

**RESOLUTION NO. 19- 35**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISED RETAIL AND WHOLESALE RATES  
FOR PINELLAS COUNTY WATER, SEWER AND RECLAIMED WATER SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Pinellas County Water System provides water service to customers within its water service area, as designated by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, at retail water rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, had heretofore entered into contracts with wholesale customers to furnish water at a wholesale rate; and

**WHEREAS**, Sections 373.1962 and 163.01, Florida Statutes, created Tampa Bay Water as an independent governmental entity for the purpose of developing, recovering, storing and supplying quality drinking water to its member governments; and

**WHEREAS**, Pinellas County is a member government of and receives its water supply from Tampa Bay Water; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs associated with the design, acquisition, construction, and operation of water supply facilities required to supply water to its customers is now the responsibility of Tampa Bay Water and is included in the unitary rate charged to its member governments; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to home rule and statutory authority, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, has considered the increased costs associated with improvements and upgrades to the infrastructure, maintaining adequate cash flows, reserves and debt service coverage and purchasing water from Tampa Bay Water; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pinellas County Sewer System provides sewer service to customers within its sewer service area, as designated by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, at retail sewer rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, had heretofore entered into contracts with wholesale customers to treat sewer at a wholesale rate; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to home rule and statutory authority, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, has considered the increased costs associated with maintaining adequate debt service coverage, cash flows, reserves and improvements and upgrades to the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation and William E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 11-164 previously established the Definitions and Rate Structure for Pinellas County Sewer System, and

**WHEREAS**, Pinellas County recognizes that highly treated reclaimed water from its wastewater treatment facilities is a beneficial resource; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that one of the most viable and effective potable water conservation alternatives available is reuse of reclaimed water; and

**WHEREAS**, Pinellas County desires to make reclaimed water available for reuse in the community in an effort to further conserve its potable water resources, when economically feasible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, had heretofore entered into contracts with wholesale customers to provide reclaimed water at a wholesale rate; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to home rule and statutory authority, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, has considered the costs associated with ongoing costs for renewal and replacement of the systems and increased operating and maintenance costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Home Rule Charter of Pinellas County and the Florida Statutes authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, to revise water, sewer and reclaimed water rates when necessary by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Statutes and Pinellas County Ordinances require a notice and a Public Hearing on the proposed revised water, sewer and retail reclaimed water rates; and

**WHEREAS**, proper notice was provided through the billing process as required in section 180.136, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2019, with due and proper notice given on this Resolution adopting these revised water, sewer and reclaimed water rates;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, in regular meeting duly assembled this 21<sup>st</sup> of May, 2019, that said revised Water, Sewer and Reclaimed Water Rates are adopted, as the said rates being as follows:

Effective on or after October 1, 2019:

**RETAIL WATER RATES:**

1. Base Rate Charge per month

Meter Size	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
¾ inch	\$6.80	\$6.80	\$6.80	\$6.80
1 inch	\$9.35	\$11.90	\$14.45	\$17.00
1.5 inch	\$13.60	\$20.40	\$27.20	\$34.00
2 inch	\$18.70	\$30.60	\$42.50	\$54.40
3 inch	\$32.30	\$57.80	\$83.30	\$108.80
4 inch	\$47.60	\$88.40	\$129.20	\$170.00
6 inch	\$90.10	\$173.40	\$256.70	\$340.00
8 inch	\$141.10	\$275.40	\$409.70	\$544.00

2. Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons (no change)

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$5.13	\$5.13	\$5.13	\$5.13

The existing conservation rate structure of the Pinellas County Water System remains unchanged. The Base Rate Charge is billed bi-monthly for each customer whether the water is on or off.

Effective the first full billing cycle billed on or after October 1, 2019:

**WHOLESALE WATER RATE:**

Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$4.1742	\$4.2159	\$4.2581	\$4.3007

Effective on or after October 1, 2019:

**RETAIL SEWER RATES:**

Section A, paragraph 3 of Resolution 11-164 is revised as follows:

3. Hotels and Motels:

Hotels and Motels shall be considered a commercial activity. See Commercial.

Section B, Rate per Class of Sewer Service is revised as follows:

B. Rate per Class of Sewer Service

1. Single Family Residence,  
Multiple Family Residence and  
Mobile Home:

Base Rate Charge per month

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$14.96	\$16.38	\$17.94	\$19.64

Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$5.46	\$5.98	\$6.55	\$7.17

2. Commercial:

Base Rate Charge per \*ERU per month

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$14.96	\$16.38	\$17.94	\$19.64

Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$5.46	\$5.98	\$6.55	\$7.17

The Base Rate Charge is billed bi-monthly for each customer whether the water is on or off.

The Volumetric Cap for Single Family Residences is 10,000 gallons per month.

Equivalent Residential Unit (\*ERU) is the commercial billing unit which is based on 5,000 gallons per month.

3. Unmetered Residential and Commercial Customer:

Base Rate Charge per month

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$14.96	\$16.38	\$17.94	\$19.64

Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons, capped at 5,000 gallons per month

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$27.30	\$29.90	\$32.75	\$35.85

Effective the first full billing cycle billed on or after October 1, 2019:

**WHOLESALE SEWER RATE:**

Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$4.7139	\$5.1617	\$5.6521	\$6.1890

Effective on or after October 1, 2019:

**RETAIL RECLAIMED WATER RATES:**

I. FUNDED SYSTEMS-Retail Rate- A funded system is an in-service reclaimed water distribution system (pipelines) that was paid for by funds other than the Availability Charge Program.

A. UN-METERED SERVICE: Single Family or Multi Family (from 1 to 3 dwelling units), and Commercial or Public Use Property (up to 2 ERC's).

User Fee monthly

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00

Plus \$3.75 Bi-Monthly Billing Charge for Un-Metered, Reclaimed Water Only\* Customers

B. METERED SERVICE: Multi Family (more than 3 dwelling units) and Commercial or Public Use Property (more than 2 ERC's).

User Fee per 1,000 gallons

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$1.47	\$1.47	\$1.47	\$1.47

Plus \$4.50 Bi-Monthly Billing Charge for Metered, Reclaimed Water Only\* Customers

ONE ERC = Single Family residence      ERC-Equivalent Residential Connection

II UNFUNDED SYSTEMS - Availability Charge Program -The Availability Charge is to pay for the cost of construction of the reclaimed distribution mains. The Availability Charge will be billed to all properties in the Readiness to Serve Zone, whether connected to the system or not. Improved properties will be billed on a single utility account, however, if an improved property has separate utility accounts for each dwelling unit, then the Availability Charge shall be divided

equally among each account. Customers with irrigation wells as of the effective date of ordinance 97-103 approved December 9, 1997 are exempt from the Availability Charge unless such property connects to the reclaimed water system. Customers may pre-pay the Availability Charge. Customers who connect to the system will pay the Availability Charge and User Fee.

Properties upon which a residential dwelling or other structure cannot be built due to special parcel designation or size limitation shall be exempt from the Availability Charge and reclaimed service will not be made available.

- A. UN-METERED SERVICE: Single Family or Multi Family (from 1 to 3 dwelling units) and Commercial or Public Use property (up to 2 ECR's).

Monthly: Availability Charge (not connected for service) \$7.00

User Fee (for connection to system)

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$17.50	\$19.00	\$20.50	\$22.00

Plus \$3.75 Bi-Monthly Billing Charge for un-Metered, Reclaimed Water Only\* Customers

ONE ERC = Single Family residenceERC — Equivalent Residential Connection

- B. METERED SERVICE: Multi Family (more than 3 dwelling units) and Commercial or Public Use Property (More than 2 ERC's).

Monthly: Availability Charge (not connected for service) \$7.00

User Fee per 1,000 gallons (for connection to service)

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$1.47	\$1.47	\$1.47	\$1.47

Plus \$4.50 Bi-Monthly Billing Charge for metered, Reclaimed Water Only\* Customers

The cost recovery period is 30 years. At the end of the cost recovery period, the Availability Charge will end. Those connected to the Reclaimed Water System will be charged the retail rate in effect at that time.

\*A Billing Charge will be assessed for those properties not served water or sewer by Pinellas County Utilities

### III METERED SERVICE INTERRUPTABLE RATE:

User Fee per 1,000 gallons

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$0.139	\$0.160	\$0.184	\$0.212

Effective the first full billing cycle billed on or after October 1, 2019:

**WHOLESALE RECLAIMED WATER RATES:**

City of South Pasadena Wholesale Metered Service per 1,000,000 gallons

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$212.05	\$308.03	\$404.02	\$500.00

Town of Belleair Wholesale Metered Service per 1,000 gallons

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$0.139	\$0.160	\$0.184	\$0.212

City of St. Pete Beach Wholesale Metered Service per 1,000,000 gallons

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$212.05	\$308.03	\$404.02	\$500.00

City of Pinellas Park Wholesale Metered Service per 1,000 gallons

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
\$0.3031	\$0.3688	\$0.4344	\$0.5000

Severability. If any Section, Subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction, such holding shall not be construed to render the remaining provisions of this Resolution invalid or unconstitutional.

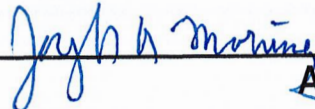
Commissioner Long offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Peters, and upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: Seel, Gerard, Eggers, Justice, Long, Peters, and Welch.

Nays: None.

Absent and Not Voting: None.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM  
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY**

  
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Attorney