

ORDINANCE NO. O-12-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, MODIFYING WASTEWATER RATES BY AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 90 - UTILITIES, ARTICLE IV - SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, DIVISION 3 - RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 90-376 ENTITLED "WASTEWATER RATES"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, On August 6th 2016, the City Council approved the Rate Study conducted by Mittauer & Associates, on August 6, 2016 City Council approved the Reclaimed Water Master Plan of which a review of the Rate Study was incorporated, and a further review of the wastewater and reclaimed water budget takes place annually as the City continues improvements to the wastewater treatment & collection systems and reclaimed water systems, and on September 29, 2020 the City Council approved the full budget which included the proposed wastewater rate increases and authorized the notice of a proposed Wastewater Rate Increase; and

WHEREAS, public notices have been sent to all utility customers in accordance with FSS Chapter 180.136.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. City Code Section 90-376, entitled "Wastewater Rates" which establishes wastewater rates, is hereby amended to read as follows, effective on December 8, 2020:

Sec. 90-376. – Wastewater rates.

- (a) *Rates schedule.* The rates, fees and charges for wastewater service furnished by the wastewater system of the city, referred to as a "wastewater charge," shall be based upon the quantity of potable water, determined by metering, furnished to each user's premises each month. The owner, occupant or tenant of each lot or parcel of land which is connected with or uses the wastewater system shall pay for the use of, and for the services and facilities furnished by the wastewater system, a wastewater charge according to the following schedule.

Base charges for all wastewater accounts are as follows:

Meter Size	Monthly Base Charge*
¾"	\$30.98 <u>\$33.77</u>
1"	\$54.88 <u>\$59.82</u>
1-½"	\$107.73 <u>\$117.43</u>
2"	\$154.48 <u>\$168.38</u>
3"	\$203.29 <u>\$221.59</u>
4"	\$538.71 <u>\$587.19</u>
6"	\$1,016.41 <u>\$1,107.89</u>
8"	\$1,707.58 <u>\$1,861.26</u>
10"	\$2,439.38 <u>\$2,658.92</u>
* Base charge does not include any usage.	

- (b) *Wastewater utility users outside the city limits.* All wastewater utility users outside the city limits shall pay 125 percent of the equivalent rate charged to those users within the city limits.
- (c) *Application of charges.* The charges in this section shall apply to all classes of users, including residential and commercial (industrial, institutional, charitable or otherwise), except as otherwise provided in this Code.
- (d) *Maximum monthly bill.* The maximum monthly residential bill shall be \$100.00. There shall be no maximum commercial charge per month.
- (e) *Minimum monthly bill.* The minimum residential and commercial charge shall be the base charge based on the user's potable water meter size. The base charge does not include any usage.
- (f) *Bulk wastewater rates.* Bulk or wholesale wastewater rates shall be calculated to reflect the city's cost of providing wastewater service to those entities entering into an agreement with the city. Such rates will be determined on an individual basis by the city.

Residential	Monthly Charge per 1,000 Gallon of use					
Block Size	<3,000 gallons	3,001— 10,000 gallons	10,001— 15,000 gallons	15,001— 20,000 gallons	>20,001 gallons	
Rate (\$/1,000 gal)	\$0.59 <u>\$0.64</u>	\$5.63 <u>\$6.14</u>	\$5.80 <u>\$6.32</u>	\$5.99 <u>\$6.53</u>	\$6.21 <u>\$6.77</u>	
Commercial	Monthly Charge per 1,000 Gallon of use					
Block Size	<3,000 gallons	3,001— 10,000 gallons	10,001— 15,000 gallons	15,001— 20,000 gallons	20,001— 50,000 gallons	>50,001 gallons
Rate (\$/1,000 gal)	\$0.59 <u>\$0.64</u>	\$5.63 <u>\$6.14</u>	\$5.80 <u>\$6.32</u>	\$5.99 <u>\$6.53</u>	\$6.21 <u>\$6.77</u>	\$6.39 <u>\$6.97</u>

- (g) *Commercial* as defined within this section, includes all uses other than residential.
- (h) *Annual rate increase.* The City Manager shall issue a written report to the City Council during the annual budget process recommending any necessary wastewater rate adjustments.
- (i) *Computation of use.* A consumption of a fraction of any 1,000 gallons shall be the same as using the entire 1,000 gallons.

Section 2. CODIFICATION. It is the intention of the City Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of the City of Green Cove Springs as amended; that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention; and that the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section” or other appropriate word.

Section 3. REPEALER. Any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

INTRODUCED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY ON THE FIRST READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

B. Van Royal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THIS 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

L. J. Arnold, III, City Attorney