

RESOLUTION NO. 23-46

**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 13th day of June, 2023, 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 13th day of June, 2023, that said revised definitions and Water, Sewer and Reclaimed Water Rates are adopted, as the said rates being as follows:

Effective on or after October 1, 2023:

Definitions: The Definitions from Pinellas County BCC Resolution 11-164 remain in full force and effect, except as modified herein:

Trailer or Mobile Home located in a Mobile Home Park: A trailer or mobile home is defined as a prefabricated dwelling, with or without wheels, located either on a temporary or permanent basis in a Trailer or Mobile Home Park holding a valid State Division of Health permit and city occupational license (if applicable) for operation as a Trailer or Mobile Home Park.

Hotels and Motels: Commercial enterprises offering rooms or suites (without kitchen or cooking facilities) for rent, holding a valid city occupational license (if applicable) as a Hotel and/or Motel and operating under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Business Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, shall be eligible for the Hotel/Motel rate.

Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU): A commercial billing unit which is based on, the typical volumetric usage for a Single Family Residence which is 5,000 gallons per month.

Water Base Rate Charge: The minimum monthly water service charge billed for each customer within its class. The charge will be billed bi-monthly whether the water is on or off.

Effective the first full billing cycle billed on or after October 1, 2023:

RETAIL WATER RATES:

1. Residential Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons up to 4,000 gallons per month

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$3.83	\$3.93	\$4.05	\$4.19

2. Residential Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons above 4,000 gallons per month

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$8.69	\$8.94	\$9.21	\$9.51

3. Non-Residential Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons per month

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$5.26	\$5.41	\$5.57	\$5.76

4. Water Base Rate Charge per month

Meter Size	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
¾ inch	\$8.05	\$9.30	\$10.55	\$11.80
1 inch	\$20.13	\$23.25	\$26.38	\$29.50
1.5 inch	\$40.25	\$46.50	\$52.75	\$59.00
2 inch	\$64.40	\$74.40	\$84.40	\$94.40
3 inch	\$128.80	\$148.80	\$168.80	\$188.80
4 inch	\$201.25	\$232.50	\$263.75	\$295.00
6 inch	\$402.50	\$465.00	\$527.50	\$590.00
8 inch	\$644.00	\$744.00	\$844.00	\$944.00

WHOLESALE WATER RATE:

Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$4.5157	\$4.7415	\$4.9786	\$5.2275

Effective the first full billing cycle billed on or after October 1, 2023:

RETAIL SEWER RATES:

Section B, of Resolution 11-164, 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

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$20.43	\$21.25	\$22.10	\$22.98

Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$7.46	\$7.76	\$8.07	\$8.39

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

2. Commercial (including Hotels/Motels):

Base Rate Charge per ERU per month

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$20.43	\$21.25	\$22.10	\$22.98

Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$7.46	\$7.76	\$8.07	\$8.39

3. Unmetered Residential and Commercial Customer (charged 1 ERU flat rate):

Base Rate Charge per month

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$20.43	\$21.25	\$22.10	\$22.98

Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons, billed for 5,000 gallons per month (1 ERU)

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$37.30	\$38.80	\$40.35	\$41.95

WHOLESALE SEWER RATE:

Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$6.1890	\$6.1890	\$6.1890	\$6.1890

Effective the first full billing cycle billed on or after October 1, 2023:

RETAIL RECLAIMED WATER RATES:

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

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). All reclaimed customers will be metered by FY27.

User Fee monthly

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$23.00	\$24.00	\$25.00	\$26.00

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).

Monthly Volumetric Allowance

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
20,000	18,000	16,000	15,000

Volumetric Rate Per 1,000 gallons over monthly volumetric allowance

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$1.69	\$1.94	\$2.23	\$2.56

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 ERC's). All reclaimed customers will be metered by FY27.

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

User Fee Monthly

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$30.00	\$31.00	\$32.00	\$33.00

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

ONE ERC = Single Family residence ERC — 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

Volumetric Allowance

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
20,000	18,000	16,000	15,000

Volumetric Rate Per 1,000 gallons over monthly volumetric allowance

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$1.69	\$1.94	\$2.23	\$2.56

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.

III. METERED SERVICE INTERRUPTABLE RATE:

User Fee per 1,000 gallons

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$0.2438	\$0.2804	\$0.3224	\$0.3708

Effective the first full billing cycle billed on or after October 1, 2023:

WHOLESALE RECLAIMED WATER RATES:

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

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$575.00	\$661.25	\$760.43	\$874.50

Town of Belleair Wholesale Metered Service per 1,000 gallons

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$0.2438	\$0.2804	\$0.3224	\$0.3708

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

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$575.00	\$661.25	\$760.43	\$874.50

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

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
\$0.5750	\$0.6613	\$0.7604	\$0.8745

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

Ayes: Long, Peters, Flowers, Justice, Latvala, and Scott.

Nays: None.

Absent and Not Voting: Eggers.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Donald S. Crowell
Office of the County Attorney