

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-~~151~~**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE HERNANDO COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT, ADOPTING REVISED RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT; INCORPORATING WHEREAS CLAUSES; ADOPTING REVISED UTILITY DEPOSITS, TAP-IN FEES AND CHARGES, WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE RATES, OTHER FEES AND CHARGES, AND TEMPORARY WATER SERVICE RATES, FEES AND CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR RETURNED CHECK CHARGES AND REJECTED ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENTS; REPEALING AND SUPERSEDING PRIOR AND CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, Paragraph 125.01(5)(a), Florida Statutes, authorizes the governing body of a county to establish special districts to provide municipal services and facilities with funds derived from service charges, special assessments, or taxes within such district; and

**WHEREAS**, Paragraph 125.01(5)(b), Florida Statutes, provides that the governing body of such special district shall be composed of county commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Subsection 125.01(5), Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida (Board), approved Ordinance No. 2005-19, codified as Division 2 of Article VI of Chapter 28 of the Code of Ordinances of Hernando County, Florida, which created and established the Hernando County Water and Sewer District as a public body corporate and politic (District); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Subsection 125.01(5), Florida Statutes, and Subsection 28-236(b) of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances, the Board, is the ex officio governing board of the District and oversees the provision of water and wastewater utility services to properties within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, Division 2 of Article VI of Chapter 28 of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances authorizes the Board to establish rates, fees and charges for water and wastewater utility services provided by the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has established the District as a separate enterprise fund and requires that revenue be sufficient to offset the operation, maintenance and capital expenses of the water and wastewater utility system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is legally required to set water and wastewater utility rates, fees

and charges that are sufficient to offset the District's cost of providing said services; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 9, 2009, the Board, sitting as the governing body of the District, adopted Resolution Number 2009-121, which adopted a schedule of service fees for the water and wastewater utility system for all customers of the District for Fiscal Years 2010 through 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2014, the Board, sitting as the governing body of the District, adopted Resolution 2014-63, which established revised water rates, wastewater rates and irrigation rates for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2019 and amended temporary water service rates for the District; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 28, 2015, the Board, sitting as the governing body of the District, adopted Resolution 2015-50, which amended the service fees for customer service and temporary disconnection by the District; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 6, 2016, the Board, sitting as the governing body of the District, adopted Resolution Number 2016-198, which established fees for commercial septic and/or chemical toilet wastewater services by the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the County retained PRMG (Public Resources Management Group, Inc.) to prepare a report entitled Hernando County, Florida Water and Wastewater Rate Study and Miscellaneous Service Fee Analysis Fiscal Year 2019, dated August 6, 2019 (the "Report"), relating to rates, fees and charges to fund the water and wastewater system, which Report is incorporated in this Resolution by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the Report, the consultant retained by the County and County staff have recommended changes to rates, fees and charges for the water and wastewater utility system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the recommended changes and has determined that the revised water and wastewater utility rates, fees and charges set forth in this Resolution are necessary to fund the operation and maintenance of the water and wastewater utility system; and

**WHEREAS**, Subsections 28-245(b), 28-246(d) and 28-247(d) of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances require that water and wastewater utility deposits, service rates, hook-up fees, service charges, and other rates, fees and charges must be established and amended by resolutions of the Board adopted at an advertised public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the notice of public hearing must be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the County at least fifteen (15) days, including weekends and holidays, before the date of the hearing as required by Subsection 28-245(b) and at least ten (10) days, including weekends and holidays, before the date of the hearing as required by Subsections 28-246(d) and 28-247(d) of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, Notice of Public Hearing to consider this Resolution was duly published in a newspaper of general circulation in Hernando County; and

WHEREAS, Section 180.136, Florida Statutes, requires a local government water or sewer utility to provide notice of a proposed increase to each utility customer through the utility’s billing process before the utility increases any rate, charge, or fee for water or sewer utility service; and

WHEREAS, the notice required by Section 180.136 must state the date, time, and place of the meeting of the local governing board at which the increase in the rates, fees, or charges will be considered; and

WHEREAS, Notice of Proposed Utility Rate Increase was duly mailed to each utility customer in the District’s utility bills; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2019, the Board held a public hearing to consider the revised water and wastewater utility rates, fees and charges; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the County, the District and the water and sewer utility system to adopt the revised rates, fees and charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. WHEREAS CLAUSES. The Whereas clauses contained in this Resolution are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. UTILITY DEPOSITS. Pursuant to Section 28-245 of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances, the Board hereby adopts the following revised utility deposits for water and wastewater service, unless waived in accordance with the Code of Ordinances:

A. Residential. (per meter)

- 1. Water Service \$50.00
- 2. Wastewater Service \$125.00
- 3. Water and Wastewater Service \$175.00

B. Non-Residential/Commercial. Includes, but is not limited to, multiple units or properties served by a master meter, lease-based occupants, single-family homes used as rental units, apartments, service stations; movie theaters, drugstores, cafeterias and restaurants, industrial users, and any other commercial or non-residential users.

Meter Size	Water	Wastewater	Water and Wastewater
5/8"	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$250.00
3/4"	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$250.00
1"	\$125.00	\$312.00	437.00

1-1/2"	\$250.00	\$625.00	875.00
2"	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	1,400.00
3"	\$800.00	\$2,000.00	2,800.00
4"	\$1,250.00	\$3,125.00	4,375.00
6"	\$2,500.00	\$6,250.00	8,750.00
8"	\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00	14,000.00
10"	\$5,750.00	\$14,375.00	20,125.00
12"	\$10,750.00	\$26,875.00	37,625.00

**C. Failure to Pay.** Failure to pay usage rate charges may result in an increased deposit amounting to three times the average monthly usage rate charge.

**SECTION 3. TAP-IN FEES AND CHARGES.** The Board hereby adopts the following revised fees and charges for hooking up to District’s water system:

**A. Water Tap-In Fees.** Charges shall be sufficient to cover the costs of labor, travel and/or materials, including, but not limited to, the original or future replacement meter, meter boxes, corporation stop, valves, appurtenances, and long-term maintenance or replacement thereof.

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Minimum Charge</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	Drop in (Meter Only)	\$350.00
5/8" x 3/4"	Drop in and Service Line Installation	\$690.00
1"	Drop in and Service Line Installation	\$860.00
1-1/2"	Drop in and Service Line Installation	\$1,550.00
2"	Drop in and Service Line Installation	\$1,685.00
Larger than 2"	Drop in and Service Line Installation	Actual Cost

**B. Additional Fees.** Additional fees may be charged based on special circumstances, such as when roads will be crossed and/or when lines will be extended.

**SECTION 4. WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE RATES.** Pursuant to Section 28-246 of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances, the Board hereby adopts the following revised usage rates and base charges for residential and commercial water and wastewater utility services provided by the District. All customers shall pay the applicable base charge plus the minimum monthly usage charge (regardless of consumption) for water and/or wastewater utility service calculated according to meter size listed on the following tables:

**A. Water Rates.**

**1. Residential Class.** Usage Rate (Gallons) – per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumption.

<b>5/8" Meter</b>						
<u>Tier (monthly usage)</u>		<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>
0-5,000		\$1.42	\$1.48	\$1.54	\$1.58	\$1.62

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5,001-10,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
10,001-20,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
20,001-30,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
30,001-50,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
50,001-75,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 75,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$8.09</b>	<b>\$8.41</b>	<b>\$8.75</b>	<b>\$8.97</b>	<b>\$9.19</b>

**2. Commercial Class. Usage Rate (Gallons) – per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumption.**

**5/8" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-10,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
10,001-20,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
20,001-30,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
30,001-50,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
50,001-75,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 75,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$8.09</b>	<b>\$8.41</b>	<b>\$8.75</b>	<b>\$8.97</b>	<b>\$9.19</b>

**3/4" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-15,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
15,001-30,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
30,001-45,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
45,001-75,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
75,001-112,500	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 112,500	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$12.14</b>	<b>\$12.63</b>	<b>\$13.14</b>	<b>\$13.47</b>	<b>\$13.81</b>

**1.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-25,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
25,001-50,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
50,001-75,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
75,001-125,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
125,001-187,500	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 187,500	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$20.23</b>	<b>\$21.04</b>	<b>\$21.88</b>	<b>\$22.43</b>	<b>\$22.99</b>

**1.5" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-50,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
50,001-100,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
100,001-150,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79

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150,001-250,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
250,001-375,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 375,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$40.41</b>	<b>\$42.03</b>	<b>\$43.71</b>	<b>\$44.80</b>	<b>\$45.92</b>

**2.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-80,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
80,001-160,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
160,001-240,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
240,001-400,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
400,001-600,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 600,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$64.73</b>	<b>\$67.32</b>	<b>\$70.01</b>	<b>\$71.76</b>	<b>\$73.55</b>

**3.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-160,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
160,001-320,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
320,001-480,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
480,001-800,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
800,001-1,200,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 1,200,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$129.44</b>	<b>\$134.62</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>	<b>\$143.50</b>	<b>\$147.09</b>

**4.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-250,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
250,001-500,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
500,001-750,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
750,001-1,250,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
1,250,001-1,875,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 1,875,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$202.25</b>	<b>\$210.34</b>	<b>\$218.75</b>	<b>\$224.22</b>	<b>\$229.83</b>

**6.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-500,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
500,001-1,000,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
1,000,001-1,500,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
1,500,001-2,500,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
2,500,001-3,750,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 3,750,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$404.50</b>	<b>\$420.68</b>	<b>\$437.51</b>	<b>\$448.45</b>	<b>\$459.66</b>

**8.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-800,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
800,001-1,600,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
1,600,001-2,400,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
2,400,001-4,000,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
4,000,001-6,000,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 6,000,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$647.20</b>	<b>\$673.09</b>	<b>\$700.01</b>	<b>\$717.51</b>	<b>\$735.45</b>

**10.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-1,150,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
1,150,001-2,300,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
2,300,001-3,450,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
3,450,001-5,750,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
5,750,001-8,625,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 8,625,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$930.35</b>	<b>\$967.56</b>	<b>\$1,006.26</b>	<b>\$1,031.42</b>	<b>\$1,057.21</b>

**12.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-2,150,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
2,150,001-4,300,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
4,300,001-6,450,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
6,450,001-10,750,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
10,750,001-16,125,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 16,125,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$1,739.35</b>	<b>\$1,808.92</b>	<b>\$1,881.28</b>	<b>\$1,928.31</b>	<b>\$1,976.52</b>

- [1] Fiscal Year (FY) begins on October 1 and continues through the following September 30.
- [2] For purposes of billing, the customer's meter size is used in conjunction with the AWWA meter factor to calculate the minimum monthly billing charge.
- [3] Consumption blocks to be applied on a per meter size/AWWA factor.

**B. Wastewater Rates.**

- 1. **Residential Class.** Usage Rate (Gallons) – per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumption, capped at 10,000 gallons per month.

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-10,000	\$4.69	\$4.92	\$5.17	\$5.43	\$5.70
Over 10,000	n/c	n/c	n/c	n/c	n/c
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$21.06</b>	<b>\$22.11</b>	<b>\$23.22</b>	<b>\$24.38</b>	<b>\$25.60</b>

- 2. **Commercial Class.** Usage Rate (Gallons) – per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumption with no cap on consumption.

<b>5/8" Meter</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
All Consumption	\$4.69	\$4.92	\$5.17	\$5.43	\$5.70
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$21.06</b>	<b>\$22.11</b>	<b>\$23.22</b>	<b>\$24.38</b>	<b>\$25.60</b>
<b>3/4" Meter</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
All Consumption	\$4.69	\$4.92	\$5.17	\$5.43	\$5.70
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$31.59</b>	<b>\$33.17</b>	<b>\$34.83</b>	<b>\$36.57</b>	<b>\$38.40</b>
<b>1.0" Meter</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
All Consumption	\$4.69	\$4.92	\$5.17	\$5.43	\$5.70
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$52.66</b>	<b>\$55.29</b>	<b>\$58.05</b>	<b>\$60.95</b>	<b>\$64.00</b>
<b>1.5" Meter</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
All Consumption	\$4.69	\$4.92	\$5.17	\$5.43	\$5.70
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$105.31</b>	<b>\$110.58</b>	<b>\$116.11</b>	<b>\$121.92</b>	<b>\$128.02</b>
<b>2.0" Meter</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
All Consumption	\$4.69	\$4.92	\$5.17	\$5.43	\$5.70
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$168.51</b>	<b>\$176.94</b>	<b>\$185.79</b>	<b>\$195.08</b>	<b>\$204.83</b>
<b>3.0" Meter</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
All Consumption	\$4.69	\$4.92	\$5.17	\$5.43	\$5.70
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$336.96</b>	<b>\$353.81</b>	<b>\$371.50</b>	<b>\$390.08</b>	<b>\$409.58</b>
<b>4.0" Meter</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
All Consumption	\$4.69	\$4.92	\$5.17	\$5.43	\$5.70
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$526.50</b>	<b>\$552.83</b>	<b>\$580.47</b>	<b>\$609.49</b>	<b>\$639.96</b>
<b>6.0" Meter</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
All Consumption	\$4.69	\$4.92	\$5.17	\$5.43	\$5.70
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$1,053.00</b>	<b>\$1,105.65</b>	<b>\$1,160.93</b>	<b>\$1,218.98</b>	<b>\$1,279.93</b>
<b>8.0" Meter</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
All Consumption	\$4.69	\$4.92	\$5.17	\$5.43	\$5.70
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$1,684.80</b>	<b>\$1,769.04</b>	<b>\$1,857.49</b>	<b>\$1,950.36</b>	<b>\$2,047.88</b>
<b>10.0" Meter</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
All Consumption	\$4.69	\$4.92	\$5.17	\$5.43	\$5.70
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$2,421.90</b>	<b>\$2,543.00</b>	<b>\$2,670.15</b>	<b>\$2,803.66</b>	<b>\$2,943.84</b>
<b>12.0" Meter</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
All Consumption	\$4.69	\$4.92	\$5.17	\$5.43	\$5.70
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$4,527.90</b>	<b>\$4,754.30</b>	<b>\$4,992.02</b>	<b>\$5,241.62</b>	<b>\$5,503.70</b>

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factor to calculate the minimum monthly billing charge.

**C. Irrigation Rates.**

1. **Residential Class.** RESIDENTIAL IRRIGATION METERS ARE PROHIBITED. Due to a concern for conserving Florida's drinking water supply, Section 28-238(c) of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances prohibits residential water meters solely for irrigation purposes, unless such meters were prepaid and in place on certain property prior to February 17, 2004. New residential water meters solely for irrigation purposes are now prohibited in all service areas. The following rates apply to the residential irrigation meters allowed under Section 28-238(c). Usage Rate (Gallons) – per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumption.

**5/8" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-10,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
10,001-20,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
20,001-30,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
30,001-50,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
50,001-75,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 75,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$8.09</b>	<b>\$8.41</b>	<b>\$8.75</b>	<b>\$8.97</b>	<b>\$9.19</b>

2. **Commercial Class.** Usage Rate (Gallons) – per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumption.

**5/8" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-10,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
10,001-20,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
20,001-30,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
30,001-50,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
50,001-75,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 75,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$8.09</b>	<b>\$8.41</b>	<b>\$8.75</b>	<b>\$8.97</b>	<b>\$9.19</b>

**3/4" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-15,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
15,001-30,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
30,001-45,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
45,001-75,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
75,001-112,500	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 112,500	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$12.14</b>	<b>\$12.63</b>	<b>\$13.14</b>	<b>\$13.47</b>	<b>\$13.81</b>

**1.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-25,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
25,001-50,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
50,001-75,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
75,001-125,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
125,001-187,500	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 187,500	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$20.23</b>	<b>\$21.04</b>	<b>\$21.88</b>	<b>\$22.43</b>	<b>\$22.99</b>

**1.5" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-50,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
50,001-100,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
100,001-150,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
150,001-250,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
250,001-375,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 375,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$40.46</b>	<b>\$42.08</b>	<b>\$43.76</b>	<b>\$44.85</b>	<b>\$45.97</b>

**2.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-80,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
80,001-160,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
160,001-240,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
240,001-400,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
400,001-600,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 600,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$64.73</b>	<b>\$67.32</b>	<b>\$70.01</b>	<b>\$71.76</b>	<b>\$73.55</b>

**3.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-160,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
160,001-320,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
320,001-480,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
480,001-800,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
800,001-1,200,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 1,200,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$129.44</b>	<b>\$134.62</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>	<b>\$143.50</b>	<b>\$147.09</b>

**4.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-250,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
250,001-500,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
500,001-750,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79

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750,001-1,250,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
1,250,001-1,875,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 1,875,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$202.25</b>	<b>\$210.34</b>	<b>\$218.75</b>	<b>\$224.22</b>	<b>\$229.83</b>

**6.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-500,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
500,001-1,000,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
1,000,001-1,500,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
1,500,001-2,500,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
2,500,001-3,750,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 3,750,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$404.50</b>	<b>\$420.68</b>	<b>\$437.51</b>	<b>\$448.45</b>	<b>\$459.66</b>

**8.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-800,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
800,001-1,600,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
1,600,001-2,400,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
2,400,001-4,000,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
4,000,001-6,000,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 6,000,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$647.20</b>	<b>\$673.09</b>	<b>\$700.01</b>	<b>\$717.51</b>	<b>\$735.45</b>

**10.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-1,150,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
1,150,001-2,300,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
2,300,001-3,450,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
3,450,001-5,750,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
5,750,001-8,625,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 8,625,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$930.35</b>	<b>\$967.56</b>	<b>\$1,006.26</b>	<b>\$1,031.42</b>	<b>\$1,057.21</b>

**12.0" Meter**

Tier (monthly usage)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
0-2,150,000	\$1.67	\$1.74	\$1.81	\$1.86	\$1.91
2,150,001-4,300,000	\$2.51	\$2.61	\$2.71	\$2.78	\$2.85
4,300,001-6,450,000	\$3.34	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.70	\$3.79
6,450,001-10,750,000	\$5.01	\$5.21	\$5.42	\$5.56	\$5.70
10,750,001-16,125,000	\$8.35	\$8.68	\$9.03	\$9.26	\$9.49
Over 16,125,000	\$11.69	\$12.16	\$12.65	\$12.97	\$13.29
<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$1,739.35</b>	<b>\$1,808.92</b>	<b>\$1,881.28</b>	<b>\$1,928.31</b>	<b>\$1,976.52</b>

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factor to calculate the minimum monthly billing charge.

[3] Consumption blocks to be applied on a per meter size/AWWA factor.

**SECTION 5. OTHER FEES AND CHARGES.** Pursuant to Sections 28-247, 28-251 and 28-252 of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances, the Board hereby adopts the following revised fees and charges:

**A. Miscellaneous Charges.** A service fee shall be charged for all customer services, including, but not limited to, account transfers and/or account reinstatements, scheduling service disconnection for delinquent charges regardless whether service is disconnected prior to payment, additional service trips to a location due to customer error, and service trips to repair damage to District property caused by the customer or other unauthorized persons performing work for or on behalf of the customer. The fee shall be doubled for service trips on workdays after 2:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, Sundays, and County holidays.

<b>Service or Charge</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Trip charge on workdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.	\$40.00
Trip charge on workdays after 2:00 p.m., weekends and holidays	\$80.00
Trip charge to turn off meter for emergency leak from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (customer request)	\$0.00
Trip charge to turn off meter for emergency leak after 4:30 p.m., weekends and holidays	\$80.00
Trip charge to turn on meter after repair of emergency leak on workdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	\$40.00
Trip charge to turn on meter after repair of emergency leak on workdays after 2:00 p.m., weekends and holidays	\$80.00
Reconnect due to delinquent or non-payment of services	\$40.00
Temporary reconnect (including seasonal customers)	\$40.00
Backflow testing and/or inspection	\$75.00
Meter inspection (customer request) (no charge for inaccurate meter)	\$50.00
Installation of lockbox on meter (customer request)	\$45.00
Meter certification bench test (no charge for inaccurate meter)	\$85.00
Broken meter, cap, lock or any other damage to meter	\$75.00
Removal of meter or pull meter up to 1" (delinquent or unauthorized use)	\$85.00
Return trip to re-read meter due to obstruction, customer negligence or customer request	\$40.00
Septage dumping – delinquent and account reinstatement	\$150.00
Returned mail – per piece returned (not including final statements)	\$5.00
Lien filing fee	\$80.00
Release of Lien filing fee	\$50.00
Late fee (if bill remains unpaid next month)	5% of unpaid balance

**B. Septic/Chemical Toilet User Fees.** A fee of \$85.00 per 1,000 gallons shall be charged to all commercial users for treating septic and/or chemical toilet waste.

**SECTION 6. TEMPORARY WATER SERVICE RATES, FEES AND CHARGES.** Pursuant to Subsection 28-247(f) of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances, the Board hereby

adopts the following revised temporary water service rates, fees and charges:

**A. Temporary Water Service Deposits.** Deposits for temporary water service are the same as set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution. However, for one-time bulk water purchases, the deposit shall equal the total amount of the estimated bulk water purchase. Deposits for temporary hydrant meters shall be \$1,800.00 or the actual replacement cost of the hydrant meter assembly, whichever amount is greater. Deposits for temporary service accounts shall not be refunded until the customer's final bill. At such time, the deposit shall be applied against the account balance and charges for damage and/or loss, and any deposit (credit) balance shall be refunded to the customer.

**B. Temporary Water Service Charges.** A non-refundable service charge (cost of locating the water line, installation of a temporary water meter, and establishing the utility account) for temporary water service shall be \$85.00. A service charge to move or relocate the meter for temporary water service shall be \$40.00.

**C. Temporary Water Service and Bulk Purchase Rates.** The charge for temporary water service shall be based on a usage charge for total consumption plus a minimum monthly charge.

**D. Temporary Water Monthly Rates.** (minimum charge)

- 1. Bulk Purchase \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons or Base Charge of \$8.50 per month, whichever amount is greater
- 2. Bulk Purchase – Ongoing Account Monthly Billing \$30.00 per month
- 3. Hydrant Meter 2" Meter or Larger \$70.00 per month plus \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons

**SECTION 7. RETURNED CHECK CHARGES AND REJECTED ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER CHARGES.** Section 28-250 of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances provides for assessment of penalties and charges as established by Florida Statutes for all returned checks and all electronic fund transfer payments rejected by the bank.

**SECTION 8. ANNUAL REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENTS.** The Hernando County Utilities Department (Department) shall annually review the rates, fees and charges established in this Resolution in accordance with the requirements of outstanding bond resolutions and covenants contained therein and the costs and expenses of the water and wastewater utility system. A rate study and analysis of the water and wastewater utility system shall be conducted prior to the expiration of the 2024 Fiscal Year, unless otherwise provided by the Board. If no rate study and analysis is conducted, the water and wastewater rates shall be adjusted each fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment approved by the Florida Public Service Commission. The Department shall make recommendations to the Board for any changes to the rates, fees and charges. All changes and/or adjustments to the water and

wastewater utility rates, fees and charges shall be approved by the Board in compliance with Florida Statutes and Division 2 of Article VI of Chapter 28 of the Code of Ordinances.


**SECTION 9. REPEALING AND SUPERSEDING PRIOR AND CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS.** All prior and conflicting resolutions or parts of resolutions, including but not limited to, Resolution 2014-63, Resolution 2015-50, and Resolution Number 2016-198, and Sections 1 through 6 and Section 8 through 10 of Resolution Number 2009-121, shall be repealed, rescinded, superseded and replaced by this Resolution effective October 1, 2019; provided, however, that the repeal and rescission in this section shall not apply to Section 7 of Resolution Number 2009-121, which shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

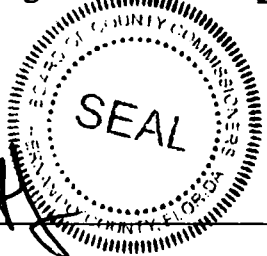
**SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY.** In the event that any provision, portion or section of this Resolution is determined to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall in no manner affect the remaining provisions, portions or sections of this Resolution which shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution and the revised rates, fees and charges established in this Resolution shall become effective October 1, 2019.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

ATTEST:

  
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Douglas A. Chorvat, Jr.  
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller



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