

ORDINANCE NO. 070429  
0-07-81

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5 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE 1,  
6 SECTION 27-15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF  
7 GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA RELATING TO SERVICE CHARGES  
8 FOR INSTALLATION OR TURN-ON OF UTILITY SERVICE AND  
9 FIELD VISITS FOR RECONNECTION OF UTILITY SERVICE;  
10 AMENDING APPENDIX A, UTILITIES SECTION (1),  
11 SUBSECTION c BY DELETING AN ADDITIONAL BILLING  
12 CHARGE FOR METERS READ BY THE CONSUMER;  
13 AMENDING APPENDIX A, UTILITIES SECTION (3),  
14 SUBSECTION c BY PROVIDING FOR A BACKFLOW TESTING  
15 FEE; AMENDING APPENDIX A, UTILITIES SECTION (4),  
16 SUBSECTION c5 BY ADDING RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS  
17 WITH 5/8 INCH METERS FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES;  
18 AMENDING APPENDIX A, UTILITIES SECTION (7),  
19 SUBSECTION b3 SERVICE CHARGES BY DELETING A FEE  
20 FOR TRANSFER OF UTILITY SERVICE CLASSIFICATION  
21 AND PROVIDING FOR A FIELD VISIT TRIP CHARGE;  
22 AMENDING APPENDIX A, UTILITIES SECTION (7),  
23 SUBSECTION b8 SERVICE CHARGES BY CHANGING  
24 PREVIOUS BALANCE TO UNPAID BALANCE; AND  
25 AMENDING APPENDIX A, UTILITIES SECTION (7)b BY  
26 ADDING SUBSECTION 10 PROVIDING FOR AN  
27 UNAUTHORIZED SERVICE INVESTIGATION FEE;  
28 PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING  
29 DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; PROVIDING A  
30 SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
31 DATE.  
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33 **WHEREAS**, at least ten (10) days notice has been given of the public hearings once  
34 by publication in a newspaper of general circulation notifying the public of this proposed  
35 ordinance and of the public hearings in the City Commission meeting room, first floor, City  
36 Hall, City of Gainesville; and  
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1           **WHEREAS**, the public hearings were held pursuant to the published notices  
2 described above at which hearings the parties with interest and all others had an  
3 opportunity to be and were, in fact, heard.

4           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY**  
5 **OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:**

6           **Section 1.** Section Sec. 27-15 of the Code of Ordinances of Gainesville, Florida, is  
7 hereby amended to read as follows:

8           **Section 27-15 Service Charges**

9           (a) Installation or turn-on of utility service. A service charge in accordance with  
10 the schedule set out in Appendix A shall be paid to the city before any utility service,  
11 new or transferred from one service location to another, is installed or turned on.  
12 Should installation or turn-on services be requested for the same workday, for any  
13 fully-scheduled workday requiring after-hours service, or for holidays or weekends,  
14 additional service charges in accordance with the schedule set out in Appendix A  
15 shall be assessed. ~~Should application be made at the same time for any~~  
16 ~~combination of electric, water and/or wastewater, or any other service at the same~~  
17 ~~premises, only one service charge shall be assessed. However, the assessed~~  
18 ~~service charge shall be that service charge which is the greatest of all those~~  
19 ~~applicable. Gas service charges shall be assessed independent of other requested~~  
20 ~~utility services.~~

21           ~~(b) Reclassification of utility service provided. A service charge in accordance~~  
22 ~~with the schedule set out in Appendix A shall be paid to the city for any~~  
23 ~~reclassification from one class of utility service to another.~~

1        ~~(e)~~(b) Field visit; service location. A service charge in accordance with the schedule  
2        set out in Appendix A shall be paid the city for a field visit made to the consumer's  
3        service location. This service charge shall not apply if the field visit results in a  
4        disconnection of utility service(s) or is a specially arranged visit by a meter reader as  
5        prescribed in section 27-8(c).

6        ~~(d)~~(c) Field visit; disconnection of utility service. If service is disconnected because  
7        of delinquent payments, unauthorized connection, or consumer request, a service  
8        charge in accordance with the schedule set out in Appendix A shall be assessed. If  
9        commercial gas service is disconnected, or electric service is disconnected at the  
10       point of service (electric pole or service drop), or water service is disconnected by  
11       removal of the water meter due to unauthorized connection or consumer request, an  
12       additional service charge in accordance with the schedule set out in Appendix A shall  
13       be assessed.

14       ~~(e)~~(d) Field visit; reconnection of utility service. No service charge shall be  
15       assessed for reconnection of utility service(s) if disconnection of such service(s) was  
16       due to system requirements. However, if service was disconnected because of  
17       delinquent payments, unauthorized connection, or consumer request and  
18       guaranteed same day service reconnection is requested and/or made during other  
19       than normal working hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday,  
20       excluding city holidays), an additional service charge in accordance with the  
21       schedule set out in Appendix A shall be assessed and paid to the city before any  
22       service is reconnected. ~~Should reconnection be made at the same time for more~~  
23       ~~than one utility service at the same premises, only one reconnection charge shall be~~

1           ~~assessed. However, the assessed service charge shall be that service charge which~~  
2           ~~is the greatest of all those applicable.~~

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4           **Section 2.** Appendix A, Utilities section (1) of the Code of Ordinances of  
5 Gainesville, Florida, is hereby amended to delete subsection c as follows:

6           ~~c. Additional monthly billing charge for meter read by consumer~~  
7           ~~(§ 27-8(b))~~ ..... 1.00  
8           Reserved.

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10          **Section 3.** Appendix A, Utilities, subsection (3)c of the Code of Ordinances of  
11 Gainesville, Florida, is hereby amended as follows:

12          c.     ~~Reserved.~~ Backflow testing fee (§ 27-135)..... 50.00

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14          **Section 4.** Appendix A, Utilities, subsection (4)c5 of the Code of Ordinances of  
15 Gainesville, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

16          5. Nonresidential rate and residential customers with 5/8 inch meters for irrigation  
17          purposes (wastewater is calculated as 95 percent of city water usage in such  
18          month):

- 19               (i) No maximum, per 1,000 gallons ..... 3.94  
20               (ii) Customer service charge per bill rendered..... 3.52

1           **Section 5.** Appendix A, Utilities subsection (7)b3 of the Code of Ordinances of  
2 Gainesville, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 3           3.     ~~Transfer of utility service classification (§ 27-15b)~~..... 10.00
- 4                     Field visit trip charge (§ 27-15b)..... 25.00

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6           **Section 6.** Appendix A, Utilities subsection (7)b8 of the Code of Ordinances of  
7 Gainesville, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 8           8.     Late fee for combined statement (§ 27-14(e))..... 1.00
- 9                     \*(or two percent of the ~~previous~~ unpaid balance amount, whichever is greater)

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11           **Section 7.** That the Code of Ordinances of Gainesville, Florida, is hereby amended  
12 by adding a subsection to be numbered Appendix A, Utilities, (7)(b)10, which subsection  
13 reads as follows:

- 14           10.    Unauthorized service investigation
- 15                     (§ 27-26.2(c); § 27-126.3(c); § 27-280.1)..... 65.00

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17           **Section 8.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are to the  
18 extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

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20           **Section 9.** It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of Sections  
21 1 through 7 of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances  
22 of the City of Gainesville, Florida, and that the Sections and Paragraphs of this Ordinance  
23 may be renumbered or re-lettered in order to accomplish such intentions.

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1           **Section 10.** If any portion of this ordinance is declared invalid by a court of  
2 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this  
3 ordinance.

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6           **Section 11.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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8           PASSED and ADOPTED this 22nd day October, 2007.

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Pegeen Hanrahan  
Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Kurt M. Lannon, Jr.  
Clerk of the Commission

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Approved as to form and legality  
  
Marion J. Radson  
City Attorney

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This ordinance passed on first reading this 8th day of October, 2007.

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This ordinance passed on second reading this 22nd day of October, 2007.

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