

## RESOLUTION NO. U.A. 2001-6

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CHARGES FOR WASTEWATER (SEWER) SERVICE ESTABLISHED IN THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE COMMODITY AND FACILITIES FURNISHED BY THE WATER SYSTEM AND THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM OF FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, ARTICLE XII, SUPERSEDING AND RESCINDING THOSE CHARGES FOR THE FACILITIES FURNISHED BY THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM SET FORTH IN FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY RESOLUTION NO. U.A. 99-8 OF FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) 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, electric, water, sanitary sewer (wastewater), and other utility services sold and services rendered by said Fort Pierce Utilities Authority;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved by Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, Fort Pierce, Florida:**

**SECTION I. WATER SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE:** The schedule of rates and charges to be imposed for the commodity and facilities furnished by the water system of FPUA shall be subject to revision from time to time as may be necessary. The schedule thereof, which shall be applicable to all water service within the territory served by FPUA with the exception of certain authorized contracts, shall be implemented as follows:

**A. MONTHLY RATE (Effective October 1, 2000):** The monthly customer charge, the usage rates, and the quantities of water included in the customer charge will be determined by the serving water meter size as indicated below:

**(1) Customer (Readiness-to-Serve) Charge**

<u>Size of Water Meter</u>	<u>Customer Charge</u>	<u>Gallons Included In Customer Charge</u>
5/8 x 3/4 inch water meter	\$ 16.40	3,000
1 inch water meter	37.29	6,000
1 1/2 inch water meter	74.59	12,000
2 inch water meter	116.45	18,000
3 inch water meter	237.72	38,000
4 inch water meter	353.83	52,000
6 inch water meter	710.05	105,000
8 inch water meter	1,164.53	180,000
10 inch water meter	1,629.52	240,000

**(2) Volume Charge**

For residential and commercial customers, all additional water usage in excess of the quantities shown above will be charged on the basis of monthly metered water usage at the rate of \$2.37 per 1,000 gallons (see Conservation Charge for further explanation).

For irrigation meter customers, all additional usage in excess of the quantities shown above will be charged on the basis of monthly metered water usage at the rate of \$2.37 per 1,000 gallons for water usage up to 10,000 gallons per month, \$2.96 per 1,000 gallons for water usage between 10,001 gallons per month and 15,000 gallons per month, and \$5.03 per 1,000 gallons for water usage over 15,000 gallons per month.

**(3) Conservation Charge**

For the purpose of promoting water usage conservation, a conservation charge for all residential and commercial customers served by 5/8 x 3/4 inch water meters is established. The conservation charge shall be 1.25 times the Volume Charge above for water usage over 10,000 gallons per month up to 15,000 gallons per month, and 1.5 times the Volume Charge above for water usage over 15,000 gallons per month.

**B. CHARGES FOR UNMETERED FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE:** This will include service to private hydrants, sprinkler systems, hose cabinets, standpipes or any other device used exclusively for fire protection.

The monthly customer charge for unmetered, private fire protection shall be:

Service Diameter <u>Inches</u>	Customer Charge Effective <u>10/1/2000</u>
1	\$ 1.98
2	4.50
3	8.86
4	13.23
6	27.77
8	44.97
10	63.48

**C. WATER TAX ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE:** The amount computed at the above monthly rate shall be subject to taxes, assessments and surcharges imposed by any governmental authority which are assessed on the basis of meters or customers or the price of or revenues from water service sold or volume of water purchased for sale or sold.

A utility tax of 10% shall be added to all rate schedules for service inside the city limits. The amount will not exceed the limitation established by Subsection 166.231, Florida Statutes.

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.

**D. INSTALLATION CHARGES:** The charges for installation of water service for consumers located both within and outside the City limits shall be as follows:

**(1) Meter & Service Installation:** Where FPUA personnel install the complete service (service line, meter, and backflow preventer), the installation charge shall be as follows:

5/8 x 3/4 Inch Meter and Service	\$ 575.00
1 Inch Meter and Service	615.00
1-1/2 Inch Meter and Service	1,195.00
2 Inch Meter and Service	1,260.00
Greater than 2 Inch Meter Assembly	Actual cost to FPUA, but not less than \$1,260.00. The cost of the service line is the responsibility of the applicant and is not included in this charge.

**(2) Meter Only Installation:** Where service lines have been installed at the expense of the developer of a subdivision, the charge for meter-only installation shall be as follows:

5/8 x 3/4 Inch Meter	\$ 110.00
1 Inch Meter	145.00
1-1/2 Inch Meter	500.00
2 Inch Meter	560.00
Greater than 2 Inch Meter Assembly	Actual Cost to FPUA, but not less than \$560.00.

**E. IRRIGATION METER CHARGES:** Where a customer requests water service that will not enter FPUA's Wastewater System (e.g., irrigation purposes) the following charges will apply:

**(1) Existing Water Customer:** Where the applicant is an existing Water System customer of FPUA, and where the size of the service is not required to be increased, and where the applicant desires a second separate meter for water use that does not enter into FPUA's Wastewater System, the applicant may request an irrigation meter installation. The charge for this installation will be the appropriate meter-only installation charge [see D(2) above], capital improvement charges, and security deposit.

**(2) New Water Customer:** Where an applicant desires a meter for water use that does not enter into FPUA's Wastewater System and the applicant is not an existing water customer of FPUA, the applicant may request an irrigation meter installation. The charge for this request will be the appropriate meter and service installation charge [see D(1) above], capital improvement charges, and security deposit, except in the case when the irrigation meter is installed in conjunction with the domestic meter. In this case, the Meter-Only Installation Charge shall apply to the irrigation meter.

**F. CHARGES FOR CHANGE OF LOCATION OR SIZE OF SERVICE OR METER:** Customers desiring a change in the location or arrangement of water service lines or the meter location, whether it involves a change in size or not, must bear all cost of labor, materials, equipment and overhead necessary to effect the desired change.

Where an increase in size of the water service line or meter is required, the applicant shall bear all costs of labor, materials, equipment, overhead, and capital improvement charges, up to and including the meter, reduced by an allowance for the existing meter trade-in value as set forth hereinafter. Meter trade-in values shall be computed on a five-year basis and shall include the cost of the meter only. No meter trade-in allowance shall be granted for meters in service for more than five years. Allowances for meter trade-in values (all meters) are:

<u>Years in Service</u>	<u>Percent of Current New Meter Value</u>
0-1	83%
1-2	67%
2-3	50%
3-4	33%
4-5	17%

**G. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGES:** Effective January 2000, FPUA will charge Capital Improvement Charges for water service in accordance with Resolution No. U.A. 98-1, which is subject to change.

**SECTION II. WASTEWATER (SEWER) SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE:** The schedule of rates and charges to be imposed for the facilities furnished by the wastewater (sanitary sewer) system of FPUA shall be subject to revision from time to time as may be necessary. The schedule thereof, which shall be applicable to all wastewater (sewer) service within the territory served by FPUA, shall be as follows:

**A. MONTHLY RATE**

**(1) Customer (Readiness-to-Serve) Charge:** The monthly customer charge will be determined by the serving water meter size as indicated below:

<u>SIZE OF WATER METER:</u>	Customer Charge Effective <u>11/1/2001</u>	Customer Charge Effective <u>10/1/2002</u>	Customer Charge Effective <u>10/1/2003</u>
5/8 x 3/4 inch water meter	\$ 9.50	\$ 10.26	\$ 11.09
1 inch water meter	23.81	25.72	27.78
1-1/2 inch water meter	47.63	51.44	55.55
2 inch water meter	76.25	82.35	88.94
3 inch water meter	152.50	164.70	177.87
4 inch water meter	238.25	257.31	277.89
6 inch water meter	476.50	514.62	555.78
8 inch water meter	762.43	823.42	889.29
10 inch water meter	1,095.98	1,183.66	1,278.36

**(2) Usage:** All wastewater service will be charged on the basis of monthly metered water usage at the rate of \$3.40 per 1,000 gallons (effective 11/1/2001), \$3.67 per 1,000 gallons (effective 10/1/2002), and \$3.97 per 1,000 gallons (effective 10/1/2003).

**(3) Maximum Residential Charge:** The maximum monthly wastewater charge for individually metered (water meter) single family residential accounts in any month shall not exceed an amount computed as the customer charge plus the usage charge, up to and including 10,000 gallons of required monthly service. Any water meter serving more than one single family residential unit shall be billed on total monthly water usage for sewer service.

**B. METERED WASTEWATER (SEWER):** Wastewater service charges are based on quantity of wastewater discharged to FPUA's Wastewater System. If the total

water entering a commercial establishment will not be discharged to FPUA's Wastewater System, a separate water meter may, at the discretion of FPUA, be installed on the water line which discharges to the wastewater system. Such meters shall be installed and maintained at the expense of the user, and FPUA shall, at all times, have access to such meters for the purpose of inspecting, testing, repairing, replacing or reading such meters. Where no provision is made to meter the wastewater and/or water discharged to the wastewater system, wastewater charges shall be based on the total metered water used at the premises served.

**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/her authorized representative. This charge will be billed monthly.

**D. SURCHARGE FOR STRONG WASTE:** To the above rates and charges there shall be an added surcharge of .1% for each ppm of suspended solids in excess of 250 ppm and/or grease in excess of 75 ppm, and .125% for each ppm of 5-day 40C, BOD in excess of 250 ppm, all as determined by FPUA from samples and tests made of the customer's wastewater. FPUA may require customers discharging such strong wastes into the system to construct control manholes (transition manholes) to facilitate observation and sampling. Customers discharging more than 2% of FPUA's daily sewage flow may be required to construct special holding tanks so as to release quantities at an even rate over a 24-hour period, or discharge at off-peak hours as determined by FPUA. In all cases, customers discharging other than domestic wastewater will be subject to Rules & Regulations set forth in Resolution No. U.A. 98-5.

**E. WASTEWATER TAX ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE:** The amount computed at the above monthly rate shall be subject to taxes, assessments and surcharges 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.

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

**F. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGES:** Effective January 2000, FPUA will charge Capital Improvement Charges for wastewater service in accordance with Resolution No. U.A. 98-1, which is subject to change.

**G. 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.

**SECTION III.** This Resolution shall be and become effective the first billing cycle in November 2001, October 2002, and October 2003, respectively.

This the 2nd day of October, A.D. 2001.

ATTEST:

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Secretary

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Chairman

Approved for form and correctness:

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Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Attorney