

ORDINANCE 15-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 38 OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA CODE OF ORDINANCES: SECTION 38-102(A)(1) INCREASING THE MONTHLY CUSTOMER CHARGE FOR EACH METERED POINT OF CONNECTION TO THE CITY WATER SYSTEM; SECTION 38-102(A)(3) INCREASING THE WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGE(S) FOR RESIDENTIAL, INCLUDING RESIDENTIAL IRRIGATION, AND NON-RESIDENTIAL (COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, FIRE LINE AND IRRIGATION) SERVICE; SECTION 38-140(A)(1) INCREASING THE MONTHLY CUSTOMER CHARGE FOR EACH METERED POINT OF CONNECTION TO THE CITY WATER SYSTEM; SECTION 38-140(A)(2) INCREASING THE WASTEWATER USAGE CHARGE(S), TO INCREASE USAGE CHARGE(S) FOR THE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS AND NON- RESIDENTIAL (COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL) CUSTOMERS; SECTION 38-141(A)(1) INCREASING THE MONTHLY CUSTOMER CHARGE FOR EACH METERED POINT OF CONNECTION TO THE CITY RECLAIMED WATER SYSTEM; SECTION 38-141(A){2} INCREASING THE RECLAIMED WATER USAGE CHARGE(S); PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CODE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Alachua provides water, wastewater and reclaimed water services to residential and non-residential customers located within its water service territory; and,

WHEREAS, the current residential customer and non-residential charges for water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services are not adequate to cover the cost of providing such services, and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission, being fully advised of the facts and circumstances, hereby finds it necessary and in the interest of prudent management of public assets and business affairs to increase the current residential customer and non-residential charges for water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services in order to equitably and adequately fund the cost of such essential services, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Alachua Commission hereby amends Section 38-102(a)(1), Section 38-102(a)(3), Section 38-140(a)(1), Section 38-140(a)(2), Section 38-141(a)(1), and Section 38-141(a)(2) of the City of Alachua Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CODE OF ORDINANCES

The following sections of Chapter 38 of the City of Alachua Code of Ordinances are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 38-102-Rates for Consumption of Water are hereby amended as set forth below.

- (a) Rates. The rates to be assessed and collected from customers of water furnished by the City are hereby fixed as follows:

Water System Consumption Charges.

- (1) Customer charge. Each customer must pay a customer charge for each metered point of connection to the City's water system.

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| Customer charge | \$7.44 \$7.66 per month |
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- (3) Water consumption charge(s). Each customer must pay for water consumed through each connection point based upon water service type:

| Residential Service | |
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| Tier 1(0-4,000 gallons) | \$1.76 \$1.81 per 1,000 gallons |
| Tier 2 (4,001-8,000 gallons) | \$2.29 \$2.36 per 1,000 gallons |
| Tier 3 (8,001 gallons and above) | \$3.44 \$3.54 per 1,000 gallons |
| Non-residential (Commercial, Industrial, and Fire Line) Service | |
| Tier 1(all consumption) | \$2.29 \$2.36 per 1,000 gallons |
| Irrigation (Residential and Nonresidential) Service | |
| Tier 1(all consumption) | \$3.44 \$3.54 per 1,000 gallons |

Section 38-140-Wastewater rates and charges are hereby amended as set forth below.

- (a) Rates. There is hereby established a schedule of monthly rates and charges for the use of or availability for the use of wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal service which in part is based on the amount of water used from the City water system as measured by the customer water meter. Wastewater service charges shall be billed to and be the responsibility of the customer responsible for paying the water bill at any specific location. These rates will apply to all locations within the corporate City limits.

Wastewater system usage charges.

- (1) Wastewater customer charge. Each customer must pay a wastewater customer charge for each metered (water meter) point of connection to the City water system.

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| Customer charge | \$9.75 \$10.04 per month |
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- (2) Wastewater usage charge(s). Each customer must pay for wastewater discharged into the City's wastewater

collection system based upon customer class:

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| Residential customers | \$5.12 \$5.27 per 1,000 |
| Nonresidential (commercial and industrial) customers | \$7.12 \$7.33 per 1,000 |

Section 38-141-Reclaimed water rates and charges are hereby amended as set forth below.

- (a) Rates. There is hereby established a schedule of monthly rates and charges for the use of or availability for the use of reclaimed water. These rates will apply to all locations within the corporate City limits.

Reclaimed water system usage charges.

- (1) Reclaimed water customer charge. Each customer must pay a reclaimed water customer charge for each metered point of connection to the City's reclaimed water system.

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| Customer charge | \$7.32 \$7.54 per month |
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- (2) Reclaimed water usage charge(s). Each customer must pay for reclaimed water withdrawn from the City reclaimed water system.

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| Consumption charge | \$0.67 \$0.69 per 1,000 gallons |
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SECTION 2. INCLUSION IN THE CODE

It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Alachua, Florida, and it is hereby provided that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alachua, Florida; that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and that the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article" or other appropriate designation to accomplish such intention.

SECTION 3. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are, to the extent they conflict with this ordinance, repealed.

SECTION 4. PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

It is the declared intent of the Alachua City Commission that, if any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, void, or inoperative by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction, such holding of invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance and the remainder of this ordinance, after the exclusion of such part or parts, shall be deemed to be valid.

SECTION 5· EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective on October 20, 2015.

PASSED on first reading on the 27th day of July, 2015.

PASSED and ADOPTED in regular session, with a quorum present and voting, by the City Commission, upon second and final reading on the **10th day of August, 2015.**

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA**

Gib Coerper, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Traci L. Cain, City Manager/ Clerk

Marian B. Rush, City Attorney