

ORDINANCE NO. 030281  
0-03-81

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A, SECTION UTILITIES (4) SEWERAGE OF THE GAINESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY INCREASING WASTEWATER BASE RATES AND ADJUSTING CONNECTION CHARGES; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CODIFIER; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE PROVIDED HEREIN.

**WHEREAS**, at least ten (10) days notice has been given of the public hearings once by publication in a newspaper of general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of the public hearings in the City Commission meeting room, first floor, City Hall, City of Gainesville; and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearings were held pursuant to the published notices described above at which hearings the parties with interest and all others had an opportunity to be and were, in fact, heard.

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

**Section 1.** Appendix A, Section Utilities (4) Sewerage of the Gainesville Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

(4) *Sewerage:*

a. Plumbing and sewerage installation (§ 27-167):

1. New plumbing, sewer or drainage work; alterations, repairs; per fixture ..... \$ 1.00\*

\*(A fee in double the above amount shall be charged for any work commenced before a permit therefor has been issued.)

2. Building or house sewer connection to city's sewer system, each..... \$ 5.00

b. Reserved.

c. Rates for normal strength wastewater (§ 27-169):

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1	1. Residential dwellings, (including single-family dwellings, mobile homes,	
2	apartments, and residential customers on metered private wells):	
3	(i) Charges for winter months (January and February billing periods):	
4	(A) Customer service charge per bill rendered, per month .....	\$ <del>2.22</del> <u>2.27</u>
5	(B) Rate per 1,000 gallons of wastewater (wastewater equals city	
6	water usage, per 1,000 gallons .....	\$ <del>2.55</del> <u>2.61</u>
7	(ii) Charges for March through December billing periods:	
8	(A) Customer service charge per bill rendered, per month .....	\$ <del>2.22</del> <u>2.27</u>
9	(B) Rate per 1,000 gallons of wastewater, (wastewater equals	
10	(i) city water usage or (ii) the individual customer's winter	
11	maximum), per 1,000 gallons .....	\$ <del>2.55</del> <u>2.61</u>
12	Calculation of the individual customer's winter maximum shall be 30.4	
13	days times the maximum of average daily water usage for the immediately	
14	preceding January or February billing periods. A customer that has not	
15	established an individual winter maximum shall use the wastewater	
16	system average residential winter maximum, provided, however, that the	
17	winter maximum shall never be less than 1,000 gallons. The general	
18	manager for utilities or his/her designee may adjust the customer's winter	
19	average in extraordinary circumstances.	
20	2. Current residential customers who are not connected to the wastewater system,	
21	but are subject to rates and charges under section 27-169(c), per month .....	\$ <del>20.68</del> <u>21.15</u>
22	3. Single-family dwellings on private wells discharging unmetered water to the	
23	wastewater system, per month .....	\$ <del>20.68</del> <u>21.15</u>
24	4. Multiple-family dwellings (including apartments, and mobile homes in approved	
25	mobile home parks) on private wells discharging unmetered water to the wastewater	
26	system (does not include the customer service charge):	
27	(i) Per month, per unit .....	\$ <del>12.67</del> <u>12.96</u>
28	(ii) Customer service charge per bill rendered .....	\$ <del>2.22</del> <u>2.27</u>
29	5. Nonresidential rate (wastewater is calculated as 95% of city water usage in	
30	such month):	
31	(i) No maximum, per 1,000 gallons.....	\$ <del>2.55</del> <u>2.61</u>
32	(ii) Customer service charge per bill rendered .....	\$ <del>2.22</del> <u>2.27</u>
33	6. Tacachale:	
34	(i) Fixed monthly charge.....	\$ <del>2,722.25</del> <u>2,783.50</u>
35	(ii) Variable monthly charge, per 1,000 gallons.....	\$ <del>0.86</del> <u>0.88</u>

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- 1 7. Where monthly wastewater service charges for nonresidential customers are based  
2 on the amount of the monthly water billed from the city, separate meters may be  
3 allowed at the expense of the customer and an allowance may be made for  
4 measured water not entering the city's wastewater system.
- 5 8. Where wastewater meters are required by the city or requested by the customer, the  
6 customer shall pay to the city a monthly charge based on the cost to the city of all  
7 operation and maintenance costs of the meter or meter installation plus depreciation.  
8 The initial cost of any and all such installations shall be paid for by the user.
- 9 9. The general manager for utilities or his/her designee is authorized to adjust  
10 residential monthly wastewater service charges to reflect reduced wastewater  
11 discharges from approved individual graywater disposal systems, as determined by  
12 procedures and engineering calculations contained in policies approved by the city  
13 commission.
- 14 d. Rates for excess strength wastewater (§ 27-169):
- 15 1. A customer discharging excess strength wastewater into the city's wastewater  
16 system shall be assessed a laboratory charge based on the cost of collecting and  
17 analyzing samples used to determine the strength and characteristics of the waste.
- 18 2. Where automatic sampling equipment is required by the city or requested by the  
19 customer and such equipment is owned and/or maintained by the city, a monthly  
20 sampling charge shall be assessed based on the cost to the city of operation and  
21 maintenance of the equipment plus depreciation.
- 22 3. A customer discharging excess strength waste into the wastewater system shall be  
23 assessed normal strength wastewater charges in addition to excess strength  
24 charges calculated according to the following formula:

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$$26 \quad [Y/X - 1] \times [Z] \times [0.5 \times A]$$

27 Y = Measured concentration of wastewater constituent.

28 X = Concentration of constituent in normal strength wastewater.

29 Z = Thousands of gallons of excess strength wastewater discharge into  
30 the city's wastewater system.

31 A = Normal strength wastewater rate per thousand in c.5(i) above.

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33 Note: Excess strength charges shall be applicable only to the following  
34 conventional constituents: COD, BOD, total suspended solids, nitrogen and  
35 phosphorus. When COD is indicative of the excess wastewater strength, it shall be  
36 the preferred measurement parameter. Where the wastewater contains no more

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1 than one excess strength constituent, the charge shall be based on the constituent  
 2 which results in the greatest charge.

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- 4 e. Rates for septic tank and portable toilet waste (§ 27-169): Septic tank and portable  
 5 toilet waste shall not be introduced into the city's wastewater system, except when  
 6 specifically authorized and only at the time, place and manner prescribed by the  
 7 city. This wastewater shall be metered and excess strength wastewater charges  
 8 and industrial user charges shall be assessed.
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- 10 f. Rates for industrial charges (§ 27-169): Any industrial user discharging into the  
 11 city's wastewater system shall be assessed a permit application fee for each five-year  
 12 permit of ..... \$ ~~283.25~~ 289.62
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- 14 g. Right to assess other fees (§ 27-173): The city reserves the right to assess consumers  
 15 other fees as necessary to carry out the requirements contained within article IV of  
 16 chapter 27. These fees relate solely to the matters covered by such article, and are  
 17 separate from all other fees chargeable by the city.
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- 19 h. Rates for reclaimed water service (§ 27-169):  
 20 1. Rate for unlimited use, per month, per bill rendered ..... \$ 10.00
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- 22 i. Wastewater flow-based connection charges (§ 27-171):  
 23 1. For two (2) inches and smaller water meters. For applicants of wastewater service  
 24 requiring water meters up to and including two-inch meter size, the wastewater  
 25 flow-based connection charge shall be based on the size(s) of the water meter(s)  
 26 installed according to the following:

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28 WASTEWATER FLOW-BASED CONNECTION CHARGES

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<i>Water Meter Size (inches)</i>	<i>Collection System</i>	<i>Treatment Plant</i>	<i>Pump Station</i>	<i>Force Main (base system)</i>	<i>Total</i>
5/8	\$ <del>83.00</del> <u>87.00</u>	\$ <del>552.00</del> <u>631.00</u>	\$ <del>115.00</del> <u>120.00</u>	\$ <del>176.00</del> <u>177.00</u>	\$ <del>926.00</del> <u>1,015.00</u>
3/4	256.00	1,713.00	357.00	547.00	2,873.00
1	<del>282.00</del> <u>297.00</u>	<del>1,884.00</del> <u>2,149.00</u>	<del>393.00</del> <u>411.00</u>	<del>602.00</del> <u>606.00</u>	<del>3,161.00</del> <u>3,463.00</u>

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	<u>694.00</u>	<u>4,970.00</u>	<u>961.00</u>	<u>1,425.00</u>	<u>8,050.00</u>
2	1,241.00	8,289.00	1,727.00	2,647.00	13,904.00
	<u>1,321.00</u>	<u>9,717.00</u>	<u>1,824.00</u>	<u>2,667.00</u>	<u>15,529.00</u>

2. For water meters serving multi-family units and water meters larger than two (2) inches, the wastewater flow-based connection charge shall be based on the estimated demand for service in accordance with the following:

WASTEWATER FLOW-BASED CONNECTION CHARGES

Collection System	Treatment Plant	Pump Station	Force Main (base system)	Total
(i) \$0.314/GPD-ADF	\$2.098/GPD-ADF	\$0.441/GPD-ADF	\$0.670/GPD-ADF	\$3.523/GPD-ADF
<u>0.328</u>	<u>2.342</u>	<u>0.458</u>	<u>0.673</u>	<u>3.801</u>

(ii) Minimum charges for meters larger than two inches:

Collection System	Treatment Plant	Pump Station	Force Main (base system)	Total
\$1,241.00	\$8,289.00	\$1,727.00	\$2,647.00	\$13,904.00
<u>1,321.00</u>	<u>9,717.00</u>	<u>1,824.00</u>	<u>2,667.00</u>	<u>15,529.00</u>

3. Wastewater Flow-Based Connection Charge Installment (§ 27-103)  
Installment payments for wastewater flow-based connection charges made in accordance with § 27-103 are as follows:

Water meter Monthly size (inches) Charge

5/8	41.73	<u>12.32</u>
3/4	36.39	<u>34.88</u>
1	40.04	<u>42.04</u>
1 1/2	94.34	<u>97.72</u>
2	176.43	<u>188.53</u>
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4. For customers discharging excess strength wastewater. In addition to wastewater flow-based connection charges assessed pursuant to subsection (i) of (ii) above, customers discharging excess strength wastewater into the city's wastewater system shall be assessed excess strength flow-based treatment plant connection charges calculated according to the following formula:

$$[Y/X - 1] \times A$$
  
Y = Measured concentration of wastewater constituent.  
X = Concentration of constituent in normal strength wastewater.  
A = Wastewater flow-based treatment plant connection charge assessed pursuant to subsection (i) or (ii) above.

- j. Inspection service fee (§ 27-172) ..... \$ 1,015.00  
Plus, an amount to be assessed on the amount of developer installed mainline collection piping, per linear foot ..... \$ 1.45
- k. Off-site force main extension (CIAC) (§ 27-174): To be determined by the city.
- l. Requirement for additional CIAC (§ 27-175): To be determined by the city.
- m. Permit for construction of private sewerage disposal system (§ 27-183.1) ..... \$ 5.00

**Section 2.** It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of Section 1 of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Florida, and that the Sections and Paragraphs of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered in order to accomplish such intentions.

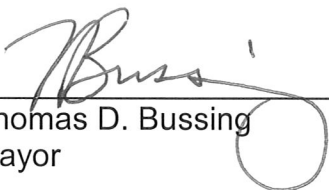
**Section 3.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** If any portion of this ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

1           **Section 5.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption;  
2 provided however, the rates and charges as provided for herein shall be applicable to all  
3 monthly bills which are for the first time rendered and postmarked after 12:01 A.M.,  
4 October 1, 2003.

5           PASSED and ADOPTED this 8th day September, 2003.

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Thomas D. Bussing  
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ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of the Commission

Approved as to form and legality

  
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Marion J. Radson  
City Attorney

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This ordinance passed on first reading this 25th day of August, 2003.

This ordinance passed on second reading this 8th day of September, 2003.