



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council Regular Session **MEETING DATE:** October 5, 2021
FROM: Scott Schultz, Assistant Water Utilities Director
SUBJECT: City Council approval to insert proposed water rate changes for Fiscal Year 2022 in the October cycle customer bills and to publish notification in the Clay Today newspaper.

BACKGROUND

On June 19, 2018 the City Council approved the Water Master Plan of which a review of the Rate Study was incorporated, and on September 21st, 2021 the City Council approved the full budget which included the proposed water rate increases and authorized the notice of a proposed Water Rate Increase; and

Public notices will be sent to all utility customers in accordance with FSS Chapter 180.136 during the October billing cycles.

City Code Section 90-253, entitled "Water usage and monthly minimum charges," which establishes water rates, will be amended to read as follows, effective on December 7, 2021:

Sec. 90-253. Water usage and monthly minimum charges.

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

Base Charges for all water meters are as follows:

Meter Size	Monthly Base Charge*
¾"	\$12.30 <u>\$12.67</u>
1"	\$18.26 <u>\$18.81</u>
1-½"	\$26.00 <u>\$26.78</u>
2"	\$35.98 <u>\$37.06</u>
3"	\$ 49.19 <u>\$50.67</u>
4"	\$196.76 <u>\$202.66</u>
6"	\$362.82 <u>\$373.70</u>
8"	\$516.55 <u>\$532.05</u>

10"	\$676.44	<u>\$696.73</u>
* Base charge does not include any usage.		

Residential Potable		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)	\$0.64 <u>\$0.66</u>	\$2.09 <u>\$2.15</u>	\$2.15 <u>\$2.21</u>	\$2.21 <u>\$2.28</u>	\$2.28 <u>\$2.35</u>	
Residential Irrigation		Monthly Charge per 1,000 Gallon of use				
Block Size	<10,000 gallons	10,001—15,000 gallons	15,001—20,000 gallons	>20,001 gallons		
Rate (\$/1,000 gal)	\$2.15 <u>\$2.21</u>	\$2.21 <u>\$2.28</u>	\$2.83 <u>\$2.91</u>	\$3.69 <u>\$3.80</u>		
Commercial Potable		Monthly Charge per 1,000 Gallon of use				
Block Size	<10,000 gallons	10,001—15,000 gallons	15,001—20,000 gallons	>20,001 gallons		
Rate (\$/1,000 gal)	\$2.09 <u>\$2.15</u>	\$2.15 <u>\$2.21</u>	\$2.21 <u>\$2.28</u>	\$2.28 <u>\$2.35</u>		
Commercial Irrigation		Monthly Charge per 1,000 Gallon of use				
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Water utility users outside the city limits. All water users outside the city limits shall pay 125 percent of the equivalent rate charged to those users within the city limits.

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 the Code.

Maximum monthly bill. There shall be no maximum charge per month.

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.

Bulk water rates. Bulk or wholesale water rates shall be calculated to reflect the city's cost of providing water service to those entities entering into an agreement with the city. Such rates will be determined on an individual basis by the city.

Commercial as defined within this section, includes all uses other than residential.

Annual rate increase. The City Manager shall issue a written report to the City Council during the annual budget process recommending any necessary water rate adjustments.

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

3% increase in the Water Fund Operating Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the insertion of proposed water rate changes for Fiscal Year 2022 in the October cycle customer bills and to publish notification in the Clay Today newspaper.