

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-205**

**RE: ORDER ADOPTING AND RATIFYING WATER, WASTEWATER, RECLAIMED WATER AND OTHER UTILITY RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE SARASOTA COUNTY UTILITIES SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida, (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), is empowered to construct, operate and maintain the Sarasota County Utilities System within the boundaries of Sarasota County pursuant to Chapter 126, Article II of the Sarasota County Code, (hereinafter referred to as the "Utilities System"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is empowered to prescribe, fix, establish and collect fees, rentals or other charges (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "revenues") for the use of the facilities and services furnished by the Utilities System, said revenues to be fixed and revised from time to time so as to be sufficient at all times to provide for the expense of the operation, maintenance and repair of the Utilities System, to retire outstanding bonds, certificates or other forms of debt, and to provide a margin of safety over and above the total amount of any such expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is required to deposit part of said revenues in a fund for needed anticipated renewals, replacements, extensions and additions to the Utilities System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is empowered, pursuant to Chapter 126, Article II, Chapter 70, Articles VI and VII of the Sarasota County Code, to establish, impose and collect Capacity Fees, previously known as impact fees, on new connections to the Utilities System so that such new connections contribute a pro-rata share of the costs of system capacity and capital facilities needed to provide service for such new connections, which revenues are not derived from operation of the Utilities System.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA**, in public meeting assembled, that:

1. Water, Wastewater, Reclaimed Water and Other Utility Rates, Fees and Charges addressed at this public hearing as set forth in Exhibits A, B, and C and attached hereto and incorporated herein, are hereby approved and adopted.
2. The rates, fees and charges set forth in the schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A will provide those funds necessary to pay the cost of maintaining, repairing and operating the Water, Wastewater, and Reclaimed Water System of the Utilities System, including funding the reserves for such purposes and for replacement, depreciation, necessary extensions of water distribution and wastewater collection lines, and to cover the principal and interest on the utility bonds and other utility debt as such shall become due and the reserves therefore, and to provide a margin of safety for making such payments.
3. The fees as set forth in the schedule attached hereto as Exhibit B represent a new connection's pro-rata share of the cost of providing system capacity and facilities to provide service for new connections and will produce revenues not in excess of those required to provide Water, Wastewater, and Reclaimed Water System facilities in order to serve the additional demands and needs of the Utilities System.

4. The revenue derived from the Water and Wastewater Facilities Capacity Fees as imposed and set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto shall be used respectively for the exclusive purpose of providing facilities for water source, treatment, storage, pumping and transmission of the Water System and for facilities for treatment, transmission, disposal, and storage capacity of the Wastewater System. Such revenues shall not be used to replace existing components of either the Water System or the Wastewater System except to the extent that such replacement provides additional capacity to the Water System or the Wastewater System. Said revenues shall be maintained in separate funds and are not to be considered as or commingled with any other funds of the Utilities System including, but not limited to, revenues derived from operation of the Utilities System.
5. The rates, fees, and charges as set forth in Exhibits A and C, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, are fair and equitable.
6. The Capacity Fees as set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, are reasonable and are rationally related to the demand for system capacity and facilities generated by new connections, and are based on the most recent and localized data in the September 30, 2018, Water and Wastewater Facilities Capacity Fee Study.
7. Assessment of all new rates, fees, and charges as set forth in Exhibit A shall begin on January 1, 2020.
8. Assessment of all new rates, fees, and charges as set forth in Exhibit B shall begin on January 8, 2020.
9. All other previously approved rates, fees, and charges as set forth in Exhibits A, B, and C, are ratified upon adoption of this Rate Resolution.
10. This Resolution supersedes and replaces Resolution No. 2017-089 in its entirety, effective January 8, 2020.
11. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until changed by Board resolution.

**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida, this 8 day of October, 2019.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

**ATTEST:**  
**KAREN RUSHING, Clerk of**  
**Circuit Court and ex-officio**  
**Clerk of the Board of County**  
**Commissioners**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk

**EXHIBIT A**  
**RATES, FEES AND CHARGES**

**1. BILLING CHARGE**

This fee shall be applicable to all customer classes and services for each account per month to cover administrative and operating cost of customer service, meter reading, account maintenance, postage and other costs associated with rendering a monthly bill. Additional charges may be applied for duplicate bills, 3<sup>rd</sup> party billing, master bills or other services not included in the billing charge.

Monthly, per bill issued \$ 1.84

**2. WATER SERVICE USAGE FEES AND CHARGES**

All connected residential, multi-family, and commercial units will be charged the Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge applicable to their customer classification as well as a consumption charge as set forth herein. Unconnected residential, multi-family, or commercial units will be charged the Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge applicable to their customer classification as set forth herein, commencing on or after the 366<sup>th</sup> day after the property owner has received written notification from the County that the Utilities System is available for connection to the dwelling unit. The unconnected charges will be billed annually as a non-ad valorem assessment by an approved Municipal Services Benefit District.

**A) RESIDENTIAL (Includes single-family, apartments, condominiums & mobile homes):**

**1) Individually Metered Residential Unit:**

Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge (regardless of usage). Billed monthly for any connected property or account and billed annually for any unconnected property or account; not charged when the account is terminated or inactive. \$ 14.23

Consumption charge, per 1,000 gallons	
0 to 4,000	\$ 2.44
4,001 to 8,000	\$ 3.08
8,001 to 12,000	\$ 5.33
12,001 to 18,000	\$ 8.82
greater than 18,000	\$ 12.32

**2) Multi-Family Master Metered:**

Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge, per dwelling unit (regardless of usage). Billed monthly for any connected property or account and billed annually for any unconnected property or account; not charged when the account is terminated or inactive. \$ 9.25

Consumption charge, per 1,000 gallons, per dwelling unit	
0 to 3,000	\$ 2.83
3,001 to 6,000	\$ 3.08
6,001 to 9,000	\$ 5.33

9,001 to 12,000	\$ 8.82
greater than 12,000	\$ 12.32

Note: A separate irrigation meter is required for all multi-family customers utilizing the County water system for irrigation use (see Irrigation).

**B) METERED COMMERCIAL:**

Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge (regardless of usage). Billed monthly by meter size for any connected property or account and billed annually for any unconnected property or account; not charged when the account is terminated or inactive.

<u>Meter Size</u>	
5/8"	\$ 14.23
1"	\$ 35.59
1-1/2"	\$ 71.15
2"	\$ 113.83
3"	\$ 213.46
4"	\$ 355.76
6"	\$ 711.52
8"	\$ 1,280.72
10"	\$ 1,636.48
Consumption charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 3.19

Note: A separate irrigation meter is required for all commercial customers utilizing the County water system for irrigation use (see Irrigation).

**C) METERED IRRIGATION:**

Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge (regardless of usage). Billed monthly by meter size for any connected property or account and billed annually for any unconnected property or account; not charged when the account is terminated or inactive.

<u>Meter Size</u>	
5/8"	\$ 14.23
1"	\$ 35.59
1-1/2"	\$ 71.15
2"	\$ 113.83
3"	\$ 213.46
4"	\$ 355.76
6"	\$ 711.52
8"	\$ 1,280.72
10"	\$ 1,636.48
Consumption charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 6.46

**D) FIRE SAFETY RATES:**

Fire Safety rates apply to any private fire protection system, designed specifically to provide fire protection and/or fire suppression to a particular building or property, which is connected to and relies on the public water system for its water supply. Fire safety systems may include, but are not limited to, booster pumps, sprinkler systems or fire hydrants.

**1) Commercial:**

Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge (regardless of usage). Based on fire line size:

Up to 2"	\$ 9.49
3"	\$ 17.79
4"	\$ 29.65
6"	\$ 59.29
8"	\$ 106.73
10"	\$ 136.37
12"	\$ 254.95

Consumption charge for fire service, per 1,000 gallons No Charge

**2) Residential Multi-Family Master Metered:**

Monthly Readiness-to-Serve (regardless of usage). Based on fire line size:

All Sizes	Included in the Readiness-To-Serve Charge of a Residential Multi-Family Master Metered Customer, See Section 2-A
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Consumption charge for fire service, per 1,000 gallons No Charge

**3) Private Fire Protection Only - Residential, Multi-Family or Commercial receiving fire protection service only:**

Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge (regardless of usage). Based on fire line size:

Up to 2"	\$ 9.49
3"	\$ 17.79
4"	\$ 29.65
6"	\$ 59.29
8"	\$ 106.73
10"	\$ 136.37
12"	\$ 254.95

Consumption charge for fire service, per 1,000 gallons No Charge

**4) Consumption of Water Unrelated to Fire Service through a Commercial Fire Line, a Multi-Family Master Metered Fire Line or a Private Fire Protection System:**

Consumption charge, per 1,000 gallons \$ 3.19

**E) BULK USERS:**

**1) Fire Hydrant Meters – all sizes:**

Temporary use limited to 90 days, unless otherwise approved.

Meter deposit, refundable upon return of meter, payable in advance	\$1,500.00
Damage to meter	Actual Cost
Non-refundable County installation & disconnect fee, payable in advance	\$ 100.00
Contractor installation & disconnect fee	No Charge
Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge (regardless of usage)	\$ 118.67
Consumption charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 3.19

**2) Wholesale Users:**

Franchised Water Utility Companies connected to the Utilities System

Monthly Readiness to Serve Charge	No Charge
Consumption charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 4.13

**3) Pest Control and Lawn Service Tank Trucks:**

Pest Control and Lawn Service Tank Trucks obtaining potable water from a Sarasota County Utilities System fire hydrant must comply with departmental policy requirements and pay charges as follows:

Deposit is refundable upon payment of final bill	\$1,000.00
Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge	\$ 118.67
Consumption charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 3.19

**4) Flushing Meters:**

Meters installed by agreement needed to maintain system water quality.

Monthly Readiness to Serve Charge (regardless of usage)	\$ 5.00
Consumption charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 3.19

**3. WASTEWATER SERVICE USAGE FEES AND CHARGES**

All connected residential, multi-family, and commercial units will be charged the Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge applicable to their customer classification as well as a consumption charge as set forth herein. Residential, multi-family, or commercial units not connected to the Utilities System will be charged the Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge applicable to their customer classification as set forth herein, commencing on or after the 366<sup>th</sup> day after the property owner receives written notification from the County that the Utilities System is available for connection to the property. The unconnected charges will be billed annually as a non-ad valorem assessment by an approved Municipal Services Benefit District.

**A) WASTEWATER QUALITY FEE:**

This fee shall be applicable to all wastewater customer classes and services for each account per month to assist in funding capital and operating costs for increased wastewater processing costs to improve water quality.

Monthly Wastewater Quality Fee,  
per Equivalent Dwelling Unit \$ 1.00

**Without limiting the full authority of the Board of County Commissioners to impose the lawful rates necessary for the proper operation of the wastewater utility system, the wastewater rates in Sections B) RESIDENTIAL, C) COMMERCIAL, and D) SEPTAGE RECEIVING below, are intended to be implemented as stated herein and to remain imposed until the full payment of all outstanding indebtedness to which the revenues from those rates are lawfully pledged. Accordingly, once such debt is fully satisfied, the wastewater rates in Sections B), C), and D) shall automatically sunset unless otherwise reviewed and continued by the Board of County Commissioners.**

**B) RESIDENTIAL (Includes single-family, apartments, condominiums & mobile homes):**

**1) Individually Metered Dwelling Units:**

Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge (regardless of usage). Billed monthly for any property or account and billed annually for any unconnected property or account; not charged when the account is terminated or inactive.

Current	January 1, 2020	October 1, 2020	October 1, 2021	October 1, 2022	October 1, 2023
\$ 14.89	\$ 15.63	\$ 16.42	\$ 17.24	\$ 18.10	\$ 19.00

Consumption charge, per 1,000 gallons, capped at 10,000 gallons based on water meter consumption

Current	January 1, 2020	October 1, 2020	October 1, 2021	October 1, 2022	October 1, 2023
\$ 7.54	\$ 7.92	\$ 8.31	\$ 8.73	\$ 9.16	\$ 9.62

**2) Multi-Family Master Metered:**

Including apartments, condominiums & mobile homes

Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge, per dwelling unit (regardless of usage). Billed monthly for any connected property or account and billed annually for any unconnected property or account; not charged when the account is terminated or inactive.

Current	January 1, 2020	October 1, 2020	October 1, 2021	October 1, 2022	October 1, 2023
\$ 9.71	\$ 10.20	\$ 10.71	\$ 11.24	\$ 11.80	\$ 12.39

Consumption charge, per 1,000 gallons, capped at 10,000 gallons per dwelling unit, based on water meter consumption

Current	January 1, 2020	October 1, 2020	October 1, 2021	October 1, 2022	October 1, 2023
\$ 7.54	\$ 7.92	\$ 8.31	\$ 8.73	\$ 9.16	\$ 9.62

**3) Unmetered Individual Dwelling Units:**

Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge, including 4,000 gallons of consumption. Billed monthly for any connected property or account and billed annually for any unconnected property or account; not charged when the account is terminated or inactive.

Current	January 1, 2020	October 1, 2020	October 1, 2021	October 1, 2022	October 1, 2023
\$ 45.05	\$ 47.31	\$ 49.66	\$ 52.16	\$ 54.74	\$ 57.48

**4) Unmetered Multi-family Master Metered:**

Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge per dwelling unit, including 3,000 gallons of consumption per dwelling unit. Billed monthly for any connected property or account and billed annually for any unconnected property or account; not charged when the account is terminated or inactive.

Current	January 1, 2020	October 1, 2020	October 1, 2021	October 1, 2022	October 1, 2023
\$ 32.33	\$ 33.96	\$ 35.64	\$ 37.43	\$ 39.28	\$ 41.25

**C) COMMERCIAL:**

**1) Metered Commercial Customers:**

Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge by meter size (regardless of usage).



Billed monthly for any connected property or account and billed annually for any unconnected property or account; not charged when the account is terminated or inactive.

Meter Size	Current	January 1, 2020	October 1, 2020	October 1, 2021	October 1, 2022	October 1, 2023
5/8"	\$ 14.89	\$ 15.63	\$ 16.42	\$ 17.24	\$ 18.10	\$ 19.00
1"	\$ 37.22	\$ 39.08	\$ 41.04	\$ 43.09	\$ 45.24	\$ 47.50
1-1/2"	\$ 74.48	\$ 78.20	\$ 82.11	\$ 86.22	\$ 90.53	\$ 95.06
2"	\$ 119.16	\$ 125.12	\$ 131.37	\$ 137.94	\$ 144.84	\$ 152.08
3"	\$ 223.42	\$ 234.59	\$ 246.32	\$ 258.64	\$ 271.57	\$ 285.15
4"	\$ 372.46	\$ 391.08	\$ 410.64	\$ 431.17	\$ 452.73	\$ 475.36
6"	\$ 744.73	\$ 781.97	\$ 821.06	\$ 862.12	\$ 905.22	\$ 950.49
8"	\$ 1,191.57	\$ 1,251.15	\$ 1,313.71	\$ 1,379.39	\$ 1,448.36	\$ 1,520.78
10"	\$ 1,712.86	\$ 1,798.50	\$ 1,888.43	\$ 1,982.85	\$ 2,081.99	\$ 2,186.09

Consumption charge, per 1,000 gallons (no cap)

Current	January 1, 2020	October 1, 2020	October 1, 2021	October 1, 2022	October 1, 2023
\$ 7.54	\$ 7.92	\$ 8.31	\$ 8.73	\$ 9.16	\$ 9.62

**2) Unmetered Commercial Customers:**

Monthly Service Charge is based on the Monthly Readiness-to-Serve Charge for the equivalent water meter size that would be required to provide service to the customer plus a consumption charge for the equivalent water meter size. Billed monthly for any connected property or account and billed annually for any unconnected property or account; not charged when the account is terminated or inactive.

	Current	January 1, 2020	October 1, 2020	October 1, 2021	October 1, 2022	October 1, 2023
Equivalent 5/8" water meter includes 6,000 gallons of consumption	\$ 60.13	\$63.15	\$66.28	\$69.62	\$73.06	\$76.72
Equivalent 1" water meter includes 15,000 gallons of consumption	\$ 150.32	\$157.88	\$165.69	\$174.04	\$182.64	\$191.80
Equivalent 1-1/2" water meter includes 30,000 gallons of consumption	\$ 300.68	\$315.80	\$331.41	\$348.12	\$365.33	\$383.66

Equivalent 2" water meter includes 48,000 gallons of consumption

\$ 481.13	\$505.28	\$530.25	\$556.98	\$584.52	\$613.84
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**D) SEPTAGE RECEIVING:**

Security Deposit - payable in advance, refundable on final bill

\$ 1,500.00

Consumption charge, per gallon

Current	January 1, 2020	October 1, 2020	October 1, 2021	October 1, 2022	October 1, 2023
\$ 0.09	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.11

**4. PHILLIPPI CREEK SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (PCSSRP) SURCHARGE**

Recovers the remaining portion of the property owner's cost of the wastewater collection system in the PCSSRP area that is not included in the property's non-ad valorem assessment.

Monthly Wastewater Surcharge, per equivalent dwelling unit

\$ 19.00

The Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) shall be determined by either the table adopted by separate resolution, Resolution No. 2006-144 as may be amended or replaced, or by referencing the wastewater capacity fees computed for the property pursuant to Exhibit B.

Residential and commercial customers will be charged the Monthly Wastewater Surcharge for a total of 240 billing periods beginning on the first service bill following the 366th day after the property owner receives written notification from the County that the Utilities System is available for connection by the dwelling unit. For new construction, the surcharge begins no later than the first service bill following connection to the Utilities System.

**5. INDUSTRIAL USE SURCHARGE**

Surcharge is the amount calculated pursuant to Resolution No. 89-372, as may be amended or replaced.

**6. FATS, OILS AND GREASE (FOG) MANAGEMENT FEES AND CHARGES**

Regulated Establishments (as defined in Article VI, Chapter 126, Sarasota County Code of Ordinances)

FOG Management Program Fee

\$ 16.67/month

The monthly FOG Management Program Fee is applicable to all wastewater customer classes and services for each account to help cover costs associated with the administration of the FOG Management Program and to improve operations of the wastewater collection system.

Fees

Late Submission (more than 30 days after receipt by Regulated Establishment)

of Regulated Establishment Survey	\$ 100.00
Late Submission (after the 15th of the applicable month due) of Quarterly Hauler Report	\$ 100.00
Re-inspection Fee	\$ 100.00/re-inspection

Fees associated with the FOG Management Program will be added to the water and sewer bill of the Regulated Establishment.

**Grease Haulers**

Annual Operating Fee	\$ 200.00
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**7. RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE USAGE FEES AND CHARGES**

Security Deposit	N/A
Monthly Readiness to Serve Charge (regardless of usage)	\$ 5.00
Utilities-provided system storage and pumping facilities Consumption charge per 1,000 gallons	\$ 0.44
Effluent reclaimed water customers who provide their own effluent storage and pumping facilities Consumption charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 0.25

**8. GUARANTEED REVENUES FEES - WATER AND WASTEWATER, DEVELOPER AGREEMENT**

Fee commences after receipt of pre-paid capacity fees to reserve water or wastewater capacity in accordance with executed developer's agreement and ends upon acceptance by the County of contributed facilities required to serve the units associated with the pre-paid capacity fees:

Accrued monthly from receipt of payment of capacity fees to acceptance of contributed water facilities (per equivalent dwelling unit).	\$ 4.85
Accrued monthly from receipt of payment of capacity fees to acceptance of contributed wastewater facilities (per equivalent dwelling unit).	\$ 6.27

**9. MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES**

These charges are based on an hourly operating cost schedule maintained by the Utilities System. These include labor, vehicle expense, insurance, and replacement costs.

Account Disconnect due to Non-Payment	\$ 25.00
Account Reconnect Charge following Non-Payment	\$ 25.00
After Hours Reconnect Charge	\$ 50.00

Account Research Fee, per hour	\$ 25.00
Lien Research Fee	\$ 25.00
Missing Meter Box Lid Fee	\$ 30.00
Sewer Line Cleaning on Customer Side	\$ 150.00
Check Meter Reading/Re-Read meter at customer's request – First Request	No Charge
Check Meter Reading/Re-Read at customer's request - second request within the same 12-month period	\$ 25.00
Request by customer for Meter Disconnect for possible leak or for other courtesy/emergency	\$ 25.00
Field Research requested by customer, per hour	\$ 30.00
Fire Flow Test, customer request, per hydrant	\$ 50.00
Fire Hydrant Meter, removal without authorization	\$ 500.00
Obtain Fire Hydrant Meter Reading (if no reading submitted prior 90 days)	\$ 30.00
Force Main pressure test, by request, per test	\$ 50.00
Install new fire hydrant assembly	Actual Cost
Insufficient funds check based on face value:	
\$50.00 or less	\$ 25.00
\$50.01 to \$300.00	\$ 30.00
\$300.01 to \$800.00	\$ 40.00
Greater than \$800.00	5% of face value
Active Account Late Charge on past due balance exceeding \$5.00 (Government entities may be exempt)	the greater of \$2.00 or 1.5% of the past due balance
Active Account Delinquency Notice Charge	\$ 5.00
Duplicate Monthly bill, per bill	\$ 0.50
Duplicate Delinquent notice exceeding \$5.00, per bill	\$ 0.50
Raise Water Line Service, including all appurtenances	Actual Cost
Relocate existing fire hydrant assembly	Actual Cost
Remove meter for non-payment due to unauthorized usage (in addition to Disconnect Fees)	\$ 80.00

Replace or reinstall missing or damaged meter:	
5/8"	\$ 200.00
1" and larger	Actual Cost
Replace meter box and lid:	
5/8"	\$ 65.00
1" and larger	Actual Cost
Meter Calibration Test, per customer's required written request. Charge will apply if meter meets American Water Works Association (AWWA) standards.	
5/8"	\$ 25.00
1" and larger	Actual Cost
Meter Tampering Charge – Removing lock, breakage, deliberate blockage, etc.	
First Occurrence	\$ 150.00
Subsequent Occurrences	\$ 300.00
Unauthorized Connection/Without Meter/Meter bypassed/Remove Curb Stop Lock	
Each Occurrence	\$ 500.00

Sarasota County reserves the right to seek civil penalties for meter tampering and unauthorized connections pursuant to Section 812.14(5), Florida Statutes.

The cost to the customer for relocation, adjustment or replacement after initial installation of mains, fire hydrants, fire services, service lines or meters and meter boxes will be the actual cost incurred by the County. The above are minimum charges. Maximum charges will depend on whether additional labor and restoration costs are required.

**10. ACCOUNT APPLICATION/TRANSFER FEE**

Application Fee for new service or transfer of service may be requested by phone, in person, online, by mail, or fax. \$ 15.00

**11. SECURITY DEPOSIT FEES**

Fees will be collected or billed upon application for service. Sarasota County reserves the right to add or increase a deposit up to three times the average monthly bill at the service location due to meter tampering, discontinuance of service, history of late payments on existing or prior account(s), non-payment of account or default in automatic bill pay. The County may hold the deposit until account is closed. Waiver of utility deposits is subject to approval by the Public Utilities Director or designee.

**A) WATER:**

Individually metered residential (all meter sizes)	\$ 75.00
Commercial and Master-Metered Multi-Family, by meter size	
<u>Meter Size</u>	
5/8"	\$ 75.00
1"	\$ 188.00

1-1/2"	\$ 375.00
2"	\$ 600.00
3"	\$ 1,500.00
4"	\$ 1,875.00
6"	\$ 2,500.00
8"	\$ 4,500.00

**B) FIRE HYDRANT:** See Section 2-E

**C) IRRIGATION:** Same as in Section 10 (A) above for Water

**D) WASTEWATER:**

Individually metered residential (all meter sizes) \$ 75.00

Commercial and Master-Metered Multi-Family, by meter size,  
including unmetered and metered-wastewater commercial customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	
5/8"	\$ 75.00
1"	\$ 188.00
1-1/2"	\$ 375.00
2"	\$ 600.00
3"	\$ 1,500.00
4"	\$ 1,875.00
6"	\$ 2,500.00
8"	\$ 4,500.00

**E) SEPTAGE:** See Section 3-C

**F) SECURITY DEPOSITS/WAIVER:**

Security deposits may be waived for the following customers:

- Owners – Applicant satisfied identity check, has a satisfactory payment history and owns the property at the service location.
- Tenants – Applicant satisfied identity check, has a satisfactory payment history and enrolls in automatic bill pay.
- Wholesale Bulk Water Franchised Utility Companies – No deposit required.
- Property Manager/Realtor – Applicant’s satisfactory payment history.
- Builders/Contractors – Applicant’s satisfactory payment history.
- Deduct Meter – If previously determined the customer has paid a security deposit for the same location, another deposit is not due.

**G) SECURITY DEPOSIT INTEREST:**

Interest will be paid on an annual basis in January in the form of a credit on the utility bill after the deposit has been on file for a minimum of 12 consecutive months. The interest rate shall be established by Board resolution.

**H) SECURITY DEPOSIT REFUNDS:**

Deposits may be refunded in the form of a credit on the utility account provided that in the prior 24 months there has been no meter tampering, no discontinuance of service, no more than one late payment or non-payment of account and the deposit has been on file for 24 consecutive months. If such a deposit refund results in a credit balance, such credit balance shall be first applied to any other charges owed to the Utilities System. Upon written request by the customer, the Utilities System may issue a refund for any remaining credit balance.

**12. NEW WATER SERVICE - METER INSTALLATION FEE**

The one time meter installation charge applies to each new service to recover the cost of the connection to the Utilities System.

Meter Installation Fee on existing developer or County installed water service line

<u>Meter Size</u>	
5/8"	\$ 200.00
1"	\$ 275.00
1-1/2"	\$ 450.00
2"	\$ 525.00
3" or larger	Actual Cost

**13. NEW WASTEWATER SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES**

**A) WASTEWATER LOCATE CHARGE:**

The wastewater locate charge covers the cost incurred in determining the location of a wastewater lateral when such service is requested by a developer or applicant.

Lateral Locate Charge for field locate and flag - payable in advance	\$ 50.00
Lateral Locate Charge requiring closed circuit TV equipment - payable in advance	\$ 200.00
Lateral Locate Charge requiring excavation - agreement to pay	Actual Cost

**B) PRESSURE SYSTEM (non PCSSRP):**

All standard low pressure pumping units with appurtenances supplied by the County for new connections or the replacement of previously non-maintained units providing service to existing customers will be provided at actual cost. If the installation of the pumping unit is accomplished by the County, the cost of installation will include all labor, materials and restoration costs. The property owner will be responsible for the installation of all on-site wastewater service lines and connecting the low pressure pumping system, per the Utilities System specifications, to a properly rated electrical supply.

Pressure System – Single Family Only	Actual Cost
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**14. INSTALLATION OF NEW SERVICE CHARGES**

**A) WATER:**

Cost to tap a water main, if required, and to install a water service to the property line. The cost includes all labor, materials and equipment to install any required saddles, piping, valves and excavation, but excludes the cost of the meter.

<b>TAP SIZE</b>	<b>TYPE OF PIPE</b>	<b>COST</b>
All sizes	PVC, AC, DI	Actual Cost

**B) WASTEWATER:**

Cost to tap a wastewater line, if required, and to install a wastewater lateral to the property line or a separate vacuum pit. The cost includes all labor, materials and equipment to install any required saddles, piping, valves, pit and excavation.

<b>TAP SIZE</b>	<b>TYPE OF PIPE</b>	<b>COST</b>
All sizes	PVC, VCP, AC, DI	Actual Cost

**15. WATER LINE EXTENSION FEE**

This is a onetime fee that applies to all new customers who connect to the existing water distribution lines purchased or constructed by the Utility which are not subject to a separate assessment, fee, or other charge designed to recover the cost of the Utility's investment in the distribution lines.

Per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)	\$ 1,000.00
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**16. WASTEWATER LINE EXTENSION FEE**

This is a onetime fee that applies to all new customers who connect to the existing wastewater collection lines purchased or constructed by the Utility which are not subject to a separate assessment, fee, or other charge designed to recover the cost of the Utility's investment in the collection lines.

Per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)	\$ 1,500.00
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**17. RECOVERY OF UNPAID LINE EXTENSION FEES**

Uncollected Line Extension Fees resulting from a change in use, Fees not paid at the time of connection, or Fees deferred and not collected pursuant to any agreement previously approved by the Board may be included as a monthly recurring service charge for a period up to 120 months on the monthly bill of the customer currently receiving service at the location where the Fees were due, but not collected. The uncollected Fees may be paid-in-full at the option of the customer and once fully paid, the monthly recurring service charge will terminate. The monthly recurring service charge shall include an interest component equal to the approved interest rate established by the Board for the Installment Payment Program Agreements for the year the property first connected to the Utility System or the year that the uncollected Line Extension Fees should have been paid to the Utility for the property.



**EXHIBIT B**  
**WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES CAPACITY FEES**

In the event special assessments are levied on properties to recover the costs of County installation of water and/or wastewater lines, the special assessment shall include all costs associated with the installation and the pro rata cost for engineering and construction of the lines.

**1. WATER FACILITIES CAPACITY FEE**

Per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) \$ 2,950.00

In furtherance of the implementation of the Sarasota County Water Facilities Capacity Fees, Chapter 70, Article VI of the Sarasota County Code, the Board hereby establishes system-wide service area water Capacity Fees.

This Capacity Fee shall apply to all new or additional equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) connected to any water system served by the Utilities System through either a new or existing meter connection, or new and additional EDUs of Franchise Utility companies connected to the Utilities System. There shall be a minimum 1.00 EDU charge per water connection.

All Capacity Fees for new construction shall be paid prior to the issuance of a building permit.

The Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) table adopted by separate resolution, Resolution No. 2018-163 and as may be amended and replaced, shall be used to calculate Water Facilities Capacity Fees.

**2. WASTEWATER FACILITIES CAPACITY FEE**

Per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) \$ 3,190.00

In furtherance of the implementation of the Sarasota County Wastewater Facilities Capacity Fee, Chapter 70, Article VII of the Sarasota County Code, the Board hereby establishes system-wide service area wastewater facilities Capacity Fees.

This Capacity Fee shall apply to all new or additional equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) connected to any wastewater system served by the Utilities System through either a new connection or a connection already in use. There shall be a minimum 1.00 EDU charge per wastewater connection.

All Capacity Fees for new construction shall be paid prior to the issuance of a building permit.

The Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) table adopted by separate resolution, Resolution No. 2018-163 and as may be amended or replaced, shall be used to calculate Wastewater Facilities Capacity Fees.

**3. CURRY CREEK WASTEWATER CAPACITY FEE COMPONENT**

Per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) \$ 187.65

A credit against the wastewater capacity fee at the time of application for a building permit in the amount of \$1,188.72 per acre or the calculated EDU's for the parcel, whichever is less, calculated pursuant Ordinance No. 93-067, as may be amended or replaced and Resolution No. 93-247, as may be amended or replaced.

#### 4. RECOVERY OF UNPAID CAPACITY FEES

Uncollected Capacity Fees resulting from a change in use, Fees not paid at the time of connection, or Fees deferred and not collected pursuant to any agreement previously approved by the Board may be included as a monthly recurring service charge for a period up to 120 months on the monthly bill of the customer currently receiving service at the location where the Fees were due, but not collected. The uncollected Fees may be paid-in-full at the option of the customer and once fully paid, the monthly recurring service charge will terminate. The monthly recurring service charge shall include an interest component equal to the approved interest rate established by the Board for the Installment Payment Program Agreements for the year the property first connected to the Utility System or the year that the uncollected Capacity Fees should have been paid to the Utility for the property.

**EXHIBIT C**  
**BUILDING PERMIT, UTILITY CONSTRUCTION**  
**PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES**

**1. BUILDING PERMIT REVIEW FEE**

A review fee to administer the requirements of Exhibit B and Resolution No. 2006-124, as may be amended or replaced, shall be collected at the time of submittal of the building permit application.

Per permit review \$ 40.00

**2. UTILITY CONSTRUCTION REVIEW DEPOSITS AND BILLED SERVICES**

The hourly-rates for Utilities System staff to provide review and inspection services to administer the requirements of the Sarasota County Code and state regulations for the construction of public water and wastewater collection, pumping, transmission, distribution, treatment and disposal systems. All applicants seeking a Utility Construction Permit must pay the following fees as initial deposits against which permitting activities will be charged. If the deposit is not sufficient to cover all permit review activities, then the applicant will be required to provide additional deposit(s) to cover the costs of the remaining anticipated permit review activities based on the hourly rates contained herein and further permit review activities may be suspended until the additional deposit is provided. Any portion of the total amount of all deposits that exceed the total cost of the billed services will be refunded to the applicant, upon receipt of a written request, when closing out the project. Any amount due for the total cost of the billed services that exceeds the total amount of all deposits shall be due and payable prior to the final acceptance of the facilities constructed pursuant to the Utility Construction Permit by the Utilities System.

**A) DEPOSITS FOR UTILITY CONSTRUCTION REVIEW AND PERMIT FEES:**

Initial deposit for Utilities Construction Review, due and payable immediately following the grant of construction authorization by Sarasota County Development Services: \$ 1,000.00

Deposit to fund the Cost of the Utilities Construction Review, due and payable prior to the issuance of a Utilities Construction Permit:

6.5% of Construction Cost,  
with a Maximum of \$40,000.00  
and a Minimum of \$360.00

**B) HOURLY RATES FOR UTILITY CONSTRUCTION REVIEW SERVICES:**

The hourly rates to recover the cost of Utilities System personnel who are providing review and inspection services related to Utility Construction Review:

Technical Specialist Field Reviewer	\$ 50.65/Hour
Plans & Field Reviewer I	\$ 75.50/Hour
Plans & Field Reviewer II	\$ 86.48/Hour
Plans & Field Reviewer III	\$ 96.34/Hour
Permit Coordinator I	\$ 54.50/Hour

Permit Coordinator II	\$ 70.10/Hour
Permit Coordinator III	\$ 75.50/Hour
Manager	\$ 121.54/Hour

Rates for contract personnel to provide construction review and/or inspection services related to Utility Construction Review: At Cost Plus 3.5%

### 3. BULK WATER LINE FLUSHING FEE

A fee based on five times the Initial Volume for the diameter of the pipe installed in lengths of 1,000 feet or fraction thereof, times the consumption charge with a minimum charge of \$100.00. See the following table for the total volumes per 1,000 lineal feet of pipe with standard pipe diameters ranging from 4" to 24". An example of the calculation of the fee, based on the chart below: 7,000 lineal feet of 8" diameter pipe - 13,055 gallons x 7 = 91,385 gallons (total volume) / 1,000 gallons = 91.385 x \$3.19 = \$291.52.

Consumption charge, per 1,000 gallons \$ 3.19

<u>Pipe Size (Inches) Diameter</u>	<u>Length Feet</u>	<u>Initial Volume Gallons</u>	<u>Total Volume Gallons</u>
4"	1,000	653	3,265
6"	1,000	1,468	7,340
8"	1,000	2,611	13,055
10"	1,000	4,079	20,395
12"	1,000	5,874	29,370
16"	1,000	10,442	52,210
18"	1,000	13,216	66,080
24"	1,000	23,495	117,475