RESOLUTION NO. UA 2022-08

A RESOLUTION AMENDING, SUPERSEDING, AND RESCINDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICES FURNISHED BY FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, IN RESOLUTION NO. UA 2021-06, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, ARTICLE XII; PROVIDING FOR TWO SEPARATE 10.0% INCREASES IN THE CUSTOMER AND VOLUME CHARGES, BASED ON THE RATE SUFFICIENCY, DEMONSTRATED IN THE FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY REPORT, AND THE 2022 FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ANNUAL PRICE INDEX; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATES 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: 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. 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 water service within the territory served by FPUA, with the exception of certain authorized contracts, shall be implemented as follows:

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

TABLE NO. W-1 JULY 1, 2022 (1)					
	Included in Minimum Charge				
Meter Size	(a.) Customer Charge	Volume in Gallons	(b.) Volume Charge	(c.) Minimum Charge	(d.) Unmetered Fire Protection
5/8 x 3/4 inch	$ 16.58	3,000	$ 12.75	$ 29.33	NA
1 inch	41.17	6,000	25.50	66.67	$ 3.56
1 1/2 inch	82.41	12,000	51.00	133.41	5.68
2 inch	131.77	18,000	76.50	208.27	8.04
3 inch	263.65	38,000	161.50	425.15	15.85
4 inch	411.74	52,000	221.00	632.74	23.65
6 inch	823.48	105,000	446.25	1,269.73	49.60
8 inch	1,317.59	180,000	765.00	2,082.59	80.34
10 inch	1,893.99	240,000	1,020.00	2,913.99	113.41

TABLE NO. W-1 OCTOBER 1, 2022 (2)					
	Included in Minimum Charge				
Meter Size	(a.) Customer Charge	Volume in Gallons	(b.) Volume Charge	(c.) Minimum Charge	(d.) Unmetered Fire Protection
5/8 x 3/4 inch	$ 18.24	3,000	$ 14.04	$ 32.28	NA
1 inch	45.29	6,000	28.08	73.37	$ 3.92
1 1/2 inch	90.65	12,000	56.16	146.81	6.25
2 inch	144.95	18,000	84.24	229.19	8.84
3 inch	290.02	38,000	177.84	467.86	17.44
4 inch	452.91	52,000	243.36	696.27	26.02
6 inch	905.83	105,000	491.40	1,397.23	54.56
8 inch	1,449.35	180,000	842.40	2,291.75	88.37
10 inch	2,083.39	240,000	1,123.20	3,206.59	124.75

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

c. Fire Flow Meters: 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 gallon volume quantities listed in Table No. W-1 will be charged on the basis of monthly metered water usage at the rate of $4.25 per 1,000 gallons beginning in July and $4.68 on October 1, 2022. [See Conservation Charge (Section I.A.5.a.) for further explanation.]

3. **Minimum Charge:** As shown in Table No. W-1, the Minimum Charge is the Customer Charge plus the Volume Charge; the Volume Charge is based on a minimum number of gallons determined by the serving water Meter size.

4. **Unmetered Fire Protection:** As shown in Table No. W-1, Unmetered Fire Protection is the readiness-to-serve charge for private hydrants, sprinkler systems, hose cabinets, standpipes, or any other device used exclusively for fire protection.

5. **Exceptions:** The following volume charges differ from those listed in Table No. W-1.

TABLE NO. W-2 JULY 1, 2022 (1)		
Gallons Per Month	**(a.) 5/8 x 3/4 Inch Conservation Charge**	**(b.) Irrigation Volume Charge**
Up to 10,000 *	$4.25	$4.25
10,001 - 15,000	5.31	5.31
Over 15,000	6.38	8.98

TABLE NO. W-2 OCTOBER 1, 2022 (2)		
Gallons Per Month	**(a.) 5/8 x 3/4 Inch Conservation Charge**	**(b.) Irrigation Volume Charge**
Up to 10,000 *	$4.68	$4.68
10,001 - 15,000	5.85	5.85
Over 15,000	7.02	9.88

* This row is not an Exception, but is provided as a reference for clarity.

a. **Conservation Charge for 5/8 x 3/4 Inch Meters:** 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 shown in Table W-2. The Conservation Charge shall be 1.25 times the Volume Charge for water usage from 10,001 to 15,000 gallons per month, and 1.5 times the Volume Charge for water usage over 15,000 gallons per month.

b. **Irrigation Volume Charge:** As shown in Table No. W-2, all additional usage in excess of the gallons included in the Minimum Charge will be billed on the basis of monthly metered water usage at the rates listed.

B. BULK WATER RATES: Bulk water rates were established through an interlocal agreement with St. Lucie County, Florida for the provision of bulk water, wastewater and reclaimed water services and enacted through St. Lucie County Ordinance No. 04-023. Amendment 1 to that bulk service agreement allows for revisions to bulk water and wastewater rates at such time and in the same percentage as the FPUA revisions to residential customer rates. The usage charge for bulk water will be charged on the basis of monthly metered usage at the rate of $5.47 per 1,000 gallons beginning in July and $6.02 on October 1, 2022.

C. FIRE HYDRANT METERS: When Water is delivered through a fire hydrant Meter on a temporary basis, the temporary Water billing rate will be at the 5/8 x 3/4 inch Meter rate unless, as determined by FPUA staff, demand and/or usage warrant a different rate.

D. 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 water 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 water system, such adjustment shall not carry forward to future years.

E. 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 water service sold or volume of water purchased for sale or sold. Accordingly, Unmetered Fire Protection service charges are not subject to Utility Tax or Surcharge.

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

F. 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 (1) for the first 10.0%, on the first billing cycle of the next billing month after the FPUA Board adopts and, if required, the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida approves such resolutions, and (2) for the second 10.0%, on October 1, 2022.

Adopted this the 3rd day of May, 2022 A.D.

ATTEST:

Secretary

Chairman

Approved as to form and correctness:

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Attorney