



City of North Port

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-R-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, ADOPTING UTILITY RATE AND WATER SYSTEM RATE SCHEDULES, INCLUDING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE RATES, GUARANTEED REVENUE CHARGES, RECLAIMED WATER RATES, WATER SYSTEM RATES AND FEES, WASTEWATER RATES AND FEES, AND ADOPTION OF AUTOMATIC INCREASES; 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 78-34 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, the City Commission shall establish and adopt by resolution a utility rate schedule incorporating guaranteed revenue charges; 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 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 base facility charge, a water block/tier charge, usage rate, and bulk water rate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 78-39 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida, the City Commission shall establish and adopt by resolution a wastewater system rate schedule to include a base facility charge and usage charge; and

WHEREAS, the City contracted with GovRates, Inc. to review and analyze the City's water and wastewater utility rates and to prepare a financial forecast for the Fiscal Year 2019 through the Fiscal Year 2029; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2019, 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 has determined that the proposed 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 recitals outlined above are incorporated by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

SECTION 2 – ADOPTION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE RATES

- 2.01 The City Commission hereby adopts the following private fire protection service rate schedule, effective as of the billing cycle of the identified dates:

Private Fire Protection Rate Schedule

Meter Size	Effective Date October 1, 2019	Effective Date October 1, 2020	Effective Date October 1, 2021
1-1/2"	\$89.00	\$93.00	\$96.00
2"	\$141.00	\$147.00	\$153.00
3"	\$279.00	\$291.00	\$302.00
4"	\$435.00	\$453.00	\$471.00
6"	\$868.00	\$902.00	\$938.00
8"	\$1,386.00	\$1,442.00	\$1,500.00
10"	\$1,992.00	\$2,071.00	\$2,154.00
12"	\$3,722.00	\$3,870.00	\$4,025.00
Hydrant	\$868.00	\$902.00	\$938.00

SECTION 3 – ADOPTION OF GUARANTEED REVENUE CHARGES

- 3.01 The City Commission hereby adopts the following annual guaranteed revenue charges, effective as of the billing cycle of the identified dates:

Annual Guaranteed Revenue Charges

Effective Date - October 1, 2019

Water	Monthly Water Base Charge multiplied by 12 months, rounded to the nearest dollar
Wastewater	Monthly Water Base Charge multiplied by 12 months, rounded to the nearest dollar

SECTION 4 – ADOPTION OF RECLAIMED WATER RATES

- 4.01 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, 2019

Per 1,000 gallons	\$0.55
Bulk – Per 1,000 gallons	\$0.21

SECTION 5 – ADOPTION OF WATER SYSTEM RATES AND FEES

- 5.01 The City Commission hereby adopts the following water base facility charges, effective as of the billing cycle of the identified dates:

Water Base Facility ChargesEffective Date
October 1, 2019Effective Date
October 1, 2020Effective Date
October 1, 2021

Meter Size	Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City
5/8" x 3/4"	\$19.52	\$22.45	\$20.30	\$23.35	\$21.11	\$24.28
1"	\$45.47	\$52.29	\$47.29	\$54.38	\$49.18	\$56.56
1-1/2"	\$88.70	\$102.01	\$92.25	\$106.09	\$95.94	\$110.33
2"	\$140.62	\$161.71	\$146.24	\$168.18	\$152.09	\$174.91
3"	\$278.97	\$320.82	\$290.13	\$333.65	\$301.74	\$347.00
4"	\$434.65	\$499.85	\$452.04	\$519.84	\$470.12	\$540.63
6"	\$867.08	\$997.14	\$901.76	\$1,037.03	\$937.83	\$1,078.51
8"	\$1,385.98	\$1,593.88	\$1,441.42	\$1,657.64	\$1,499.08	\$1,723.95
10"	\$1,991.34	\$2,290.04	\$2,070.99	\$2,381.64	\$2,153.83	\$2,476.91
12"	\$3,721.05	\$4,279.21	\$3,869.89	\$4,450.38	\$4,024.69	\$4,628.40

- 5.02 The City Commission hereby adopts the following water usage volume rate schedule, effective as of the billing cycle of the identified dates:

Water Usage Volume Rate Schedule

	Effective Date October 1, 2019		Effective Date October 1, 2020		Effective Date October 1, 2021	
Usage Block	Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City
1	\$4.16	\$4.78	\$4.33	\$4.97	\$4.50	\$5.17
2	\$6.24	\$7.18	\$6.49	\$7.47	\$6.75	\$7.77
3	\$8.77	\$10.09	\$9.12	\$10.49	\$9.48	\$10.91
4	\$11.69	\$13.44	\$12.16	\$13.98	\$12.65	\$14.54
5	\$15.01	\$17.26	\$15.61	\$17.95	\$16.23	\$18.67
6	\$20.86	\$23.99	\$21.69	\$24.95	\$22.56	\$25.95

Conservation Block Structure

Meter Size	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5	Block 6
5/8" x 3/4"	4,000	8,000	12,000	16,000	20,000	Over 20,000
1"	10,000	20,000	30,000	40,000	50,000	Over 50,000
1-1/2"	20,000	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	Over 100,000
2"	32,000	64,000	96,000	128,000	160,000	Over 160,000
3"	64,000	128,000	192,000	256,000	320,000	Over 320,000
4"	100,000	200,000	300,000	400,000	500,000	Over 500,000
6"	200,000	400,000	600,000	800,000	1,000,000	Over 1,000,000
8"	320,000	640,000	960,000	1,280,000	1,600,000	Over 1,600,000
10"	460,000	920,000	1,380,000	1,840,000	2,300,000	Over 2,300,000
12"	860,000	1,720,000	2,580,000	3,440,000	4,300,000	Over 4,300,000

- 5.03 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, 2019		Effective Date October 1, 2020		Effective Date October 1, 2021	
Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City
\$5.09	\$5.85	\$5.29	\$6.08	\$5.50	\$6.33

- 5.04 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, 2019

Meter Size	Residential	Commercial and Multi-Family	Temporary Service Construction Meter
5/8" x 3/4"	\$65.00	\$65.00	Fee Eliminated
1"	\$170.00	\$170.00	N/A
1-1/2"	\$330.00	\$330.00	N/A
2"	\$520.00	\$520.00	Actual cost of meter
Over 2"	n/a	Estimated 2 months billing	Actual cost of meter

SECTION 6 – ADOPTION OF WASTEWATER RATES AND FEES

- 6.01 The City Commission hereby adopts the following wastewater base facility charges, effective as of the billing cycle of the identified dates:

Wastewater Base Facility Charges – Residential (all meter sizes)

Effective Date October 1, 2019		Effective Date October 1, 2020		Effective Date October 1, 2021	
Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City
\$29.50	\$33.93	\$30.09	\$34.61	\$30.69	\$35.30

Wastewater Base Facility Charges – Commercial

Master Meter Size	Effective Date October 1, 2019		Effective Date October 1, 2020		Effective Date October 1, 2021	
	Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City
5/8" x 3/4"	\$29.50	\$33.93	\$30.09	\$34.61	\$30.69	\$35.30
1"	\$73.79	\$84.86	\$75.27	\$86.56	\$76.78	\$88.29
1-1/2"	\$147.56	\$169.69	\$150.51	\$173.08	\$153.52	\$176.54
2"	\$236.12	\$271.54	\$240.84	\$276.97	\$245.66	\$282.51
3"	\$472.23	\$543.06	\$481.67	\$553.92	\$491.30	\$565.00
4"	\$737.86	\$848.54	\$752.62	\$865.51	\$767.67	\$882.82
6"	\$1,475.72	\$1,697.08	\$1,505.23	\$1,731.02	\$1,535.33	\$1,765.64
8"	\$2,361.14	\$2,715.31	\$2,408.36	\$2,769.62	\$2,456.53	\$2,825.01
10"	\$3,394.15	\$3,903.27	\$3,462.03	\$3,981.34	\$3,531.27	\$4,060.97
12"	\$6,345.56	\$7,297.39	\$6,472.47	\$7,443.34	\$6,601.92	\$7,592.21

- 6.02 The City Commission hereby adopts the following wastewater usage rate schedule, effective as of the billing cycle of the identified dates:

Wastewater Usage Rate Schedule – Volume Charge (all usage*)

Effective Date October 1, 2019		Effective Date October 1, 2020		Effective Date October 1, 2021	
Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City
\$6.42	\$7.38	\$6.55	\$7.53	\$6.68	\$7.68

*Monthly individually metered wastewater residential usage charges are capped at 12,000 gallons.

- 6.03 The City Commission hereby adopts the following wastewater flat rate schedule, effective as of the billing cycle of the identified dates:

Wastewater Usage – Flat Rate Schedule (all usage*)

Effective Date October 1, 2019		Effective Date October 1, 2020		Effective Date October 1, 2021	
Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City	Inside City	Outside City
\$48.76	\$56.07	\$49.74	\$57.20	\$50.73	\$58.34

*Flat rate derived from base facility charge plus 3,000 gallons of use.

- 6.04 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, 2019

Meter Size	Residential	Commercial and Multi-Family
5/8" x 3/4"	\$100.00	\$100.00
1"	\$100.00	\$250.00
1-1/2"	\$100.00	\$500.00
2"	\$100.00	\$800.00
Over 2"	n/a	Estimated 2 months billing

SECTION 7 – ADOPTION OF AUTOMATIC INCREASES

- 7.01 Unless replaced by resolution of the City Commission, beginning on October 1 of fiscal year 2022, and each fiscal year thereafter until replaced by a resolution, the rates contained in Section 2 herein, effective October 1, 2021, shall remain in effect.
- 7.02 Unless replaced by resolution of the City Commission, the charges and rates contained in Section 3 and Section 4 herein, effective October 1, 2019, shall remain in effect.
- 7.03 Unless replaced by resolution of the City Commission, beginning on October 1 of fiscal year 2022, and each fiscal year thereafter until replaced by a resolution, the rates, fees, and charges contained in Section 5 and Section 6 herein shall automatically increase by the percentage reported in the Engineering News-Record Construction Cost Index (the "Cost Index"). The time period in the Cost Index used to determine the percentage of increase shall be the calendar year, January to January; beginning in January of the impacted fiscal year and ending retrospectively in January of the previous year. (For example: If no resolution is passed for fiscal year 2022,

beginning October 1, 2022, the percentage of increase will be set using the Cost Index percentages from January 2021 through January 2022.)

SECTION 8 – CONFLICTS

8.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this resolution and any other resolution or portions thereof, the provisions of this resolution shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 9 – SEVERABILITY

9.01 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 10 – EFFECTIVE DATE

10.01 This resolution shall take effect immediately after adoption by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida.

PASSED and DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port this 10th day of September 2019.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

CHRISTOPHER HANKS
MAYOR

ATTEST

KATHRYN WONG
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

AMBER L. SLAYTON
CITY ATTORNEY