

## **RESOLUTION NO. UA 2001-2**

**A RESOLUTION FIXING AND ESTABLISHING 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 ORDINANCE NO. F-399 OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, SUPERSEDING AND RESCINDING THOSE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE FACILITIES FURNISHED BY THE WATER SYSTEM AND THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION NO. UA 99-8 OF FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority was created and established by Ordinance No. F-399 enacted by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, and approved by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, in a referendum election held in said City on May 30, 1972, and

**WHEREAS**, said Ordinance F-399 was modified by Ordinance No. G-297, which was enacted by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, and approved by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, in a referendum election held in said City on November 2, 1976, and

**WHEREAS**, said Ordinances No. F-399 and No. G-297 grant to said Fort Pierce Utilities Authority the power and duty to fix rates to be charged for gas, electricity, water, sanitary sewer (wastewater) and other utility services sold and services rendered by said Authority,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY (UA) OF THE CITY OF 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 the UA 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 the UA with the exception of certain authorized contracts, shall be implemented as follows:

**A. MONTHLY RATE (Effective October 1, 1999, through September 30, 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 | \$ 14.26               | 3,000                                      |
| 1 inch water meter         | 32.43                  | 6,000                                      |
| 1 1/2 inch water meter     | 64.86                  | 12,000                                     |
| 2 inch water meter         | 101.26                 | 18,000                                     |
| 3 inch water meter         | 206.71                 | 38,000                                     |
| 4 inch water meter         | 307.68                 | 52,000                                     |
| 6 inch water meter         | 617.44                 | 105,000                                    |
| 8 inch water meter         | 1,012.63               | 180,000                                    |
| 10 inch water meter        | 1,416.97               | 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 \$2.06 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 \$2.06 per 1,000 gallons for water usage up to 10,000 gallons per month, \$2.58 per 1,000 gallons for water usage between 10,001 gallons per month and 15,000 gallons per month, and \$4.37 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. 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**

|          |                  |
|----------|------------------|
| Customer | Gallons Included |
|----------|------------------|

| <u>Size of Water Meter</u> | <u>Charge</u> | <u>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                   |

The customer charge for fire flow meters will be the customer charge for the required equivalent domestic meter size, excluding fire flow. When fire flow meters are replaced, the customer charge will remain the same if the replacement meter is equivalent in flow characteristics to the original meter.

**(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.

**C. 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:

| <u>Service Diameter</u><br><u>Inches</u> | <u>Customer Charge</u>               |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|  | <u>Effective</u><br><u>10/1/1999</u> | <u>Effective</u><br><u>10/1/2000</u> |
|  |                                      |                                      |

|    |         |         |
|----|---------|---------|
| 1  | \$ 1.73 | \$ 1.98 |
| 2  | 3.91    | 4.50    |
| 3  | 7.71    | 8.86    |
| 4  | 11.50   | 13.23   |
| 6  | 24.15   | 27.77   |
| 8  | 39.10   | 44.97   |
| 10 | 55.20   | 63.48   |

**D. 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.

**E. 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 UA 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 the UA, 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 the UA, but not less than \$560.00. |

**F. IRRIGATION METER CHARGES:** Where a customer requests water service that will not enter the UA'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 the UA, 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 the UA'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 E(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 the UA's Wastewater System and the applicant is not an existing water customer of the UA, the applicant may request an irrigation meter installation. The charge for this request will be the appropriate meter and service installation charge [see E(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.

**G. 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<br/>New Meter Value</u> |
|-------------------------|---|
| 0-1                     | 83%   |
| 1-2                     | 67%   |
| 2-3                     | 50%   |
| 3-4                     | 33%   |
| 4-5                     | 17%   |

**H. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGES:** Effective January 2000, the UA will charge Capital Improvement Charges for water service in accordance with Resolution No. UA 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 the UA 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 the UA, 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> | <u>Customer Charge<br/>Effective 3/1/97</u> |
|----------------------------|---|
| 5/8 x 3/4 inch water meter | \$ 8.80                                     |
| 1 inch water meter         | 22.05                                       |
| 1-1/2 inch water meter     | 44.10                                       |
| 2 inch water meter         | 70.60                                       |
| 3 inch water meter         | 141.20                                      |
| 4 inch water meter         | 220.60                                      |
| 6 inch water meter         | 441.20                                      |
| 8 inch water meter         | 705.95                                      |
| 10 inch water meter        | 1,014.80                                    |

(2) **Usage:** All wastewater service will be charged on the basis of monthly metered water usage at the rate of \$3.15 per 1,000 gallons (effective 3/1/97).

(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 the UA's Wastewater System. If the total water entering a commercial establishment will not be discharged to the UA's Wastewater System, a separate water meter may, at the discretion of the UA, 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 the UA 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 the UA from samples and tests made of the customer's wastewater.

The UA 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 the UA'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 the UA. In all cases, customers discharging other than domestic wastewater will be subject to Rules & Regulations set forth in Resolution UA 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, the UA will charge Capital Improvement Charges for wastewater service in accordance with Resolution No. UA 98-1, which is subject to change.

**G. REFUSAL OF PRIVATE SEPTAGE:** The UA's treatment facilities for treatment and disposal are not designed to accept private septage and the UA shall accordingly refuse to accept private septage into its system.

**SECTION III. LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES ARISING FROM Y2K NONCOMPLIANCE:** The UA will use reasonable diligence at all times to provide continuous service at the agreed flow, and shall not be liable to the customer for complete or partial failure, interruption of service, or fluctuations in flow resulting from causes beyond its control or through the ordinary negligence of its employees, servants or agents; nor shall the utility be liable for the direct or indirect consequences of interruptions or curtailments made in accordance with the provisions of its rate schedules for interruptible, curtailable and load management service. The utility shall not be liable for any act or omission caused directly or indirectly by strikes; labor troubles; accidents; litigation; shutdowns, repairs or adjustments; interference by federal, state or municipal governments; acts of God; or other causes beyond its control.

**SECTION IV.** This Resolution became effective the first billing cycle in October 1999.

This the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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