

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-XX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE OPERATION OF THE POTABLE WATER, RECLAIMED WATER AND SANITARY SEWER UTILITY SYSTEMS; ADOPTING POTABLE WATER, RECLAIMED WATER, AND SANITARY SEWER UTILITY RATES, UTILITY CONNECTION CHARGES, CAPITAL RECOVERY FEES, AND DEPOSITS PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE 4270; AMENDING CHARGES PERTAINING TO POTABLE AND RECLAIMED WATER CONNECTION CHARGES, POTABLE WATER BACKFLOW PREVENTER CHARGES, ADDITIONAL POTABLE AND RECLAIMED WATER FEES, AND CAPITAL RECOVERY FEES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 4270; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONFLICTING HERewith TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Pinellas Park currently operates potable water, reclaimed water and sanitary sewer utility systems within its service areas; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pinellas Park, provides for the revision and establishment of potable water, reclaimed water and sanitary sewer rates by Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously adopted Ordinance No. 4270 which, among other things, established such potable water, reclaimed water and sanitary sewer rates effective October 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined the necessity to adjust potable water, reclaimed water, and sanitary sewer rates, potable water backflow preventer charges, capital recovery fees, and various miscellaneous fees; and

WHEREAS, all other miscellaneous fees and deposits established by Ordinance No. 4270 shall remain unchanged; and

WHEREAS, notice of date, time and place of public meetings when the proposed fee and rate increases in this Ordinance will be considered by the City Council have been provided to customers in the City's utility billing process, pursuant to Section 180.136, Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.

SECTION 2: Potable water, reclaimed water and sanitary sewer rates, along with turn-on charges, deposits, restoration of service charges, connection charges, and all other service charges, shall be as set forth in the attached Exhibit A, which is incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3: Ordinance No. 4270 is hereby repealed. Furthermore, all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any provision of this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4: If any section or portion of a section of this ordinance is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unlawful or unconstitutional, such determination shall not impair the validity, force or effect of the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage at second and final reading, and adjustments to certain fees and rates in attached Exhibit “A” hereto shall be effective on October 1, 2025.

PUBLISHED THE _____, DAY OF _____, 2025.

FIRST READING _____, DAY OF _____, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING THE _____, DAY OF _____, 2025.

PASSED THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 2025.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 2025.

Sandra L. Bradbury
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jennifer R. Carfagno, MMC
CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF PINELLAS PARK

POTABLE WATER, RECLAIMED WATER AND SANITARY SEWER, UTILITY CONNECTION CHARGES, CAPITAL RECOVERY FEES, AND DEPOSITS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Residential and Non-Residential Water Rates for Service Within the City Limits

Monthly Minimum	\$27.09	\$29.16	\$31.38	\$33.78	\$36.36
CONSUMPTION <u>PER 1,000 GALLONS</u>	<u>10/1/2025</u>	<u>10/1/2026</u>	<u>10/1/2027</u>	<u>10/1/2028</u>	<u>10/1/2029</u>
0 – 3000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3100 – 8000	\$9.03	\$9.72	\$10.46	\$11.26	\$12.12
8100 – 10000	\$9.53	\$10.26	\$11.04	\$11.88	\$12.79
10100 – 15000	\$10.00	\$10.77	\$11.59	\$12.47	\$13.42
15100 – 17000	\$10.48	\$11.28	\$12.14	\$13.07	\$14.07
17100 – 19000	\$10.98	\$11.82	\$12.72	\$13.69	\$14.73
19100 +	\$11.45	\$12.33	\$13.27	\$14.28	\$15.37

Minimum monthly rates shall apply to all active service connections whether the metered premises are occupied or not.

Residential and Non-Residential Potable Water Rates for Service Outside the City Limits

Monthly Minimum	\$33.87	\$36.45	\$39.24	\$42.24	\$45.45
CONSUMPTION <u>PER 1,000 GALLONS</u>	<u>10/1/2025</u>	<u>10/1/2026</u>	<u>10/1/2027</u>	<u>10/1/2028</u>	<u>10/1/2029</u>
0 – 3000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3100 – 8000	\$11.29	\$12.15	\$13.08	\$14.08	\$15.15
8100 – 10000	\$11.91	\$12.83	\$13.80	\$14.85	\$15.99
10100 – 15000	\$12.50	\$13.46	\$14.49	\$15.59	\$16.78
15100 – 17000	\$13.10	\$14.10	\$15.18	\$16.34	\$17.59
17100 – 19000	\$13.73	\$14.78	\$15.90	\$17.11	\$18.41
19100 +	\$14.31	\$15.41	\$16.59	\$17.85	\$19.21

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Potable Water Connection Charges

<u>AMI Cellular Meter Size Installed/Replaced</u>	<u>Charge</u>
¾ Inch	\$744.09
1 Inch	\$895.23
2 Inch	\$1,732.86

Meters larger than two inches, upon approval by the Utilities Director, shall be installed by the owner/developer at their own expense. A permit is required prior to installation, and the installation must comply with all City standards and specifications.

Backflow Preventer (BFP) Installed

<u>Double Check Valve Assembly (DCVA)</u>	<u>Charge</u>
¾ Inch	\$588.08
1 Inch	\$610.91
2 Inch	\$1,153.05

<u>Reduced Pressure Principle (RP)</u>	<u>Charge</u>
¾ Inch	\$683.08
1 Inch	\$743.95
2 Inch	\$1,281.80

<u>Additional Potable Water Fees</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Potable Water Reconnection Charges (resulting from delinquency)	
Reconnection only (potable and reclaimed water together, one charge, total)	\$50.00
Reconnection requiring potable water meter installation (total)	\$100.00
Reconnection requiring sanitary sewer service connection (in addition to above charges)	\$100.00
Potable Water Meter Removal and Reinstallation Charge (no delinquency)	\$100.00
Potable Water Turn on Charges	
During regular working hours	\$40.00
After regular working hours (Orders placed after 4:30 pm when service required before working hours begin next regular working day)	\$60.00
Reread Meter Requested (No charge if City misread meter)	\$25.00
Removal Of Unauthorized Straight Pipe (+ Estimated potable water usage)	\$100.00
Broken Lock on Curb Stop	\$100.00
Unauthorized Use of Fire Hydrant (+ Estimated potable water usage)	\$500.00
Tenant Notification for Master Meter	\$30.00
Inaccessible Meter for read	\$50.00
Curb Stop Turn off	\$50.00
Mainline Cap/Shut off	\$150.00

Backflow Device Maintenance/Testing (Less than 2 inch) Monthly Charge	\$3.00
Backflow Device Maintenance/Testing (2 inch and above) Monthly Charge	\$14.00
Meter Test	\$50.00
Meter Relocation	At Cost
Meter Tampering	\$200.00
Endpoint Replacement	\$138.00
Endpoint Tampering	\$200.00

Reclaimed Water Rates Within the City Limits

Single-family residential reclaimed water customers with a meter size of ¾-inch or 1-inch within the City limits shall be charged a flat monthly user fee. Single-family residential with a meter size greater than 1-inch and all non-residential reclaimed water customers within the City limits shall be charged the monthly user fee, plus a volumetric rate per thousand gallons for quantities in excess of 25,000 gallons. Monthly user fees shall apply to all active service connections regardless of reclaimed water consumption or premises are occupied or not. For multi-unit service within City limits utilizing master meters, a monthly user fee times the number of multi-unit residences shall apply. This minimum monthly rate applies regardless of consumption and whether all unit/residences are occupied or not. All consumption volume shall be charged at the volumetric rate per thousand gallons when master meters are used. Where master meters are not used, single-family rates, as discussed above, shall apply.

	<u>10/1/2025</u>	<u>10/1/2026</u>	<u>10/1/2027</u>	<u>10/1/2028</u>	<u>10/1/2029</u>
Flat User Fee Monthly (Single-Family Residential with meter size of ¾" and 1")	\$16.54	\$17.78	\$19.11	\$20.53	\$22.05
User Fee Monthly (Single-Family Residential with meter size > 1" and Non-Residential)	\$15.84	\$17.02	\$18.29	\$19.65	\$21.11
Master-Metered Multi-Unit Fee Monthly	\$1.99	\$2.14	\$2.30	\$2.47	\$2.63
Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$1.04	\$1.12	\$1.20	\$1.29	\$1.39

Reclaimed Water Rates Outside the City Limits

Single-family residential reclaimed water customers with a meter size of ¾-inch or 1-inch outside the City limits shall be charged a flat monthly user fee. Single-family residential with a meter size greater than 1-inch and all non-residential reclaimed water customers outside the City limits shall be charged the monthly user fee, plus a volumetric rate per thousand gallons for quantities in excess of 25,000 gallons. Monthly user fees shall apply to all active service connections regardless of reclaimed water consumption or premises are occupied or not. For multi-unit service outside the City limits, utilizing master meters, a monthly user fee times the number of multi-unit residences shall apply. The minimum monthly rate applies regardless of consumption and whether all residences/units are occupied or not. All consumption volume shall be charged the volumetric rate per thousand gallons when master meters are used. Where master meters are not used, single-family rates, as discussed above, shall apply.

	<u>10/1/2025</u>	<u>10/1/2026</u>	<u>10/1/2027</u>	<u>10/1/2028</u>	<u>10/1/2029</u>
Flat User Fee Monthly (Single-Family Residential with meter size of ¾" and 1")	\$20.68	\$22.23	\$23.89	\$25.66	\$27.56
User Fee Monthly (Single-Family Residential with meter size > 1" and Non-Residential)	\$19.80	\$21.28	\$22.86	\$24.56	\$26.39
Master-Metered Multi-Unit Fee Monthly	\$2.49	\$2.68	\$2.88	\$3.09	\$3.31
Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$1.30	\$1.40	\$1.20	\$1.61	\$1.74

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Meters larger than two inches, upon approval by the Utilities Director, shall be installed by the owner/developer at their own expense. A permit is required prior to installation, and the installation must comply with all City standards and specifications. If the property does not already have a backflow preventer, a charge from the 'Potable Water Backflow Preventer Installed' section shall apply for the installation of a backflow preventer.

<u>Additional Reclaimed Water Fees</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Reclaimed Water Reconnection Charges (resulting from delinquency)	
Reconnection only (potable and reclaimed water together, one charge, total)	\$50.00
Reconnection requiring reclaimed water meter installation (total)	\$100.00
Reconnection requiring sanitary sewer service connection (in addition to above charges)	\$100.00
Reclaimed Water Meter Removal and Reinstallation Charge (no delinquency)	\$100.00
Reclaimed Water Turn on Charges	
During regular working hours	\$40.00
After regular working hours (Orders placed after 4:30 pm when service required before working hours begin next regular working day)	\$60.00
Reread Meter Requested (No charge if City misread meter)	\$25.00
Removal Of Unauthorized Straight Pipe (+ Estimated reclaimed water usage)	\$100.00
Broken Lock on Curb Stop	\$100.00
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Mainline Cap/Shut off	\$150.00
Female Cam Lock	\$50.00
Hose Whip Replacement Fee	\$60.00
Backflow Device Maintenance/Testing (Less than 2 inch) Monthly Charge	\$3.00
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Sanitary Sewer Charges

Within City Limits					
	<u>10/1/2025</u>	<u>10/1/2026</u>	<u>10/1/2027</u>	<u>10/1/2028</u>	<u>10/1/2029</u>
Minimum Rate	\$37.32	\$39.18	\$42.06	\$45.12	\$48.39
Rate per 1,000 gallons metered potable water	\$12.44	\$13.06	\$14.02	\$15.04	\$16.13

Outside City Limits					
	<u>10/1/2025</u>	<u>10/1/2026</u>	<u>10/1/2027</u>	<u>10/1/2028</u>	<u>10/1/2029</u>
Minimum Rate	\$46.65	\$48.99	\$52.59	\$56.40	\$60.48
Rate per 1,000 gallons metered potable water	\$15.55	\$16.33	\$17.53	\$18.80	\$20.16

Capital Recovery Fees

Single Family Residence	\$2,293.00
Multiple Family Dwelling Unit	\$1,834.00 each
Mobile Home Space in Park	\$1,720.00 each
Commercial, Industrial and Miscellaneous Buildings	\$2,293.00 each

Sanitary sewer connection taps, upon approval by the Utilities Director, shall be installed by the owner/developer at their own expense. A permit is required prior to installation, and the installation must comply with all City standards and specifications. If the Utilities Director approves to have the City perform the connection tap, the tap installation fee, including wye and service lateral, will be charged at cost, but not less than \$2,000.00.

Residential Accounts Deposits (Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sanitary Sewer and Garbage)

	<u>Per Unit</u>
Potable Water	\$90.00
Sanitary Sewer	\$135.00
Garbage (unlimited # of cans)	\$60.00
Total potable water, sanitary sewer, garbage, (without reclaimed water)	\$285.00
Reclaimed water	\$28.00
Total potable water, reclaimed water, sanitary sewer and garbage	\$313.00

A deposit is required for activating services at all addresses. When an account's history indicates consumption exceeding 4,000 gallons per month for potable water or 25,000 gallons per month for reclaimed water, or if the account becomes delinquent, the minimum deposit requirement shall be increased to three (3) times the average monthly bill, plus penalties.

Non-Residential Accounts Minimum Deposits (Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sanitary Sewer and Garbage)

	<u>Per Unit</u>
Potable Water	\$300.00
Sanitary Sewer	\$435.00
Garbage (0-5 can limit)	\$60.00
Garbage (6-10 cans/dumpster service)	3 x monthly charge
Total potable water, sanitary sewer, garbage, (without reclaimed water)	\$795.00
Reclaimed water	\$28.00
Total potable water, reclaimed water, sanitary sewer and garbage	\$823.00

A deposit is required for activating services at all addresses. The minimum deposit for accounts with no previous history is based on 13,000 gallons of potable water, sanitary sewer, and tax plus the monthly dumpster fee x 3. If the account has had previous service, its average consumption shall be used instead of the base 13,000 gallons. If the same type of business occupies a location, the previous occupant's average consumption shall be used instead of the base 13,000 gallons. If the customer has had no previous service with the City and no previous occupant existed at the location, (e.g., new building or vacant property), the deposit shall be calculated based on the 6-month potable water/sanitary sewer average, for a similar business.

When an account's history indicates consumption exceeding 4,000 gallons per month for potable water or 25,000 gallons per month for reclaimed water, or if the account becomes delinquent, the minimum deposit requirement shall be increased to three (3) times the average monthly bill, plus penalties.

Business Impact Estimate

This form must be included in the agenda packet for the item under which the proposed ordinance is to be considered and must be posted on the City's website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published.

Proposed ordinance's title/reference: **Ordinance 2025-XX**

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This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes.

If one or more boxes are checked below, this means the City is of the view that a business impact estimate is ***not*** required by state law¹ for the proposed ordinance, but the City is, nevertheless, providing this Business Impact Estimate as a courtesy and to avoid any procedural issues that could impact the enactment of the proposed ordinance. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.

- ☐ The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any Federal, State, local, or private grant or other financial assistance accepted by the municipal government;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- ☐ The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- ☐ The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in Florida Statutes § 163.3164, and development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under Florida Statutes § 163.3220-163.3243;
 - b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments

¹ See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

- initiated by an application by a private party other than the City;
- c. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
 - d. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
 - e. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, even notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the City hereby publishes the following information:

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare):

This ordinance addresses the operation of the city's potable water, reclaimed water, and sanitary sewer utility systems. This ordinance will ensure the efficient and equitable provision of essential utility services by adopting and adjusting rates for potable water, reclaimed water, and sanitary sewer services. These adjustments include changes to utility connection charges, capital recovery fees, and various other fees. It also provides the necessary financial resources to operate and maintain the City's critical utility systems.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City, if any:

(a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;
None.

(b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and
All businesses that utilize a backflow device will be charged a new monthly fee of \$3.00 or \$14.00 depending on their meter size.

(c) An estimate of the City's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.
None.

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance:

All businesses that the city services with water, sewer, or reclaimed water utilities will be impacted.

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any):

None.