

Sec. 171-3.5. - Water user charge system.

The town shall establish rates, fees, surcharges, potable water availability charges and other charges for usage of the town's water system by ordinance with a complete list of rates and fees kept on file in the Town Clerk's office. This user charge system shall:

- (1) Produce adequate revenue to fund all operation, maintenance, and replacement and debt service costs of the water system and provide for a capital improvement account for the water system as required by county, state and water management district regulations.
- (2) Be based upon each user paying its proportionate share of operation, maintenance and replacement costs of the water system.
- (3) Include an adequate financial management system to accurately account for revenues from and expenditures for the water system.
- (4) Establish availability charge. For purposes of this section, a potable water availability charge is a charge by the Town Council for the availability of potable water service provided by the town to a property. Potable water service is deemed available to a property if a water meter is located at the property regardless of whether the property is actively receiving potable water service. The charge shall be billed monthly in the water utility bill of the consumer for those accounts, which are actively receiving potable water service, and in a monthly water utility bill to the owner of the property for those meters not actively receiving potable water service.
- (5) Establish water conservation rates. For purposes of this section water conservation rates are surcharges which apply to all residential water usage above 5,000 gallons per month and all irrigation usage (residential and commercial) at such a time as the St. Johns River Water Management District declares a water shortage. Said rate surcharges shall apply automatically without further notice at such time as a water shortage is declared by the St. Johns River Water Management District and this applicable percentage shall be determined by the declared severity of the water shortage and assessed as a percentage of billing rate for usage above 5,000 gallons.
- (6) Set forth the impact fees established pursuant to Chapter 110.
- (7) Effective October 1, 2009, water service rates provided in subsections (1)—(5) of this section shall be increased or decreased October 1 of each year to reflect any percentage increase or decrease in the previous calendar year in the published Municipal Cost Index.
- (8) The town hereby establishes the following potable water rates:
 - a. Service charge (based on usage):

TOWN POTABLE WATER RATES

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018

Monthly Base Charge Per Customer w/5,000 gal.	\$25.34	\$25.97	\$26.62	\$27.29	\$27.97
Rate per 1000 gal. 5,001—9,000 gal.	\$2.01	\$2.06	\$2.11	\$2.17	\$2.24
Rate per 1000 gal. 9,001—14,000 gal.	\$2.21	\$2.27	\$2.33	\$2.39	\$2.45
Rate per 1000 gal. 14,001—20,000 gal.	\$2.39	\$2.45	\$2.52	\$2.59	\$2.66
Rate per 1000 gal. 20,001—30,000 gal.	\$3.38	\$3.47	\$3.56	\$3.65	\$3.75
Rate per 1000 gal. 30,001—60,000 gal.	\$9.78	\$10.03	\$10.28	\$10.54	\$10.81
Rate per 1000 gal. 60,001 and over	\$12.80	\$13.12	\$13.45	\$13.79	\$14.14

* County residents potable water rates are an additional 1.25 times more than town resident potable water rates.

- b. Connection deposit:
 - 1. \$150.00 residential owner.
 - 2. \$250.00 residential tenant.
 - 3. \$150.00 builder.
 - 4. \$250.00 commercial.
- c. Penalty for late payment of bills: Ten percent of bill.
- d. Water turn-off: \$30.00.
- e. Water turn-on: \$30.00.
- f. Service charge for customers outside town limits: 1.25 times the amount established in subparagraph a. above.
- g. Water availability fee: \$14.23.
- h. Water plant improvement fee: \$10.00.
- i. To be charged to a customer whenever the town records a lien against the property serviced for unpaid water rates, fees and charges: \$75.00.
- j. Meter tampering fee: \$50.00 plus costs of all labor and materials for damages incurred (Res. 2006-013 11/27/06).
- k. Delinquent reconnection charge: \$50.00 during regular business hours of the Public Services Department and \$75.00 after regular business hours of the Public Services Department (Res. 2005-22 01/09/06).
- l. After hour on/off utility service: \$50.00 per service call (Res. 2010-012 07/12/10), 4:00 p.m. through 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, 4:00 pm Friday through 7:00 am Monday.
- m. Collection charges for unpaid fees: \$35.00 for each outstanding and unpaid fee (Res. 2012-043 04/09/12).
- n. Utility meter fees and hydrant meter water deposit:
 - 1. 5/8×3/4 inch meter: \$701.10 minimum for standard installation. Time and materials for nonstandard installation and materials.
 - 2. One-inch meter: \$860.93 minimum for standard installation. Time and materials for nonstandard installation and materials.
 - 3. 1½ inch meter: \$1,180.74 minimum for standard installation. Time and materials for nonstandard installation and materials.
 - 4. Two-inch meter: \$1,405.85 minimum for standard installation. Time and materials for

nonstandard installation and materials.

5. Three-inch meter: \$5,666.12 minimum for standard installation. Time and materials for nonstandard installation and materials.
6. Four-inch meter: \$8,193.57 minimum for standard installation. Time and materials for nonstandard installation and materials.
7. Two-inch hydrant meter: The two-inch hydrant meter and back-flow preventer is used on a temporary basis, usually for construction site. The rental fee and deposit is a minimum of \$1,600.00 with 50 percent being refundable upon return of the nondamaged and fully functional meter and back-flow preventer. A 50 percent nonrefundable fee covers the cost of installation and maintenance of the meter and back-flow prevention equipment.
8. Hydrant meter water deposit: A \$500.00 water deposit is required, which is refundable after full payment of all water bills and the account balance is \$0.00.

(9) The town hereby establishes the following water irrigation rates:

a. Service charge (based on usage):

RESIDENTIAL IRRIGATION RATES

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Monthly Base Charge Per Customer w/ 5,000 gal.	\$25.34	\$25.97	\$26.62	\$27.29	\$27.97
Rate per 1000 gal. 5,001— 30,000 gal.	\$2.01	\$2.06	\$2.11	\$2.17	\$2.24
Rate per 1000 gal. 30,001 - 60,000 gal.	\$2.21	\$2.27	\$2.33	\$2.39	\$2.45

Rate per 1000 gal. 60,001 and over gal.	\$3.38	\$3.47	\$3.56	\$3.65	\$3.75
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COMMERCIAL AND HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION IRRIGATION RATES

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Monthly Base Charge Per Connection	\$25.34	\$25.97	\$26.62	\$27.29	\$27.97
Rate per 1000 gal. 0—30,000 gal.	\$2.01	\$2.06	\$2.11	\$2.17	\$2.24
Rate per 1000 gal. 30,001 and over	\$2.21	\$2.27	\$2.33	\$2.39	\$2.45

(10) The town hereby establishes the following water irrigation rates for customers with irrigation meters and new landscape for a two-month billing cycle:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
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Monthly Base Charge Per Customer w/5,000 gal.	\$25.34	\$25.97	\$26.62	\$27.29	\$27.97
Rate per 1000 gal. 5,001 and over gal.	\$2.01	\$2.06	\$2.11	\$2.17	\$2.24

(Ord. No. 2008-007, § 2, 9-8-08; Ord. No. 2015-003, § 2, 8-24-15)