



## City of North Port

### RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-57

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL UTILITY RATE SCHEDULE FOR PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, THE UTILITY RATE SCHEDULE FOR RECLAIMED WATER, THE WATER SYSTEM RATE SCHEDULE FOR BULK WATER, THE UTILITY RATE SCHEDULE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE DEPOSITS; ADOPTING AUTOMATIC RATE INCREASES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 78-29 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, the City Commission shall establish and adopt by resolution a utility rate schedule incorporating rates for annual private fire protection services; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 78-35 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, the City Commission shall establish and adopt by resolution a utility rate schedule incorporating a retail and a wholesale rate for the sale of reclaimed water; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 78-38 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, the City Commission shall establish and adopt by resolution a water system rate schedule to include a bulk water rate; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 78-27 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, the City Commission shall establish and adopt by resolution a utilities rate schedule to include the amount of deposit for water and wastewater service; and

**WHEREAS**, the City contracted with GovRates, Inc., to review and analyze the City's water and wastewater utility rates and to prepare a multi-year financial forecast; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 2022, the City Commission held a properly noticed public meeting to review the analysis, findings, and recommendations of GovRates, Inc., and to receive public comments on adjusting the City's water and wastewater utility rates and fees and directed the Utility Department to bring back a resolution adjusting the City's water and wastewater utility rates and fees based on the analysis and recommendations of GovRates, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that these rate schedules serve the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of North Port, Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1 – INCORPORATION OF RECITALS**

1.01 The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated in this resolution by reference.

**SECTION 2 – ADOPTION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE RATES**

2.01 The City Commission hereby adopts the following utility rate schedule incorporating rates for annual private fire protection services, effective as of the billing cycle of the identified dates:

Private Fire Protection Rate Schedule

Meter Size	Effective Date - October 1, 2022
All Meter Sizes or Size of Service Line	Annual charge equal to one month water base facility charge of applicable meter size or size of service line, rounded to the nearest dollar

**SECTION 3 – ADOPTION OF RECLAIMED WATER RATES**

3.01 The City Commission hereby adopts the following reclaimed water rate schedule, effective as of the billing cycle of the identified date:

Reclaimed Water Rate Schedule

	Effective Date - October 1, 2022
Per 1,000 gallons	\$0.68
Bulk – Per 1,000 gallons	\$0.31

**SECTION 4 – ADOPTION OF WATER SYSTEM RATES AND FEES**

4.01 The City Commission hereby adopts the following bulk water rate schedule, effective as of the billing cycle of the identified dates:

Bulk Water Rate Schedule (per 1,000 gallons)

Effective Date October 1, 2022		Effective Date October 1, 2023		Effective Date October 1, 2024	
Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City
\$6.00	\$6.90	\$6.50	\$7.48	\$7.00	\$8.05

4.02 The City Commission hereby adopts the following water deposit fee schedule, effective as of the billing cycle of the identified date:

Water Deposit Fee Schedule

Effective Date  
October 1, 2022

Meter Size	Residential	Commercial and Multi-Family	Temporary Service Construction Meter
5/8" x 3/4"	\$75.00	\$75.00	N/A
1"	\$190.00	\$190.00	N/A
1-1/2"	\$380.00	\$380.00	N/A
2"	\$600.00	\$600.00	Actual cost of meter
Over 2"	n/a	Estimated 2 months billing	Actual cost of meter

**SECTION 5 – ADOPTION OF WASTEWATER RATES AND FEES**

5.01 The City Commission hereby adopts the following wastewater deposit fee schedule, effective as of the billing cycle of the identified date:

Wastewater Deposit Fee Schedule

Effective Date - October 1, 2022

Meter Size	Residential	Commercial and Multi-Family
5/8" x 3/4"	\$110.00	\$110.00
1"	\$110.00	\$280.00
1-1/2"	\$110.00	\$550.00
2"	\$110.00	\$880.00
Over 2"	n/a	Estimated 2 months billing

**SECTION 6 – ADOPTION OF AUTOMATIC RATE INCREASES**

6.01 Unless replaced by resolution of the City Commission, the rates contained in Section 2, effective October 1, 2022, shall automatically adjust based on changes in the water base facility charges.

6.02 Unless replaced by resolution of the City Commission, the rates contained in Sections 3, 4, and 5, effective October 1, 2022, shall remain in effect.

**SECTION 7 – CONFLICTS**

7.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this resolution and any other resolution, in whole or in part, the provisions of this resolution will prevail to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 8 – SEVERABILITY**

8.01 If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this resolution is for any reason invalid or unconstitutional, that provision will be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the resolution.

**SECTION 9 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

9.01 This resolution takes effect immediately.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, in public session on September 13, 2022.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

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PETE EMRICH  
MAYOR

ATTEST

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HEATHER FAUST, MMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

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AMBER L. SLAYTON, B.C.S.  
CITY ATTORNEY