*Meter Size Charge*

~~5/8"-3/4" \$ 20.00~~ \$30.89

~~1" \$28.00~~ \$43.22

~~1 1/2" \$40.00~~ \$61.75

~~2" \$56.00~~ \$86.45

~~3" \$106.00~~ \$163.64

~~4" \$155.00~~ \$239.30

~~6" \$311.08~~

- (b) *After hours service charge.* There shall be a surcharge of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) Two Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$231.56) for connection of any water service made after the city's normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, ~~and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.~~ This fee will also be in effect for those customers who request special reconnections, which are outside the scope of the city's "general" (within twenty-four (24) hours') policy (i.e.: sooner than the general reconnection time frame). If both electric and water service are to be reconnected at the same service address, the surcharge will be a total of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) Two Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$231.56).

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#### **Sec. 28-44. - Water use charge.**

There is hereby established a water use charge for the purpose of assisting in meeting the impacts upon the maintenance of pumping facilities, transmission lines, plant maintenance and capital improvements.

The water use charge hereby established shall be paid by the applicant at the time the applicant connects to the water system of the city.

The water use charge shall be established at ~~one dollar and forty four cents (\$1.44)~~ Two Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$2.22) per gallon of daily flow based on the average daily flow computed by Miami-Dade County DERM, pursuant to DERM's published schedule.

When any customer of the water system expands its previous use of water or changes the use of their structure, they shall be charged the appropriate amount for that expanded or new use after giving consideration to the charge previously paid.

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## Sec. 28-57. Testing.

The city shall have the right to test meters to determine their accuracy whenever it deems fit. In the event that such test is requested by the consumer and, in the judgment of the city, the meter is operating properly, the consumer shall pay a fee of ~~fifteen~~ Two Hundred dollars (\$200.00~~15.00~~) for such test; provided, that the accuracy of registration of the meter when tested is within two (2) percent, plus or minus.

### **Section 4. City Code Amended.** That Article III "Sewers" of Chapter 28

"Utilities" of the City of Homestead Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE III. - SEWERS

##### DIVISION 5. Services Rates and Charges

### **Sec. 28-141. Rate schedule.**

- (a) All users of sewer provided by the sewer system of the city shall be charged per month as follows:

Meter Size	Service Charge	Charge per 1,000 gallons
$\frac{5}{8}$ " — $\frac{3}{4}$ "	<del>\$ 18.46</del> <u>\$25.30</u>	<del>\$3.91</del> <u>\$6.63</u>
1"	<del>38.05</del> <u>\$52.16</u>	<del>3.91</del> <u>\$6.63</u>
1½"	<del>70.79</del> <u>\$97.04</u>	<del>3.91</del> <u>\$6.63</u>
2"	<del>110.15</del> <u>\$150.99</u>	<del>3.91</del> <u>\$6.63</u>
3"	<del>215.05</del> <u>\$294.80</u>	<del>3.91</del> <u>\$6.63</u>
4"	<del>333.00</del> <u>\$456.48</u>	<del>3.91</del> <u>\$6.63</u>
6"	<u>\$622.89</u>	<u>\$6.63</u>

The minimum bill is the service charge.

- (b) The above meter size service charge and charge per one thousand (1,000) gallon cost as set forth in the rate schedule is to be charged to all users of the water system of the city, who also receive water usage for single family residential, commercial and industrial properties within the city. The minimum service charge for multi-family residential users with one (1) meter which was installed on or after October 6, 1997, but before April 19, 1999, shall be computed by taking the number of units in said building or buildings, and multiplying that number of units by the minimum service charge which is charged by the city for the five-eighths ( $\frac{5}{8}$ ) inch to three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inch meter and, in addition thereto, shall include the minimum charge per 1,000 gallons for said five-eighths ( $\frac{5}{8}$ ) inch to three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inch meter. Other multi-family users shall be charged in accordance with the rate schedule.

- (c) Sewer charges for those users of the sewer system who are not provided water service by the city shall be made upon the basis of water consumption in accordance with monthly rates provided by paragraph (a) of this section 28-141, pursuant to the following procedure:

The customer shall provide to the city a correct copy of the customer's four (4) previous quarterly water bills for water service provided to that property by Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department ("WASA"), representing bills from WASA for the most recent previous year. These bills shall be provided by the customer to the city each year at a date designated by the city utility department, so as to enable the city to calculate the average of the customer's monthly water consumption upon a gallonage basis, and to use such average to calculate the monthly sewer utilization for each successive month of the ensuing twelve-month period in accordance with the rates established by paragraph (a) of this section 28-141. The city will have the right to confirm or audit the accuracy of the customer's WASA water bills and adjust charges accordingly. However, in the event that the customer fails to timely provide such WASA water bills to the city as required, the applicable monthly sewer charge shall be calculated by the city based upon the standard schedule of daily rated gallonage for various occupancies as published by the Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resource Management ("DERM"). Such schedule shall be maintained on file in the office of the city clerk.

- (d) The minimum monthly sewer service charges for sewer service made available by the sanitary sewer system of the city, as required by the rate structure referenced in subsection (a) of this section (the "meter-size rate structure") shall also apply to and be imposed upon any premises, building or structure which is required by section 28-156 of the City Code to be connected to the sanitary sewer system and which is not connected to the sanitary sewer system. However, in the event that no water service is rendered to a premises, building or structure, then a monthly sewer service charge of ~~eighteen dollars (\$18.00)~~ Thirty Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$30.76) shall be imposed pursuant to this subsection (d) against such premises, building or structure which is required by section 28-156 of the City Code to be connected to the sanitary sewer system and which is not connected to the sanitary sewer system, until such time that water service is established. Once water service is established, then the previously mentioned rates provided by the meter-size rate structure shall apply. The sewer service charge required by this subsection (d) shall be referred to as a "stand by charge" and shall thereafter be the liability of, charged to and paid by the owner, user, tenant or occupant of the premises, building or structure in the same manner as other fees are imposed and collected pursuant to this article.
- (e) Reserved.
- (f) Reserved.
- (g) Reserved.

- (h) As to all of the rates provided for above, the basic rate for sewer service and sewer charge per month shall be computed on the number of gallons of water used by the facility, with the minimum charges as above set forth.
- (i) Sewer main inspection fees. Any inspection fee of a sewer main shall bear a cost of ~~twenty five dollars (\$25.00)~~ Thirty Eight Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$38.59) per inspection for each one hundred (100) lineal feet, or any portion thereof.

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**Sec. 28-142. - Sewer use charge.**

- (a) There is hereby established a sewer use charge for the purpose of assisting in meeting the impacts upon the maintenance of pumping facilities, transmission lines, plant maintenance and capital improvements.
- (b) The sewer use charge hereby established shall be paid by the applicant at the time the applicant connects to the sewer system of the city.
- (c) The sewer use charge shall be established at ~~four dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$4.88)~~ Six Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$6.69) per gallon of daily flow based on the average daily flow computed by Miami-Dade County DERM, pursuant to DERM's published schedule.

When any customer of the water system expands its previous use of water or changes the use of their structure, they shall be charged the appropriate amount for that expanded or new use after giving effect of the charge previously paid.

**Section 5. City Code Amended.** That Article IV "Water and Sewer Connection" of Chapter 28 "Utilities" of the City of Homestead Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

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**Division 2 Rates and Charges**

**Sec. 28-181. Connecting private fire hydrants, sprinkler systems and hose racks.**

- (a) Fire hydrants, fire sprinkler systems or hose racks may be established on private property by the owner at his own cost for equipment, pipes, valves, fittings and connections to water mains, etc.; provided, that it shall be done under the supervision and subject to the inspection of and in accordance with the requirements of the city. The maintenance of such mains, valves and hydrants shall be at the cost and expense of the owner of the property.
- (b) The rates established ~~as of January 1, 1994,~~ for such connections shall be as follows:  
~~2" \$218.54~~  
~~4" 218.54~~  
~~6" 436.45~~

~~8"697.91~~

As of October 1, 1994, the rates shall be:

~~2"\$253.51~~

~~4"253.51~~

~~6"506.28~~

~~8"809.58~~

As of October 1, 1995, the rates shall be:

~~2"\$294.07~~ \$454.00

~~4"294.07~~ \$454.00

~~6"587.29~~ \$906.66

~~8"939.11~~ \$1,449.80

- (c) All charges are due and payable on or before July 1 of each year. No water is to be used from fire hydrants or from the service line on which they are located, unless metered, except in case of fire, nor are any other fixtures whatsoever to be connected with such fire lines.

Sec. 28-182. Minimum connection charges for water.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to connect to or cause to be connected with the water mains of the city or any connection therewith to any laterals, pipes or other conduits on any premises owned, occupied or controlled by such person until such person shall have filed with the Public Works Director ~~director of utilities~~, or his agent, a request for connection to the water system of the city and having first paid to the city for each unit the fee appearing in the following schedule; and further as provided in paragraph (b) of this section:

Meter Size Minimum Connection Charge

~~5/8" - 3/4" \$ 469.20~~ \$710.14

~~1" 576.50~~ \$887.68

~~1 1/2" 877.20~~ \$1,327.65

~~2" 1,071.00~~ \$1,621.00

~~3" 2,866.20~~ \$4,338.05

~~4" 4,783.80~~ \$7,240.38

Over 4" ~~4,783.80 (or time & material, whichever is greater)~~ \$7,240.38



- (b) Where city employed or city contracted work crews perform the connection work there shall also be paid a surcharge of twenty-five (25) percent of the fees listed above. This surcharge shall not apply to connections made directly by applicants pursuant to section 28-158(b). Where city employed or contracted work crews perform the connection work, the water meter inspection fees are ~~twelve dollars and seventy five cents (\$12.75)~~ Nineteen Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents (\$19.34) per dwelling unit.
- (c) On water main extensions, inspection fees shall be those set forth in Section 28-3(5). ~~twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per each one hundred (100) feet or less of main extension.~~ Further, the inspection fees specified in paragraph (b) and (c) of this section shall also apply when a memorandum of agreement is used pursuant to section 28-158 (b) above, as an additional fee.
- (d) (1) The water connection shall include all components necessary for service from the water main, including service pipe from the main to the property line and all necessary connection components; along with all labor, equipment (including, but not limited to, tapping saddle, valves and water meters), materials and appliances required to provide the connection and extend service to the customer's property line. When any person provides for all of the water connection as described above, pursuant to agreement authorized by section 28-158(b), the water connection fee charged by city for that connection will be the same amount as would be charged by city for a connection done by city employed or city contracted work crews, except that the twenty-five (25) percent surcharge described in section 28-182(b) shall not apply. In such circumstances, the city shall assume the obligation for future maintenance of the connection once the connection has been accepted by city.
- (2) Pursuant to the memorandum of agreement, the city may elect to provide the water meters to the applicant and to charge the applicant city's cost for such meter, and to install the meter by city personnel, once applicant's contractor completes all necessary work in preparation for meter installation.
- (e) The fees required by this section are in addition to applicable impact fees.
- (f) Additionally, for Applicant's tapping into existing city water mains for purposes other than for a potable water service connection, a fee of ~~two~~ Three ~~hundred and two~~ dollars and Seventy Cents (\$302.70) shall be paid for a new main tap of up to four (4) inches diameter and an additional fee of ~~fifty dollars~~ Seventy-Five Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$75.67) per inch shall be paid for each additional one inch of diameter greater than four (4) inches for the new main tap.

Sec. 28-183. Sewer connection fees.

- (a) Charges for residential property connection to the sewer system of the city shall be paid by all persons, prior to the connection being effected in accord with the following schedule, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section:

#### Water Meter Size Minimum Sewer Connection Charge

$\frac{3}{4}$ " -  $\frac{5}{8}$ " ~~\$408.00~~ 617.51 per living or rental unit or time and material, whichever is greater.

1" ~~\$408.00~~ 617.51 per living or rental unit or time and material, whichever is greater.

1½" ~~\$408.00~~ 617.51 per living or rental unit or time and material, whichever is greater.

2" ~~\$408.00~~ 617.51 per living or rental unit or time and material, whichever is greater.

3" ~~\$408.00~~ 617.51 per living or rental unit or time and material, whichever is greater.

4"—less than 6" ~~\$408.00~~ 617.51 per living or rental unit or time and material, whichever is greater.

6" or larger Negotiated charge based upon estimated demand imposed upon sewer system.

(b) The sewer connection shall include the connection to service in the sewer main, service pipe from the main to the property line, and all labor, materials and equipment required to make the connection and extend service to the property line. Where city employed or city contracted work crews perform the connection work there shall also be paid a surcharge of twenty-five (25) percent of the fees listed above. This surcharge shall not apply to connections made directly by Applicants pursuant to section 28-158(b). When any person provides for all of the sewer connection as described above pursuant to an agreement authorized pursuant to section 28-158(b), the sewer connection fee charged by city will be the same amount as would be charged by city for a connection done by city employed or city contracted work crews, except that the twenty-five (25) percent surcharge described in this paragraph above shall not apply. In such circumstances, the city shall assume the obligation for future maintenance of the connection once the connection has been accepted by city.

(c) On sewer main extensions, inspection fees shall be those set forth in Section 28-3(5). ~~twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per one hundred (100) feet or less of main extension.~~ Further, the inspection fees specified herein shall also apply when a memorandum of agreement is used pursuant to section 28-158 (b) above, as an additional fee.

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#### Sec. 28-185. Minimum commercial, industrial and institutional sewer connection charges.

(a) In addition to any impact fee imposed by Section 28-142 above, charges for connection to the sewer system of the city by commercial, industrial and institutional users shall be as follows, except as provided in Section 28-185(b):

#### Water Meter Size Minimum Sewer Connection Charge

$\frac{5}{8}$ " -  $\frac{3}{4}$ " ~~\$408.00~~ 617.51 per connection, or time and material, whichever is greater

1" ~~\$510.00~~ 771.88 per connection, or time and material, whichever is greater

1½" ~~\$765.00~~ 1,157.86 per connection, or time and material, whichever is greater

2" ~~\$933.00~~ 1,412.57 per connection, or time and material, whichever is greater

3" ~~\$2,499.00~~ 3,782.29 per connection, or time and material, whichever is greater

4" ~~\$4,171.80~~ 6,314.11 per connection, or time and material, whichever is greater

6" or larger Negotiated amount based on estimated demand imposed upon the sewer system

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**Section 6. City Code Amended.** That Article VI "Deposits" of Chapter 28 "Utilities" of the City of Homestead Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### **Sec. 28-201. Water and sewer deposits.**

- (a) The following schedule of deposits for water and sewer service shall be known as "utility deposits" and shall be required prior to service connection on all buildings used for any purpose and receiving such service from the city:

Meter Size	Water Service Deposit	Sewer Service Deposit
$\frac{3}{4}$ " — $\frac{5}{8}$ "	\$ <del>35.00</del> <u>53.72</u>	\$ <del>45.00</del> <u>69.24</u>
1"	<del>72.50</del> <u>\$111.03</u>	<del>97.50</del> <u>\$150.42</u>
1½"	<del>135.00</del> <u>\$207.73</u>	<del>185.00</del> <u>\$285.33</u>
2"	<del>210.00</del> <u>\$323.53</u>	<del>290.00</del> <u>\$447.69</u>
3"	<del>385.00</del> <u>\$593.34</u>	<del>535.00</del> <u>\$824.94</u>
4" and over	<del>1,260.00</del> <u>\$1,944.77</u>	<del>1,760.00</del> <u>\$2,715.99</u>

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#### **Sec. 28-219. Water reconnection fee; tampering fee.**

- (a) Once water service is disconnected, as provided in section 28-218 of the City Code, a reconnection fee of ~~thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~ Forty-One Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$41.12) shall be included in the consumer's first bill following the reconnection of service.

- (b) In the event that a water meter has been pulled by the city for tampering at the property a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) reinstallation charge must be paid before service may be resumed.

**Section 7. Inclusion in the Code.** That it is the intention of the City Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of the City of Homestead; that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intentions; and that the word "Ordinance" shall be changed to "Section" or other appropriate word.

**Section 8. Severability.** That the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

**Section 9. Conflicts.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolution or parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith, are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 10. Effective Date.** That this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption on second reading.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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STEVEN D. LOSNER,  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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ELIZABETH SEWELL, MPA, MMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.  
CITY ATTORNEY

Motion to adopt by \_\_\_\_\_seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

***FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION***

*Mayor Steven D. Losner* \_\_\_\_\_

*Vice Mayor Sean L. Fletcher* \_\_\_\_\_

*Councilwoman Erica G. Ávila* \_\_\_\_\_

*Councilwoman Jenifer N. Bailey* \_\_\_\_\_

*Councilman Clemente Canabal* \_\_\_\_\_

*Councilman Thomas Davis* \_\_\_\_\_

*Councilman Larry Roth* \_\_\_\_\_