

R E S O L U T I O N
NUMBER 2026 –

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO ADOPT A NEW SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY UTILITIES RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida ("Board") adopted Resolution No. 2025-241, establishing a Schedule fixing water, sewer, and reclaimed water rates, fees, and charges for the utility services to present and future customers of Charlotte County Utilities ("CCU"); and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2026, the Board held a public meeting whereby all the owners, tenants, and occupants of property serviced or to be serviced by CCU and all other interested parties had an opportunity to be heard concerning proposed changes in CCU rates, fees, and charges, notice of which public meeting was properly and timely published in a newspaper published in Charlotte County; and

WHEREAS, on the advice and recommendation of its technical advisors, and after hearing from the public, the Board has determined the new water, sewer, and reclaimed water rates are just and equitable, and in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida that:

1. The Charlotte County Utilities Rate Schedules for Water, Sewer, and Reclaimed Water, attached and incorporated collectively herein as "Exhibit A", are hereby adopted to be effective for utility bills on or after April 1, 2026, and are effective until

automatically adjusted pursuant to the index provision below or such time that the Board adopts new schedules of rates, fees, and charges for the services.

2. The Rates, Fees, and Charges (Schedule A) for the Charlotte County Utilities Uniform Extension Standards, attached and incorporated herein as "Exhibit B", is hereby adopted.

3. The Miscellaneous Fees and Charges (Schedule C), attached and incorporated herein as "Exhibit C", is hereby adopted.

4. Beginning on October 1, 2027, the rates, fees, and charges adopted in Paragraph 1, 2, and 3 shall automatically increase annually as of the first day of the fiscal year, without hearing, by 3.5% or by the index adopted by the Florida Public Service Commission pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(a), Florida Statutes, whichever amount is greater.

5. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 13th day of January, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Joseph M. Tiseo, Chairman

ATTEST:
Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of the Circuit
Court and Ex-officio Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: _____
Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney
LR25-1034 

Charlotte County Utilities Rate Schedule

Water

		Rates Effective for Bills Rendered on or after April 1,
	2025	2026
		3.50%
A. WATER		
1. RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance):		
<u>Meter Size</u>		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$25.87	\$26.77
1"	\$64.66	\$66.92
1 1/2"	\$129.31	\$133.84
2"	\$206.87	\$214.11
3"	\$413.75	\$428.23
4"	\$646.47	\$669.10
Regular Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-5,999	\$6.61	\$6.84
6,000-10,999	\$7.59	\$7.86
11,000-15,999	\$9.57	\$9.91
16,000-25,999	\$10.89	\$11.27
26,000 gallons and above	\$12.55	\$12.99
Emergency Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-5,999	\$6.61	\$6.84
6,000-10,999	\$9.12	\$9.44
11,000-15,999	\$12.45	\$12.89
16,000-25,999	\$15.26	\$15.79
26,000 gallons and above	\$18.84	\$19.50
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.85	\$5.02
2. MOBILE HOME RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance):		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$21.21	\$21.95
Regular Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-5,999	\$6.61	\$6.84
6,000-10,999	\$7.59	\$7.86
11,000-15,999	\$9.57	\$9.91
16,000-25,999	\$10.89	\$11.27
26,000 gallons and above	\$12.55	\$12.99
Emergency Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-5,999	\$6.61	\$6.84
6,000-10,999	\$9.12	\$9.44
11,000-15,999	\$12.45	\$12.89
16,000-25,999	\$15.26	\$15.79
26,000 gallons and above	\$18.84	\$19.50
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.85	\$5.02

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Water

		Rates Effective for Bills Rendered on or after April 1,
	2025	2026
		3.50%
3. MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge times number of units (no gallonage)		
All Meter Sizes	\$18.09	\$18.73
Regular Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-3,999	\$6.61	\$6.84
4,000-7,999	\$7.59	\$7.86
8,000-11,999	\$9.57	\$9.91
12,000-15,999	\$10.89	\$11.27
16,000 gallons and above	\$12.55	\$12.99
Emergency Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-3,999	\$6.61	\$6.84
4,000-7,999	\$9.12	\$9.44
8,000-11,999	\$12.45	\$12.89
12,000-15,999	\$15.26	\$15.79
16,000 gallons and above	\$18.84	\$19.50
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.85	\$5.02
4. BULK SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge times number of units (no gallonage)		
All Meter Sizes	\$12.17	\$12.60
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$4.67	\$4.83
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.85	\$5.02
5. GENERAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance):		
<u>Meter Size</u>		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$25.87	\$26.77
1"	\$64.66	\$66.92
1 1/2"	\$129.31	\$133.84
2"	\$206.87	\$214.11
3"	\$413.75	\$428.23
4"	\$646.47	\$669.10
6"	\$1,292.92	\$1,338.18
8"	\$2,068.69	\$2,141.09
10" - New	n/a	\$3,078.55
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$6.61	\$6.84
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.85	\$5.02

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	2025	2026
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6. IRRIGATION SERVICE		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$25.87	\$26.77
1"	\$64.66	\$66.92
1 1/2"	\$129.31	\$133.84
2"	\$206.87	\$214.11
3"	\$413.75	\$428.23
4"	\$646.47	\$669.10
6"	\$1,292.92	\$1,338.18
8"	\$2,068.69	\$2,141.09
10" - New	n/a	\$3,078.55
Regular Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-15,999	\$9.57	\$9.91
16,000 and above	\$10.89	\$11.27
Emergency Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-15,999	\$12.45	\$12.89
16,000 and above	\$15.26	\$15.79
Customer charge added to each monthly bill:	\$4.85	\$5.02

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Sewer

		Rates Effective for Bills Rendered on or after April 1,
	2025	2026
		3.50%
B. WASTEWATER		
1. RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance): All		
Meter Sizes	\$45.66	\$47.26
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons (10,000-gallon maximum):	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
2. MOBILE HOME RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance): All		
Meter Sizes	\$44.29	\$45.84
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons (10,000-gallon maximum):	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
3. MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge times # units (no gallonage allowance): All Meter Sizes	\$36.55	\$37.82
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
4. BULK SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge times the number of units: All		
Meter Sizes	\$30.39	\$31.45
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$5.19	\$5.37
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
5. GENERAL SERVICE		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance):		
<u>Meter Size</u>		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$45.66	\$47.26
1"	\$114.18	\$118.18
1 1/2"	\$228.38	\$236.37
2"	\$365.40	\$378.19
3"	\$730.82	\$756.40
4"	\$1,141.90	\$1,181.86
6"	\$2,283.84	\$2,363.77
8"	\$3,654.09	\$3,781.98
10" - New	n/a	\$5,434.90
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02

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Sewer

		Rates Effective for Bills Rendered on or after April 1,
	2025	2026
		3.50%
6. WASTEWATER ONLY CUSTOMERS		
a. Individual Residences		
Based on maximum usage, Monthly Flat Rate of:	\$109.29	\$113.11
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
b. Multi-family		
Based on maximum usage, Monthly Flat Rate per unit of:	\$87.44	\$90.50
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
c. Bulk		
Monthly Flat Rate per unit of:	\$82.32	\$85.20
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
d. General Service		
Based on maximum usage per schedule of daily rated gallorage for various occupancies pursuant to the Utility Uniform Extension Policy.		
Base Facility Charge	\$114.18	\$118.18
Gallorage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02

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Sewer

		Rates Effective for Bills Rendered on or after April 1,
	2025	2026
		3.50%
7. WASTEWATER ONLY CUSTOMERS, WATER SERVED BY ANOTHER UTILITY		
a. Individual Residences		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance): All		
Meter Sizes	\$45.66	\$47.26
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons (10,000-gallon maximum):	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
b. Multi-family		
Base Facility Charge times the number of units: All		
Meter Sizes	\$36.55	\$37.82
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
c. Bulk Service		
Base Facility Charge times the number of units: All Meter Sizes	\$30.39	\$31.45
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$5.19	\$5.37
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
d. General Service		
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance): Meter Size		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$45.66	\$47.26
1"	\$114.18	\$118.18
1 1/2"	\$228.38	\$236.37
2"	\$365.40	\$378.19
3"	\$730.82	\$756.40
4"	\$1,141.90	\$1,181.86
6"	\$2,283.84	\$2,363.77
8"	\$3,654.09	\$3,781.98
10" - New	n/a	\$5,434.90
Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$6.36	\$6.58
Customer Charge added to each sewer only account:	\$4.85	\$5.02
e. Per Contract		
Consumption Charge only - Bulk Gallonage Charge per 1,000	\$5.19	\$5.37

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Reclaimed Water

		Rates Effective for Bills Rendered on or after April 1,
	2025	2026
		3.50%
C. RECLAIMED WATER (REUSE)		
1. a. Pond Delivery		
Base Facility Charge:	\$3.47	\$3.59
Gallage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-3,000,000	\$0.27	\$0.28
3,000,001-9,000,000	\$0.20	\$0.21
9,000,001-30,000,000	\$0.17	\$0.18
30,000,001 and above	\$0.15	\$0.15
b. Direct Feed		
Base Facility Charge:	\$3.47	\$3.59
Gallage Charge per 1,000 gallons:		
0-3,000,000	\$0.41	\$0.42
3,000,001-9,000,000	\$0.35	\$0.36
9,000,001-30,000,000	\$0.32	\$0.33
30,000,001 and above	\$0.27	\$0.28

EXHIBIT B

Schedule A

Rates, Fees and Charges	Existing			Effective on or after April 1, 2026		
	Water or Irrigation	Sewer	Reclaimed Water	Water or Irrigation	Sewer	Reclaimed Water
Connection Fees and Charges per ERC						
TAP Fee	\$2,407	\$2,251	\$0	\$3,405	\$5,937	\$0
Distribution/Collection Fee						
	\$2,940	\$2,910	\$0	\$3,830	\$3,791	\$3,830
Low Pressure Sewer (LPS) Installation Charge						
Residential per each LPS Tank	N/A	\$4,800	N/A	N/A	\$6,253	N/A
Non-Residential per each LPS Tank	N/A	Actual Cost	N/A	N/A	Actual Cost	N/A
Vacuum Sewer Pit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$6,253	N/A
Service Installation Charge						
3/4" Meter or less	\$1,070	N/A	\$1,070	\$1,394	N/A	\$1,394
1" Meter	\$1,945	N/A	\$1,945	\$2,529	N/A	\$2,529
1 1/2" Meter	\$2,400	N/A	\$2,400	\$3,120	N/A	\$3,120
2" Meter	\$2,400	N/A	\$2,400	\$3,120	N/A	\$3,120
3" Meter and above	Actual Cost	N/A	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	N/A	Actual Cost
Up to 6" Service (Sewer only)	N/A	\$1,240	N/A	N/A	\$1,615	N/A
Additional Cost for Road Restoration	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Meter Installation Fee						
3/4" Meter or less	\$375	N/A	\$375	\$489	N/A	\$489
1" Meter	\$615	N/A	\$615	\$800	N/A	\$800
1 1/2" Meter	\$990	N/A	\$990	\$1,287	N/A	\$1,287
2" Meter	\$1,515	N/A	\$1,515	\$1,970	N/A	\$1,970
3" Meter and above	Actual Cost	N/A	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	N/A	Actual Cost
Additional Cost for Road Restoration	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost

SCHEDULE C - MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES

Fee and Charge Type	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee - Effective on or after April 1, 2026	Change
Account start-up			
Initiation of service fee	\$45	\$50	+\$5
Fire protection charges			
5% increase			
Intent is to change from monthly to annually			
Less than 4" line	\$33.33 monthly (\$400 annually)	\$35 monthly (\$420 annually)	+ \$1.67 monthly + (\$20 annually)
4" line	\$66.67 monthly (\$800 annually)	\$70 monthly (\$840 annually)	+ \$3.33 monthly + (\$40 annually)
6" line	\$133.33 monthly (\$1,600 annually)	\$140 monthly (\$1,680 annually)	+ \$6.67 monthly + (\$80 annually)
8" line	\$214.17 monthly (\$2,570 annually)	\$225 monthly (\$2,700 annually)	+ \$10.83 monthly + (\$130 annually)
10" line	\$307.50 monthly (\$3,690 annually)	\$323 monthly (\$3,876 annually)	+ \$15.50 monthly + (\$186 annually)
12" line	\$575.00 monthly (\$6,900 annually)	\$603.75 monthly (\$7,245 annually)	+ \$28.75 monthly + (\$345 annually)
Pretreatment fees			
Monthly fats, oils and grease (FOG) program fee	N/A	\$10	+\$10
Failure to provide pretreatment report	N/A	\$50	+\$50
Failure to perform pump out	N/A	\$150	+\$150
Inspection fee	N/A	\$50	+\$50
Re-inspection fee	N/A	\$50	+\$50
Septage services			
Septage waste discharge: in-county, per gallon	\$0.08	\$0.15	+\$0.07
Septage waste discharge: out-of-county, per gallon	\$0.10	\$0.15	+\$0.05
Grease waste discharge: in-county, per gallon	\$0.12	\$0.15	+\$0.03
Grease waste discharge: out-of-county, per gallon	\$0.14	\$0.15	+\$0.01
Other			
Field test meter – residential ¾" meter or less	\$75	\$95	+\$20
Field test meter – residential 1" meter	\$85	\$95	+\$10
Field test meter – residential 1 ½" meter	\$105	\$210	+\$105
Bench test meter ¾" meter or less	\$105	\$155	+\$50
1" meter or less	\$135	\$195	+\$60
Fire flow test – cost per test	\$50	\$280	+\$230
Force main/potable water pressure reading – cost per reading	N/A	\$160	+\$160
Lien search and account payoff fee	\$0	\$35	+\$35
Late fees and penalties			
Late payment charges (3 days past due)	3% of current bill	5% of current bill	+2%
Engineering and administrative fees			
Utility service availability report	\$0	\$5	+\$5
Customer Deposits - Commercial Sewer Service			

3/4" Meter or Less	\$120	\$120	No Change
1" Meter	\$445	\$445	No Change
1.5" Meter	\$2000	\$2000	No Change
2" Meter	\$2250	\$2250	No Change
3" Meter	\$2700	\$2700	No Change
4" Meter	Equal to 2 monthly bills	Equal to 2 monthly bills	No Change
6" Meter	Equal to 2 monthly bills	Equal to 2 monthly bills	No Change
8" Meter	Equal to 2 monthly bills	Equal to 2 monthly bills	No Change
10" Meter	N/A	Equal to 2 monthly bills	Varies
Customer Deposits - Commercial Water Service			
3/4" Meter or Less	\$120	\$120	No Change
1" Meter	\$250	\$250	No Change
1.5" Meter	\$460	\$460	No Change
2" Meter	\$1200	\$1200	No Change
3" Meter	\$1550	\$1550	No Change
4" Meter	Equal to 2 monthly bills	Equal to 2 monthly bills	No Change
6" Meter	Equal to 2 monthly bills	Equal to 2 monthly bills	No Change
8" Meter	Equal to 2 monthly bills	Equal to 2 monthly bills	No Change
10" Meter	N/A	Equal to 2 monthly bills	Varies
Premise Visit			
Regular Hours	\$45	\$45	No Change
Overtime Hours	\$55	\$55	No Change
Meter Tampering/Unauthorized Connection Charge - Overtime Hours*			
First Occurrence	\$295	\$295	No Change
Second Occurrence	\$590	\$590	No Change
Third Occurrence and above	\$890	\$890	No Change
Meter Tampering/Unauthorized Connection Charge - Regular Hours*			
First Occurrence	\$200	\$200	No Change
Second Occurrence	\$400	\$400	No Change
Third Occurrence and above	\$600	\$600	No Change
*Plus damages to Utility property as determined - Other services at Cost			
Reconnect Fees - Overtime Hours			
Water Turn-on Normal	\$55	\$55	No Change
Violation	\$75	\$75	No Change
Reconnect Fees - Regular Hours			
Water Turn-on Normal	\$45	\$45	No Change
Violation	\$55	\$55	No Change
Returned Check Charges			
Face Value < \$50	\$25	\$25	No Change
\$50<= Face Value < \$300	\$30	\$30	No Change
Face Value >= \$300	Greater of \$40 or 5%	Greater of \$40 or 5%	No Change
Unauthorized Use Charges			
First Offense	Warning	Warning	No Change

Second Offense	\$250	\$250	No Change
Third Offense	\$500	\$500	No Change