



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council Regular Session **MEETING DATE:** September 3, 2024
FROM: Scott Schultz, Assistant Water Utilities Director
SUBJECT: City Council approval on First Reading of Ordinance O-22-2024 authorizing wastewater rate changes for Fiscal Year 2025.

BACKGROUND

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.

FISCAL IMPACT

5% increase in the Wastewater Fund Operating Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Approve First Reading of Ordinance O-22-2024 authorizing wastewater rate changes for Fiscal Year 2025 and set September 17, 2024 at 7:00PM as the second and final reading.