

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA, IMPLEMENTING INCREASED WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE RATES; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURES FOR MODIFYING WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE RATES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council engaged the Florida Rural Water Association to conduct a comprehensive utility rate study to evaluate the Town’s current water and wastewater service rates; and

WHEREAS, the rate study concluded that the existing rate structure requires updating to reflect increases in operational costs, ensure appropriate levels of service, and provide adequate funding for necessary capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2024, the Town Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-24 and Resolution No. 2024-25, which updated the Town’s Asset Management and Fiscal Sustainability Plan (the “Asset Management Plan”) to include the Water System Improvements and Wastewater Utility System Improvements recommended by the Florida Rural Water Association; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has since adopted Ordinance No. 2024-10, repealing a prior ordinance that established utility service rates and authorizing the Council to set updated rates by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that adopting the updated rates will help the Town continue to provide safe, reliable, and high-quality water and wastewater services to its residents and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Eatonville, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings. The findings set forth in the recitals above are adopted and fully incorporated herein as legislative findings of the Town Council.

SECTION 2. Adoption of Updated Utility Rates. The Town’s updated water and wastewater services rates, attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”** and incorporated herein, are hereby adopted.

SECTION 3. Annual Review. The Town Council shall conduct an annual review of the water and wastewater service rates to ensure that the Town’s utility system is financially self-sustaining.

SECTION 4. CPI Adjustment. The Town Council is authorized to adjust, by resolution, the water and wastewater service rates to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for

All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or any successor index. Any adjustment shall not exceed the percentage change in the CPI-U for the preceding calendar year.

SECTION 5. Conflicts. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed. Specifically, any rates, fees, or charges previously established, including those within the Water and/or Wastewater Asset Management Plans, that conflict with the rates set forth in this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. Severability. Should any word, phrase, sentence, subsection, or section be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void, unenforceable, or unconstitutional, then that word, phrase, sentence, subsection, or section so held shall be severed from this Resolution and all other words, phrases, sentences, subsections, or sections shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of December 2024.

Angie Gardner, Mayor

Attest:

Veronica King, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

Clifford B. Shepard, Town Attorney

EXHIBIT A
Town Of Eatonville
Utility Services Rates

1. Utility Service Rate Schedule.

1.1. The utility service rate schedule for the Town of Eatonville shall be as follows:

Utility Service Rate Schedule					
	Fiscal Year				
	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29
Drinking Water					
01 Residential					
Base Charges Inside City					
5/8-inch	\$15.84	\$16.63	\$17.46	\$17.64	\$17.81
Usage Charges Inside City					
0 to 1,000 gallons	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1,001 to 5,000 gallons	\$3.08	\$3.23	\$3.39	\$3.43	\$3.46
5,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$5.23	\$5.49	\$5.77	\$5.82	\$5.88
10,001 gallons or more	\$8.89	\$9.33	\$9.80	\$9.90	\$9.99
04 & 99 Commercial					
Base Charges Inside City					
5/8-inch	\$26.48	\$27.80	\$29.19	\$29.49	\$29.78
Usage Charges Inside City					
0 to 1,000 gallons	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1,001 to 5,000 gallons	\$3.44	\$3.61	\$3.79	\$3.83	\$3.87
5,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$4.96	\$5.21	\$5.47	\$5.52	\$5.58
10,001 gallons or more	\$8.42	\$8.84	\$9.28	\$9.37	\$9.47
Wastewater					
01 Residential					
Base Charges Inside City					
5/8-inch	\$26.06	\$27.37	\$28.73	\$30.17	\$30.77
Usage Charges Inside City					
0 to 1,000 gallons	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1,001 to 5,000 gallons	\$3.24	\$3.40	\$3.57	\$3.75	\$3.83
5,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$5.51	\$5.78	\$6.07	\$6.37	\$6.50
10,001 gallons or more	\$9.35	\$9.82	\$10.31	\$10.83	\$11.04
04 & 99 Commercial					
Base Charges Inside City					
5/8-inch	\$49.08	\$51.53	\$54.11	\$56.81	\$57.95

Usage Charges Inside City					
0 to 1,000 gallons	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1,001 to 5,000 gallons	\$4.87	\$5.11	\$5.37	\$5.64	\$5.75
5,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$8.27	\$8.69	\$9.12	\$9.58	\$9.77
10,001 gallons or more	\$14.07	\$14.78	\$15.52	\$16.29	\$16.62
S02 Sewer Only					
Base Charges Inside City					
5/8-inch	\$39.26	\$41.23	\$43.29	\$45.45	\$46.36
<p>Customers having a Master Meter will be charged based on the same rates as customers inside and outside the town limits, as applicable for each unit/apartment/home/lot serviced by the master meter for both Water and Sewer. The entity responsible for the Master Meter shall be responsible for payment of the monthly bill and required deposits.</p>					