

RESOLUTION

of the

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-M-24

regarding

**SETTING A REVISED WATER SYSTEM CHARGE SCHEDULE;
SUPERSEDING THE EXISTING WATER SYSTEM CHARGE
SCHEDULE RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR AN
AUTOMATIC ANNUAL RATE INCREASE; PROVIDING FOR A
FIVE-YEAR RATE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR REVISED
CONSERVATION CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR PERIODIC
REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL NOTICE TO
CUSTOMERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Resolution No. 2026-M-_____

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County (the “Board”) establishes and collects rates, fees, and charges for its water system (the “System”) pursuant to its home rule powers granted to the County by the Florida Constitution, the Orange County Charter, and Chapters 125 and 153 of Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board last adopted a revised Water System Charge Schedule on May 10, 2022, pursuant to Resolution 2022-M-24, in which the Board recognized the inequity between the effective commercial water rate and the effective residential water rate and established a five-year rate plan beginning in Fiscal Year 2023-24 through Fiscal Year 2027-28; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the currently established five-year rate plan no longer provides adequate revenue to fund System requirements as a result of higher than normal increases in both operating and capital costs; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to address the revenue inadequacy by adopting a new five-year rate plan that better aligns revenues with both current and future System requirements and continues to address the inequity between the effective commercial water rate and the effective residential water rate; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted a preliminary rate schedule on December 2, 2025, pursuant to Resolution 2025-M-54 as required by Chapter 153, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having conducted a duly noticed public hearing on January 27, 2026, now desires to approve this resolution adopting the revised Water System Charge Schedule as set forth herein.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY:

Section 1. **Premises.** The foregoing premises are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. **Revised Water System Charge Schedule.** The Board hereby sets the revised Water System Charge Schedule attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A” (the “Schedule”). This resolution adopting the attached Schedule shall supersede the presently existing Water System Charge Schedule adopted on May 10, 2022, and shall repeal Resolution No. 2022-M-24, in its entirety.

Section 3. **Automatic Annual Rate Increase.** The Board previously adopted by Resolution and hereby re-confirms and re-adopts the provision for an automatic annual rate increase for the services described on Exhibit “A” as “Fixed Monthly Charge” and “Volume Charge”; however, this automatic annual rate increase shall be suspended through 2030 for all rates, fees, and charges. Effective on October 1st of 2031 and each October 1st thereafter, an automatic annual increase shall be applied in an amount equivalent to three percent (3%) of all rates, fees and charges contained in the then current Water System Charge Schedule in effect immediately prior to the effective date of such automatic annual rate increase. The Board further directs that on the effective date of each automatic annual rate increase, the Water System Charge Schedule in effect immediately prior to the effective date of such increases shall

be revised to include the three percent (3%) increase, and that a copy of such revised Schedule shall be maintained for public inspection by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. The automatic annual rate increase shall not apply to the categories of services on Exhibit “A” entitled “Fire System and Hydrant Charges” or “Specific Service Charges”.

Section 4. Five-Year Rate Plan. In order to address the revenue inadequacy of the current established five-year rate plan and reduce the inequity between the effective commercial water rate and the effective residential water rate, the Board hereby sets a new five-year rate plan from Fiscal Year 2026-27 through and including Fiscal Year 2030-31. Effective October 1st of each year, 2026 through 2030, there will be an annual rate increase of nine percent (9%) for the services described on Exhibit “A” as “Fixed Monthly Charge”, a three percent (3%) increase for the services described on Exhibit “A” as “Volume Charge – Residential Customers” and “Volume Charge – Conservation Charges”, and an eleven percent (11%) increase for the services described on Exhibit “A” as “Volume Charge – Commercial Customers” (collectively, the “Five-Year Plan Increases”). The Five-Year Plan Increases shall be applied to the rates contained in the then current Water System Charge Schedule in effect immediately prior to the effective date of such Five-Year Plan Increases. The Board further directs that on the effective date of each Five-Year Plan Increase, the Water System Charge Schedule in effect immediately prior to the effective date of such increases shall be revised to include the Five-Year Plan Increases and that a copy of such revised Schedule shall be maintained for public inspection by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 5. Revised Conservation Charges. The Board previously adopted conservation charges to promote water usage conservation. The Board hereby re-confirms the conservation charges and adopts the revised conservation charges, which shall be as set forth

in the Water System Charge Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and shall be subject to the automatic annual rate increase provided for in Section 3 herein.

Section 6. Periodic Rate Review. The Board shall periodically conduct a review of the rates, fees, and charges set forth in the Orange County Water System Charge Schedule.

Section 7. Annual Notice to Customers. Each year, the Orange County Utilities Department shall send annual written notification to all customers of the Orange County Water System of the County’s monthly user rates, fees, and charges as set forth in the then current Orange County Water System Charge Schedule.

Section 8. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution which can be given effect without the valid provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared severable.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

BY: _____
Jerry L. Demings,
Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

**ORANGE COUNTY
WATER SYSTEM CHARGE SCHEDULE**

FIXED MONTHLY CHARGE^{1, 2}

<u>Water Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>
- 5/8 by 3/4 inch meter	\$9.84
- 1 inch meter	\$17.52
- 1-1/2 inch meter	\$30.25
- 2 inch meter	\$45.54
- 3 inch meter	\$86.36
- 4 inch meter	\$132.23
- 6 inch meter	\$259.69
- 8 inch meter	\$412.63
- 10 inch meter	\$642.05

VOLUME CHARGE

Residential Customers

- 0 - 3,000	\$1.47 per 1,000 gallons
- 4,000 and above	\$2.04 per 1,000 gallons

Commercial Customers

- All Consumption	\$2.33 per 1,000 gallons
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Conservation Charges (For all 5/8-inch by 3/4-inch water meter customers and all individually metered residential customers regardless of meter size.)

Conservation Rate:

- 11,000 - 20,000	\$4.06 per 1,000 gallons
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Conservation Charge:

- 21,000 - 30,000	\$8.11 per 1,000 gallons
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Conservation Surcharge:

- 31,000 and above	\$16.17 per 1,000 gallons
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BILLING PERIOD

Monthly: Single-family residential, duplex, condominium, and other type dwelling units individually metered; multi-family residential apartment, mobile home, travel-trailer, and other type dwelling units collectively metered and all other commercial, institutional, industrial or other accounts (e.g. large consumers), regardless of meter size, shall be billed for the amount of water used each month as measured by each of their respective meters. (The above rates shall apply to each meter, regardless of the number of meters.)

FIRE SYSTEM AND HYDRANT CHARGES

- Private Fire Hydrants
Hydrant Installation Charge At Cost
- Private Fire Line/Sprinkler System
Installation Costs At Cost

SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

- Initiation of Service
 - Regular Business Hour \$16.00
 - Non-Business Hours \$21.00
- Temporary Service Turn-Ons / Offs
 - Regular Business Hours \$12.00
 - Non-Business Hours \$17.00
- Meter Removal/Service Tampering \$41.00
- Unauthorized Connection
 - Regular Business Hours \$350.00
 - Non-Business Hours \$361.00
- Covered, Obscured or Inaccessible Meters \$37.00
- Reading or Picking Up a Hydrant Meter for Non-Payment \$32.00
- Re-read for Customer Convenience \$9.00
- Late Charge for Non-Submission of Hydrant Meter and/or Card for Reading \$5.00
- Reading of Specialty Meters \$30.00
- Dishonored Payment \$25.00

-	Distribution Trip Charge	
	Regular Business Hours	\$34.00
	Non-Business Hours	\$51.00
-	Dishonored Credit Card Charge	\$18.00
-	Fire Flow Test	
	OCU Performed	\$64.00
	OCU Monitored	\$33.00
-	Research Account Information	At Cost
-	Meter Inspection and Testing	At Cost
-	Non-residential Backflow Prevention Device Testing	At Cost
-	Plans and Specifications	At Cost
-	Service Removal / Reconnect	At Cost
-	Late Payment Fee	1.5% on past due balance
-	Water Deposits – All Meter Sizes	2X estimated total monthly bill
-	Portable Hydrant Meter Deposit	2X replacement cost of meter
-	Residential Cross Connection Control Program Fee	\$3.00 per month

AUTOMATIC ANNUAL RATE INCREASE

Consistent with and pursuant to Section 153.11, Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners hereby sets annually, effective October 1st of each year starting on October 1, 2031, and each year thereafter, an automatic increase of three percent (3%) to all rates, fees, and charges contained in the Water System Charge Schedule in effect immediately prior to the effective date of such annual increase. The automatic increase shall not apply to the Fire System and Hydrant Charges or the Specific Service Charges.

FIVE-YEAR RATE PLAN

Consistent with and pursuant to Section 153.11, Florida Statutes, and in order to address the revenue inadequacy of the current, established five-year rate plan and reduce the inequity between the effective commercial water rate and the effective residential water rate, the Board of County Commissioners hereby sets annually, effective on October 1st of each year, 2026 through and including 2030, a nine percent (9%) increase for the services described as “Fixed Monthly Charge”, a three percent (3%) increase for the services described as “Volume Charge – Residential Customers” and “Volume Charge – Conservation Charges”, and an eleven percent (11%) increase for the services described as “Volume Charge – Commercial Customers” (collectively, the “Five-Year Plan Increases”). The Five-Year Plan Increases shall be applied to the rates in the then current Water System Charge Schedule in effect immediately prior to the effective date of such rate increases.

METER INSTALLATION CHARGES

Water meter installation charges are established in Resolution 2025-M-02.

FOOTNOTES

- (1) The Orange County Utilities Department (OCUD) shall determine the appropriate meter size for use by all its customers.
- (2) The Fixed Monthly Charge for a compound meter set shall be based on the smaller size of the two meters that compose the compound meter set.