

RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 2

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY,
FLORIDA, ADOPTING A ONE-TIME GRACE PERIOD FOR APPLYING THE METERED
RECLAIMED WATER RATES

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) adopted Resolution 23-46 adopting revised retail and wholesale rates for Pinellas County water, sewer, and reclaimed water systems; and

WHEREAS, retail residential reclaimed water service is not metered, and customers are not billed according to the volume of water used; and

WHEREAS, the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project will result in meters installed on retail residential reclaimed water customers’ connections; and

WHEREAS, current active reclaimed customers are having meters installed throughout the life of the reclaimed meter installation portion of the AMI project, scheduled to last until December 2024; and

WHEREAS, customers need ample time to review bimonthly statements to understand their current reclaimed volumetric water usage and adapt their usage practices for maximum conservation and financial savings; and

WHEREAS, a brief delay in billing by metered volume instead of by flat rate will have no material impact on sewer system revenues.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT A DULY ASSEMBLED MEETING HELD ON THIS 16th DAY OF January 2024, AS FOLLOWS:

A one-time grace period from paying the volumetric rates is granted for four months from the date a customer’s reclaimed water meter data is available in the Utilities Customer Portal to allow customers to understand and adjust reclaimed water usage. The reclaimed water volumetric data depicted on a customer’s first two bills after meter activation will be informational only. The customer’s one-time grace period will expire four months after the real-time reclaimed water usage data is available in the Portal. The bill after the grace period expires will depict the actual amount due and reflect accurate volumetric usage and charges. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its adoption.

Commissioner Scott offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Long, and upon roll call, the vote was: unanimous.

Ayes: Peters, Scott, Eggers, Flowers, and Long.

Nays: None.

Absent and not voting: Justice and Latvala.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Miles Belknap
Office of the County Attorney