

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA, RELATING TO REGULATION OF SEWER USE; AMENDING CHAPTER 30, ENTITLED REGULATION OF SEWER USE AND RATES, TO REVISE WASTEWATER TREATMENT RATES AND FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER’S ERRORS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 30 of the Orlando City Code provides for the regulation of sewer use and rates in the City of Orlando (“City”), including the establishment of rates, fees and charges to be paid for the use of the City’s sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the City has an obligation to adequately plan and provide efficient, environmentally acceptable sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the City has completed a comprehensive Wastewater Utility Rate Study (“Rate Study”); and

WHEREAS, the Rate Study concluded the operating costs for the City’s sanitary sewer system have increased by 102% since fiscal year 2009, and the current residential and commercial sewer system rates are not keeping up with inflation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the applicable wastewater treatment rates and fees, the City currently imposes a twenty-five percent (25%) surcharge on customers located outside the corporate limits of the City. In accordance with the 2026 amendments to Chapter 180, *Florida Statutes*, such surcharge shall cease on July 1, 2029; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined it is necessary to revise the wastewater treatment rates and fees for each dwelling unit, business establishment, church, hospital and every other type of private or public building, structure or activity producing wastewater or wastes; and

WHEREAS, the Orlando City Council hereby finds and declares that this ordinance is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA:

CHAPTER 30, AMENDED. Chapter 30, Regulation of Sewer Use and Rates, is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 30 – REGULATION OF SEWER USE AND RATES

Sec. 30.18. Wastewater Treatment Rates and Fees.

1. *General.* A uniform schedule of rates has been established for the use of the services and facilities of the municipal sanitary sewer system by each dwelling unit, business establishment, church, hospital and every other type of private or public building, structure or activity producing wastewater or wastes. Effective starting on October 1, 2009 ~~October 1, 2009~~ October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2030, the monthly rates

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for users of the City's sanitary sewer system are detailed in the remainder of this section.

2. Rates within City Limits.

(a) Living Quarters:

(i) Single-Family Living Units*

~~\$3.28~~\$6.77 per 1,000 gallons of metered water up to a maximum of ~~\$45.92~~\$94.78 for 14,000 gallons, plus a capacity charge of ~~\$13.62~~\$28.03, resulting in a total maximum of ~~\$59.54~~\$122.81.

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2027</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2028</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2029</u>
<u>Rate Adjustments</u>	<u>9.50%</u>	<u>9.50%</u>	<u>7.5%</u>
<u>Base Fee (Capacity Charge)</u>	<u>\$30.69</u>	<u>\$33.61</u>	<u>\$36.13</u>
<u>Usage Fee (Commodity Charge) per 1,000 gallons (up to 14,000 gallons)</u>	<u>\$7.41</u>	<u>\$8.11</u>	<u>\$8.72</u>
<u>Total Maximum Bill</u>	<u>\$134.43</u>	<u>\$147.15</u>	<u>\$158.21</u>

(ii) Multiple-Family Living Units**

(a) Efficiency and One Bedroom Units

~~\$27.40~~\$50.20 flat rate per unit if certified by property owner. This rate will take effect only after certification by the property owner and there will be no retroactivity credit. Rate is comprised of ~~\$3.28~~\$6.77 per 1,000 gallons for ~~4,200~~3,275 gallons, plus a capacity charge of ~~\$13.62~~\$28.03.

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2027</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2028</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2029</u>
<u>Rate Adjustments</u>	<u>9.50%</u>	<u>9.50%</u>	<u>7.5%</u>
<u>Flat Fee (Per Unit) (Assumes 3,275 Gallons)</u>	<u>\$54.96</u>	<u>\$60.17</u>	<u>\$64.69</u>

(b) Two or More Bedrooms

~~\$33.30~~\$61.03 flat rate per unit. Rate is comprised of ~~\$3.28~~\$6.77 per 1,000 gallons for ~~6,000~~4,875 gallons, plus a capacity charge of ~~\$13.62~~\$28.03.

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<u>Flat Fee (Per Unit) (Assumes 4,875 Gallons)</u>	<u>\$66.81</u>	<u>\$73.15</u>	<u>\$78.64</u>
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(iii) Multiple-Family Living Units***

~~\$3.28~~\$6.77 per 1,000 gallons of metered water with no cap on usage, plus a capacity charge of ~~\$13.62~~\$28.03 for each ERC or portion thereof rounded to the nearest 0.1 unit.

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<u>Base Fee (Capacity Charge)</u>	<u>\$30.69</u>	<u>\$33.61</u>	<u>\$36.13</u>
<u>Usage Fee (Commodity Charge) per 1,000 gallons (No Cap)</u>	<u>\$7.41</u>	<u>\$8.11</u>	<u>\$8.72</u>

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(b) Commercial, Institutional, Churches and Others

~~\$3.28~~\$6.77 per 1,000 gallons of metered water with no cap on usage, plus a capacity charge of ~~\$13.62~~\$28.03 for each ERC or portion thereof rounded to the nearest 0.1 unit. Capacity charge for each ERC or portion thereof, rounded to the nearest 0.1 unit.

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* All classifications if served by an individual water meter, including single-family dwellings, apartments, condominiums, town houses, mobile homes, etc.

** All classifications if served by a common water meter including apartments, condominiums, townhouses, mobile homes, etc.

*** Master meter.

3. ~~Rates in Unincorporated Areas. The rate schedule in (2) above shall not preclude the City Council from assessing a higher sewer service charge for users outside the corporate limits of the City, provided that such service charges comply with applicable State laws and regulations. Customers located outside the corporate limits of the City shall be charged the rates set forth above in the applicable rate schedule within Section 30.18.2, plus a twenty-five percent (25%) surcharge. The twenty-five percent (25%) surcharge shall cease on July 1, 2029.~~

(a) ~~Living Quarters:~~

(i) ~~Single Family Living Units*~~

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100 ~~\$4.10 per 1,000 gallons of metered water with a maximum of \$57.40 for~~
101 ~~14,000 gallons, plus a capacity charge of \$17.02, resulting in a total~~
102 ~~maximum of \$74.42.~~

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104 ~~(ii) Multiple Family Living Units**~~

105 ~~(a) Efficiency or One Bedroom Units~~

106 ~~\$34.24 flat rate per unit if certified by property owner. This rate will~~
107 ~~take effect only after certification by the property owner and there will~~
108 ~~be no retroactivity credit. Rate is comprised of \$4.10 per 1,000~~
109 ~~gallons for 4,200 gallons, plus a capacity charge of \$17.02.~~

110 ~~(b) Two or More Bedroom Units~~

111 ~~\$41.62 flat rate per unit. Rate is comprised of \$4.10 per 1,000~~
112 ~~gallons for 6,000 gallons, plus a capacity charge of \$17.02.~~

113 ~~(c) Multiple Family Living Units***~~

114 ~~\$4.10 per 1,000 gallons of metered water with no cap on usage, plus~~
115 ~~a capacity charge of \$17.02 for each ERC or portion thereof,~~
116 ~~rounded to the nearest 0.1 unit.~~

117 ~~* All classifications if served by an individual water meter, including single family~~
118 ~~dwelling, apartments, condominiums, townhouses, mobile homes, etc.~~

119 ~~** All classifications if served by a common water meter including apartments,~~
120 ~~condominiums, townhouses, mobile homes, etc.~~

121 ~~*** Master meter~~

122 ~~(b) Commercial, Institutional, Churches and Others~~

123 ~~\$4.10 per 1,000 gallons of metered water with no cap on usage, plus a~~
124 ~~capacity charge of \$17.02 for each ERC or portion thereof, rounded to the~~
125 ~~nearest 0.1 unit.~~

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127 12. *Other Miscellaneous Provisions.*

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129 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to tap, cut or in any way use any building
130 sewer, other public sewer or part of the sanitary sewerage system or utility,
131 without a written permit issued by the Director of Public Works and without the
132 payment of all rates and charges required by the City for the use of such utility.

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134 (b) Billing for sewer services as specified in this Chapter, shall be accomplished in
135 such manner as the City Council shall from time to time arrange and
136 determine.

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138 (c) Billing for surcharges or credit reductions for abnormal strength compatible
139 wastes, as provided by this Chapter, shall be computed and processed by the
140 Director of Public Works, and coordinated through the Chief Financial Officer.

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142 (d) Private wells that contribute discharge to the municipal sewer system shall be
143 metered at the expense of the property owner and such meter shall be made
144 available for reading and billing purposes.

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146 (e) Beginning October 1, 2030, ~~t~~The wastewater monthly user rate shall be
147 automatically increased each year in ~~September~~ October by 5.0 percent unless
148 specific action is taken by City Council to prevent said increase from being
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(f) ~~In September 2010, a supplementary rate increase of 5.0 percent shall be added to the automatic increase programmed for that year. In September 2011, a supplementary rate increase of 3.0 percent shall be added to the automatic increase programmed for that year.~~

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any clause or provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other clauses, provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION 3. CODIFICATION. The City Clerk and the City Attorney shall cause the Code of the City of Orlando, Florida, to be amended as provided by this ordinance and may renumber, re-letter, and rearrange the codified parts of this ordinance if necessary to facilitate the finding of the law.

SECTION 4. SCRIVENER'S ERROR. The City Attorney may correct scrivener's errors found in this ordinance by filing a corrected copy of this ordinance with the City Clerk.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance takes effect on October 1, 2026.

DONE, THE FIRST READING, by the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida, at a regular meeting, the _____ day of _____, 2026.

DONE, THE PUBLIC NOTICE, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Orlando, Florida, by the city clerk of the City of Orlando, Florida, the _____ day of _____, 2026

DONE, THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING, AND ENACTED ON FINAL PASSAGE, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida, at a regular meeting, the _____ day of _____, 2026.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ORLANDO,
FLORIDA:

Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ORLANDO, FLORIDA:

City Clerk

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THIS ORDINANCE DRAFTED BY AND
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE
CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA:

Assistant City Attorney

Print Name