

RESOLUTION NO. UA 2018-08

A RESOLUTION AMENDING, SUPERSEDING, AND RESCINDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICES FURNISHED BY FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, IN RESOLUTION NO. U.A. 2014-05, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, ARTICLE XII; PROVIDING FOR A 3% INCREASE IN THE CUSTOMER AND USAGE CHARGES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority was created and established by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, through a referendum election held in said City on May 30, 1972; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, Article XII, grants to said Fort Pierce Utilities Authority the power and duty to fix rates to be charged for gas, electricity, water, wastewater (sanitary sewer), and other Utility Services sold and services rendered by said Fort Pierce Utilities Authority;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA), Fort Pierce, Florida:

SECTION I: WASTEWATER SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE - The schedule of rates and charges to be imposed for the services and facilities furnished by the wastewater system of FPUA shall be subject to revision from time to time as may be necessary. Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms defined in this Resolution shall have the meanings specified in the resolution entitled General Rules and Regulations Governing the Provision of Utility Service. The schedule thereof, which shall be applicable to all wastewater service within the territory served by FPUA, shall be implemented as follows:

A. MONTHLY RATE: Monthly charges for wastewater service are as follows:

TABLE NO. WW-1	
Meter Size	(1.) Customer Charge
5/8 x 3/4 inch	\$ 15.76
1 inch	39.47
1 1/2 inch	78.92
2 inch	126.34
3 inch	252.66
4 inch	394.74
6 inch	789.47
8 inch	1,263.21
10 inch	1,815.86

1. Customer (Readiness-to-Serve) Charge, as shown in Table No. WW-1:

a. Active Account: The flat monthly charge based on the serving water Meter size.

b. Inactive Account: An active account becomes inactive when a Customer elects to voluntarily disconnect Utility Services. Voluntary disconnection includes services disconnected for nonpayment, and Meter(s) removed due to tampering. This charge would not be billed if the Meter has been removed from a structure which has been demolished. This charge is also referred to as the Customer Charge for Active Accounts, and will be billed to the owner of the property based on the serving water Meter size.

TABLE NO. WW-2
(2.) Usage Charge Per 1,000 Gallons
\$5.65

2. Usage Charge: Usage Charges are based on the quantity of wastewater discharged to FPUA's wastewater system. All wastewater service will be charged on the basis of monthly-metered water usage at the rate shown in Table No. WW-2.

a. Standard: Single family Residential wastewater usage (individual metered water usage) up to 10,000 gallons per month shall be billed the wastewater Usage Charge. Standard Commercial wastewater usage per month shall be billed the wastewater Usage Charge based on 100 percent of the monthly metered water usage.

B. METERED WASTEWATER: Wastewater charges are based on the quantity of wastewater discharged to FPUA's wastewater system. In some cases the Customer may receive its water supply from a source other than FPUA. In these cases, FPUA may allow utilization of a sewer flow Meter or installation of a water Meter that meters the alternate source of water supply for wastewater billing purposes. Wastewater metering is not a preferred method, and will be reviewed on a case by case basis prior to allowing its implementation.

C. OTHER FACILITIES (FLAT RATE SEWER): Any facility using the wastewater system not included in the above categories shall be charged an amount to be determined by the Director of Utilities or his or her authorized representative. This charge will be billed monthly.

D. REFUSAL OF PRIVATE SEPTAGE: FPUA's treatment facilities for treatment and disposal are not designed to accept private septage and FPUA shall accordingly refuse to accept private septage into its system.

E. ANNUAL INDEXING PROVISION: In order to ensure that FPUA utility rates shall be sufficient to pay all operating and maintenance expenses, capital outlay, bond interest and redemption costs, and all other costs of each respective utility operation, the FPUA Board may adjust the monthly rates and charges of the wastewater system based on the Florida Public Service Commission annual price index without further action by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce. The price index is established by March 31 of each year and is calculated using a comparison of the U.S. Department of Commerce's average Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator Index for the preceding two years. Such new rates shall be submitted to the FPUA Board for approval and become effective following FPUA Board approval. If in any year the FPUA Board does not apply the price index to the current rates and charges of the wastewater system, such adjustment shall not carry forward to future years.

F. TAX ADJUSTMENT: The amount computed at the above Monthly Rate shall be subject to taxes and assessments imposed by any governmental authority which are assessed on the basis of Meters or Customers or the price of or revenues from wastewater service sold.

G. SURCHARGE: A surcharge of 25% shall be added to all rate schedules for service provided outside the city limits of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida. The amount will not exceed the limitation established by Subsection 180.191, Florida Statutes.

SECTION II: This Resolution and all rate changes referred to therein shall take effect the first billing cycle of the next billing month after the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida approves such resolution.

Adopted this the 7th day of August, 2018 A.D.

ATTEST:


Secretary


Chairman

Approved as to form and correctness:


Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Attorney