

Levy County Board of County Commissioners

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To: The Board of County Commissioners

From: Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager

Date: October 7, 2025 **Subject:** Water Systems Rates

Commissioners,

The Levy County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) received a Rates Study Presentation from the Florida Rural Water Association on July 8, 2025 for both the Manatee Water System and the University Oaks Water System. The rates for both water systems were last updated in 2019.

The rates have been adjusted based on the recommendations from the Florida Rural Water Association. The fees, highlighted in yellow, were not addressed in the rate studies. The changes proposed by county staff are included for the consideration of the BoCC.

If there consensus from the BoCC on the rates and fees for both the Manatee Water System and the University Oaks Water System, please direct staff to prepare an ordinance modifying the rates and fees accordingly.

PROPOSED APPENDIX B – SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES AND CHARGES Sec. 6 – County Water Utilities			
A. Manatee Utilities Water System			
Description	FY25-26	FY26-27	
1. Monthly base rate (no gallons included)	<u>\$28.75</u>	<u>\$29.61</u>	
2. Water usage rate – 0 to 2,000 gallons (rate is stated per 1,000 gallons)	\$2.19	\$2.25	



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Description	FY25-26	FY26-27
3. Water usage rate – 2,001 to 5,000 gallons (rate is stated per 1,000 gallons)	\$3.06	<u>\$3.15</u>
4. Water usage rate – 5,001 to 8,000 gallons (rate is stated per 1,000 gallons)	\$3.94	<u>\$4.06</u>
5. Water usage rate – 8,001 or more (rate is stated per 1,000 gallons)	<u>\$2.19</u>	<u>\$2.25</u>
6. Late payment charge	<u>\$10.00</u>	
7. Meter installation fee	\$500.00 \$600.00	
8. New customer deposit	\$100.00 \$200.00	
9. Connection fee	\$15.00 \$50.00	
10. Reconnect fee	\$40.00 \$50.00	
11. Insufficient funds (returned payment) charge	Reimbursement of actual amount County is charged	
B. University Oaks Water System		
Description	FY25-26	FY26-27
1. Monthly base rate (no gallons included)	<u>\$16.09</u>	<u>\$20.12</u>
2. Water usage rate – 0 gallons or more (rate is stated per 1,000 gallons)	<u>\$5.16</u>	<u>\$6.45</u>
3. Late payment charge	<u>\$10.00</u>	
4. Meter installation fee	\$500.00 \$600.00	
5. New customer deposit	\$100.00_ \$200.00	
6. Connection fee	<u>\$15.00</u> \$50.00	



7. Reconnect fee	<u>\$50.00</u>	
8. Insufficient funds (returned payment) charge	Reimbursement of actual amount County is charged	