

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2773

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UTILITY RATES, CHARGES AND FEES FOR THE CITY WATER, SEWER AND RECLAIMED WATER UTILITY SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF ALL RATES, CHARGES AND FEES SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT “A” ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR INCREASES IN OR NEW RATES, CHARGES AND FEES WHERE APPROPRIATE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2014, Ordinance 2014-2030 was adopted by the City Council establishing and confirming rates, charges and fees for the City’s water and sewer utility;

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, Ordinance 2020-2186 was adopted by the City Council providing for adjustment of the City’s bulk water and wastewater rates for the water and sewer utility;

WHEREAS, Section 24-20 of the Code of Ordinances provides for an increase in the bulk water and wastewater rates for the utility at the rate of four percent (4%) per year effective each October 1;

WHEREAS, Section 24-21 of the Code of Ordinances provides for an increase in the water and wastewater rates for the utility for customers within the city limits at the rate of four percent (4%) per year effective each October 1;

WHEREAS, Section 24-22 of the Code of Ordinances provides for an increase in the water and wastewater rates for the utility for customers outside the city limits at the rate of four percent (4%) per year effective each October 1;

WHEREAS, Section 24-32 of the Code of Ordinances provides for an increase in the reclaimed water rates for the utility at the rate of four percent (4%) per year effective each October 1;

WHEREAS, the city has obtained a benchmark rate study that supports the rates, charges and fees established herein;

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to restate rates, charges and fees related to the water and sewer utility as adjusted throughout the previous years by the foregoing city code provisions to confirm the rates in effect for the ensuing fiscal year;

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that certain additional rates, charges or fees, or increases in existing rates, charges or fees, have become necessary in the efficient operation of the

utility and to reflect the charges imposed by other public utilities in the area, in order to appropriately fund the cost of operating the utility;

WHEREAS, the rates, charges and fees established hereunder for the utility are in the best interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare by strengthening the City's ability to maintain continuous service, recover unpaid charges, and protect the integrity and financial stability of the City's utility funds;

WHEREAS, notice of this ordinance has been provided to all utility customers in accordance with Section 180.136 Florida Statutes and Section 166.041 Florida Statutes;

WHEREAS, this ordinance is intended to comply with all applicable laws relating to the establishment of water and sewer utility rates, charges and fees with the city; and

WHEREAS, it is declared as a matter of legislative determination and public policy that the provisions and prohibitions herein are necessary in the public interest; and it is further declared that the provisions and prohibitions herein are in pursuance of and for the purpose of securing and promoting the public health, safety, welfare and quality of life in the City in accordance with the City's police powers.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Ratification of Findings. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby incorporated as the findings of the City Council and made a part of this Ordinance as if set forth fully herein.

SECTION 2. Rates, Charges and Fees. All of the rates, charges and fees set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and established for the services of the City water and sewer utility as shown thereon, effective October 1, 2026, and the same shall remain in full force and effect subject to the automatic rate increases established by the City Code of Ordinances or as otherwise modified by the City Council as provided by law.

SECTION 3. Resolution 2026-07. This Ordinance shall supersede the provisions of Resolution 2026-07 to the extent of any conflict between the same.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision or portion of this ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the City of New Port Richey, Florida, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption as provided by law.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read and approved on first reading at a duly convened meeting of the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida, this 1st day of September, 2026.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read and approved on second reading at a duly convened meeting of the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida, this 15th day of September, 2026.

ATTEST:

CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

Judy Meyers, MMC, City Clerk

Alfred C. Davis, Mayor – Councilmember

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CONTENT

Timothy P. Driscoll, City Attorney CAA 8-21-26

WATER RATES — INSIDE CITY LIMITS — FY 2026-27

Meter Size	Base Rate FY 26-27	Billing Rate FY 26-27	Tier 1 Range	Tier 1 Rate	Tier 2 Range	Tier 2 Rate	Tier 3 Range	Tier 3 Rate	Tier 4 Range	Tier 4 Rate	Tier 5 Range	Tier 5 Rate
5/8"	\$12.96	\$1.10	0 – 4,000	\$4.15	4,001 – 8,000	\$5.31	8,001 – 12,000	\$7.30	12,001 – 16,000	\$10.30	16,001 +	\$14.73
1"	\$32.39	\$1.10	0 – 9,600	\$4.15	9,601 – 19,200	\$5.31	19,201 – 28,800	\$7.30	28,801 – 38,400	\$10.30	38,401 +	\$14.73
1 1/2"	\$64.79	\$1.10	0 – 20,000	\$4.15	20,001 – 40,000	\$5.31	40,001 – 60,000	\$7.30	60,001 – 80,000	\$10.30	80,001 +	\$14.73
2"	\$103.62	\$1.10	0 – 32,000	\$4.15	32,001 – 64,000	\$5.31	64,001 – 96,000	\$7.30	96,001 – 128,000	\$10.30	128,001 +	\$14.73
3"	\$207.30	\$1.10	0 – 64,000	\$4.15	64,001 – 128,000	\$5.31	128,001 – 192,000	\$7.30	192,001 – 256,000	\$10.30	256,001 +	\$14.73
4"	\$323.86	\$1.10	0 – 100,000	\$4.15	100,001 – 200,000	\$5.31	200,001 – 300,000	\$7.30	300,001 – 400,000	\$10.30	400,001 +	\$14.73
6"	\$647.69	\$1.10	0 – 200,000	\$4.15	200,001 – 400,000	\$5.31	400,001 – 600,000	\$7.30	600,001 – 800,000	\$10.30	800,001 +	\$14.73
8"	\$1,046.05	\$1.10	0 – 320,000	\$4.15	320,001 – 640,000	\$5.31	640,001 – 960,000	\$7.30	960,001 – 1,280,000	\$10.30	1,280,001 +	\$14.73

WATER RATES — OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS — FY 2026-27

Meter Size	Base Rate FY 26-27	Billing Rate FY 26-27	Tier 1 Range	Tier 1 Rate	Tier 2 Range	Tier 2 Rate	Tier 3 Range	Tier 3 Rate	Tier 4 Range	Tier 4 Rate	Tier 5 Range	Tier 5 Rate
5/8"	\$16.20	\$1.37	0 – 4,000	\$5.18	4,001 – 8,000	\$6.63	8,001 – 12,000	\$9.12	12,001 – 16,000	\$12.87	16,001 +	\$18.41
1"	\$40.48	\$1.37	0 – 9,600	\$5.18	9,601 – 19,200	\$6.63	19,201 – 28,800	\$9.12	28,801 – 38,400	\$12.87	38,401 +	\$18.41
1 1/2"	\$80.98	\$1.37	0 – 20,000	\$5.18	20,001 – 40,000	\$6.63	40,001 – 60,000	\$9.12	60,001 – 80,000	\$12.87	80,001 +	\$18.41
2"	\$129.52	\$1.37	0 – 32,000	\$5.18	32,001 – 64,000	\$6.63	64,001 – 96,000	\$9.12	96,001 – 128,000	\$12.87	128,001 +	\$18.41
3"	\$259.12	\$1.37	0 – 64,000	\$5.18	64,001 – 128,000	\$6.63	128,001 – 192,000	\$9.12	192,001 – 256,000	\$12.87	256,001 +	\$18.41
4"	\$404.82	\$1.37	0 – 100,000	\$5.18	100,001 – 200,000	\$6.63	200,001 – 300,000	\$9.12	300,001 – 400,000	\$12.87	400,001 +	\$18.41
6"	\$809.61	\$1.37	0 – 200,000	\$5.18	200,001 – 400,000	\$6.63	400,001 – 600,000	\$9.12	600,001 – 800,000	\$12.87	800,001 +	\$18.41
8"	\$1,307.56	\$1.37	0 – 320,000	\$5.18	320,001 – 640,000	\$6.63	640,001 – 960,000	\$9.12	960,001 – 1,280,000	\$12.87	1,280,001 +	\$18.41

Tier ranges are compressed twenty percent from the prior schedule and scaled proportionally to each meter size; all five tier rates carry forward at the four percent escalation.

IRRIGATION RATES — INSIDE CITY LIMITS — FY 2026-27

Meter Size	Base Rate FY 26-27	Billing Rate FY 26-27	Tier 1 Range	Tier 1 Rate	Tier 2 Range	Tier 2 Rate	Tier 3 Range	Tier 3 Rate
5/8"	\$12.96	\$1.10	0 – 12,000	\$7.30	12,001 – 16,000	\$10.30	16,001 +	\$14.73
1"	\$32.39	\$1.10	0 – 28,800	\$7.30	28,801 – 38,400	\$10.30	38,401 +	\$14.73
1 1/2"	\$64.79	\$1.10	0 – 60,000	\$7.30	60,001 – 80,000	\$10.30	80,001 +	\$14.73
2"	\$103.62	\$1.10	0 – 96,000	\$7.30	96,001 – 128,000	\$10.30	128,001 +	\$14.73
3"	\$207.30	\$1.10	0 – 192,000	\$7.30	192,001 – 256,000	\$10.30	256,001 +	\$14.73
4"	\$323.86	\$1.10	0 – 300,000	\$7.30	300,001 – 400,000	\$10.30	400,001 +	\$14.73
6"	\$647.69	\$1.10	0 – 600,000	\$7.30	600,001 – 800,000	\$10.30	800,001 +	\$14.73
8"	\$1,046.05	\$1.10	0 – 960,000	\$7.30	960,001 – 1,280,000	\$10.30	1,280,001 +	\$14.73

Irrigation service is billed on the third, fourth and fifth consumption tiers of the potable water schedule; there is no first or second tier for irrigation accounts. Tier ranges are compressed twenty percent consistent with the potable schedule.

IRRIGATION RATES — OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS — FY 2026-27

Meter Size	Base Rate FY 26-27	Billing Rate FY 26-27	Tier 1 Range	Tier 1 Rate	Tier 2 Range	Tier 2 Rate	Tier 3 Range	Tier 3 Rate
5/8"	\$16.20	\$1.37	0 – 12,000	\$9.12	12,001 – 16,000	\$12.87	16,001 +	\$18.41
1"	\$40.48	\$1.37	0 – 28,800	\$9.12	28,801 – 38,400	\$12.87	38,401 +	\$18.41
1 1/2"	\$80.98	\$1.37	0 – 60,000	\$9.12	60,001 – 80,000	\$12.87	80,001 +	\$18.41
2"	\$129.52	\$1.37	0 – 96,000	\$9.12	96,001 – 128,000	\$12.87	128,001 +	\$18.41
3"	\$259.12	\$1.37	0 – 192,000	\$9.12	192,001 – 256,000	\$12.87	256,001 +	\$18.41
4"	\$404.82	\$1.37	0 – 300,000	\$9.12	300,001 – 400,000	\$12.87	400,001 +	\$18.41
6"	\$809.61	\$1.37	0 – 600,000	\$9.12	600,001 – 800,000	\$12.87	800,001 +	\$18.41
8"	\$1,307.56	\$1.37	0 – 960,000	\$9.12	960,001 – 1,280,000	\$12.87	1,280,001 +	\$18.41

Irrigation service is billed on the third, fourth and fifth consumption tiers of the potable water schedule; there is no first or second tier for irrigation accounts. Tier ranges are compressed twenty percent consistent with the potable schedule.

SEWER RATES — INSIDE CITY LIMITS — FY 2026-27

Meter Size	Base Rate FY 26-27	Billing Rate FY 26-27	Total Fixed FY 26-27	Usage Rate per 1,000 gal
5/8"	\$17.39	\$1.10	\$18.49	\$6.65
1"	\$43.49	\$1.10	\$44.59	\$6.65
1 1/2"	\$86.96	\$1.10	\$88.06	\$6.65
2"	\$139.16	\$1.10	\$140.26	\$6.65
3"	\$278.27	\$1.10	\$279.37	\$6.65
4"	\$434.88	\$1.10	\$435.98	\$6.65
6"	\$869.66	\$1.10	\$870.76	\$6.65
8"	\$1,391.47	\$1.10	\$1,392.57	\$6.65

Residential and multi-family billable sewer consumption is capped at 15,000 gallons per month. Commercial sewer consumption is billed at the same rate per 1,000 gallons with no cap. The usage rate receives the four percent escalation only; the fixed charge receives four percent plus the first of three annual steps toward the 2026 Benchmarking Rate Study market median.

SEWER RATES — OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS — FY 2026-27

Meter Size	Base Rate FY 26-27	Billing Rate FY 26-27	Total Fixed FY 26-27	Usage Rate per 1,000 gal
5/8"	\$21.73	\$1.37	\$23.10	\$8.31
1"	\$54.36	\$1.37	\$55.73	\$8.31
1 1/2"	\$108.70	\$1.37	\$110.07	\$8.31
2"	\$173.95	\$1.37	\$175.32	\$8.31
3"	\$347.83	\$1.37	\$349.20	\$8.31
4"	\$543.60	\$1.37	\$544.97	\$8.31
6"	\$1,087.07	\$1.37	\$1,088.44	\$8.31
8"	\$1,739.33	\$1.37	\$1,740.70	\$8.31

Residential and multi-family billable sewer consumption is unchanged, capped at 15,000 gallons per month. Commercial sewer consumption is billed at the same rate per 1,000 gallons with no cap. The usage rate receives the four percent escalation only; the Base Rate receives four percent plus the first of three annual steps toward the 2026 benchmarking rate survey median.

MULTI-FAMILY RATES — INSIDE CITY LIMITS — FY 2026-27

Service	FY 26-27
Water base rate	\$10.37
Sewer base rate	\$13.92
Billing rate (per service)	\$1.10
Sewer usage rate per 1,000 gal	\$6.65

Multi-family base charges are computed on equivalent residential units, the actual number of units multiplied by eighty percent, per secs. 24-21(b)(1) and 24-22(b)(1). Water consumption Tiers and gallon thresholds are identical to the residential and commercial schedule.

MULTI-FAMILY RATES — OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS — FY 2026-27

Service	FY 26-27
Water base rate	\$12.96
Sewer base rate	\$17.40
Billing rate (per service)	\$1.37
Sewer usage rate per 1,000 gal	\$8.31

Multi-family base charges are computed on equivalent residential units, the actual number of units multiplied by eighty percent, per secs. 24-21(b)(1) and 24-22(b)(1). Water consumption Tiers and gallon thresholds are identical to the residential and commercial schedule.

RECLAIMED WATER RATES — FY 2026-27

Meter Size	Monthly Usage Level (gallons)	Monthly Rate FY 26-27
5/8"	20,000	\$22.21
1"	50,000	\$56.02
1 1/2"	150,000	\$168.15
2"	250,000	\$280.28
3"	600,000	\$672.71
4"	1,100,000	\$1,233.28
6"	2,350,000	\$2,634.73
8"	Above	\$4,708.87

FIRE SPRINKLER RATES — INSIDE CITY LIMITS — FY 2026-27

Meter Size	Monthly Base Rate FY 26-27
5/8"	\$9.47
1"	\$23.67
1 1/2"	\$47.33
2"	\$75.71
3"	\$151.46
4"	\$236.63
6"	\$473.26
8"	\$757.27
10"	\$1,183.18

No billing rate and no consumptive use charge is incurred for fire suppression or sprinkler service.

FIRE SPRINKLER RATES — OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS — FY 2026-27
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Meter Size	Monthly Base Rate FY 26-27
5/8"	\$11.83
1"	\$29.58
1 1/2"	\$59.16
2"	\$94.63
3"	\$189.32
4"	\$295.78
6"	\$591.57
8"	\$946.58
10"	\$1,478.97

No billing rate and no consumptive use charge is incurred for fire suppression or sprinkler service.

BULK WATER AND BULK WASTEWATER RATES — FY 2026-27
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BULK WATER (per 1,000 gallons)

Element	FY 26-27	Adjustment Basis
Purchased Water Element	\$2.6593	Sec. 24-20(e)(3) — set to current TBW uniform rate
Treatment & Transmission Element	\$2.9168	Sec. 24-20(e)(1) — 4% annual escalation
Combined Bulk Water Rate	\$5.5761	

BULK WASTEWATER (per 1,000 gallons)
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Element	FY 26-27	Adjustment Basis
Operating Element	\$5.2587	Sec. 24-20(e)(1) — 4% annual escalation
Capital Recovery Element	\$1.6100	Sec. 24-20(e)(2) — adjusts with the sewer development fee
Combined Bulk Wastewater Rate	\$6.8687	

The bulk water rate per 1,000 gallons applicable to Pasco County (\$3.16) and Port Richey (\$4.16) is set by interlocal agreement. Bulk rates were last adopted by Ordinance 2020-2186 effective October 1, 2020; the FY 2025-26 amounts shown are derived by applying the ordinance escalator forward.

SECURITY DEPOSITS — Water & Sewer combined

Meter Size	FY 26-27
5/8"	\$150.00
1"	\$375.00
1 1/2"	\$750.00
2"	\$1,200.00
3"	\$2,400.00
4"	\$3,750.00
6"	\$7,500.00
8"	\$12,000.00

METER INSTALLATION FEES

*Set at \$500 for a 5/8" meter (\$400 meter and \$100 installation labor)
with the meter component scaled by market response. Meters 1.5"
and larger are charged at current cost + labor.*

Meter Size	Meter Component	Installation Labor	FY 26-27 Total
5/8"	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$500.00
1"	\$550.00	\$100.00	\$650.00
1 1/2"	At Cost	+ Labor	Current Cost + Labor
2"	At Cost	+ Labor	Current Cost + Labor
3"	At Cost	+ Labor	Current Cost + Labor
4"	At Cost	+ Labor	Current Cost + Labor
6"	At Cost	+ Labor	Current Cost + Labor
8"	At Cost	+ Labor	Current Cost + Labor

Meters 1.5" and larger are charged on an at-cost basis. This treatment is consistent with the at-cost basis already proposed for meter, MXU, box and lid replacement, and it ensures the City recovers actual cost without publishing a fixed amount that may diverge from invoice.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS FEES

Fee	FY 26-27
Reconnect (nonpayment / seasonal / reinstatement)	\$70.00
Same Day Service Reconnect Fee (After Hours)	\$100.00
Backflow Assembly or Testing Fee	\$150.00
Meter Bench Test Fee	\$150.00
Late Payment Charge	\$5.00 or 5% of outstanding balance

NEW FEES	
Fee	Amount
Backflow Assembly Retesting Fee	\$50.00
Shutoff (nonpayment / seasonal / lock install)	\$70.00
Meter Replacement	Current Cost + Labor
MXU / SmartPoint Replacement	Current Cost + Labor
Box / Lid Replacement	Current Cost + Labor
Premise Visit Fee	\$70.00
RPZ Installation (Backflow Valve Installation)	\$650