

ORDINANCE NO. O-22-2024

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 July 16, 2024 the City Council 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:

City Code Section 90-376, entitled "Wastewater Rates" which establishes wastewater rates, is hereby amended to read as follows, effective on September 17, 2024:

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"	\$35.82 <u>\$37.61</u>
1"	\$63.46 <u>\$66.63</u>
1-½"	\$124.58 <u>\$130.81</u>
2"	\$178.63 <u>\$187.56</u>
3"	\$235.09 <u>\$246.84</u>

4"	\$622.95 <u>\$654.10</u>
6"	\$1,175.36 <u>\$1,234.13</u>
8"	\$1,974.61 <u>\$2073.34</u>
10"	\$2,820.85 <u>\$2,961.89</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 \$200.00. 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)	\$0.68 <u>\$0.71</u>	\$6.51 <u>\$6.84</u>	\$6.71 <u>\$7.05</u>	\$6.93 <u>\$7.28</u>	\$7.18 <u>\$7.54</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)	\$0.68 <u>\$0.71</u>	\$6.51 <u>\$6.84</u>	\$6.71 <u>\$7.05</u>	\$6.93 <u>\$7.28</u>	\$7.18 <u>\$7.54</u>	\$7.40 <u>\$7.77</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.

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 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Steven R. Kelley, 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 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

L. J. Arnold, III, City Attorney