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2 **ORDINANCE NO. 200129**
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4 **An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of**
5 **Ordinances relating to utilities; by amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees,**
6 **Rates and Charges to revise fees, rates and charges for water and sewerage;**
7 **providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a**
8 **repealing clause; and providing an effective date.**
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11 **WHEREAS**, at least ten (10) days' notice has been given once by publication in a newspaper of
12 general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of the public hearings to
13 consider this ordinance; and

14 **WHEREAS**, public hearings were held pursuant to the published notice described above, at
15 which all interested parties had an opportunity to be, and were, in fact, heard.

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

18 **Section 1.** Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances, relating to fees, rates and charges for
19 Utilities sections (3) Water and (4) Sewerage are amended as set forth in Exhibit "A," attached
20 to this ordinance and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. Except as amended
21 herein, the remainder of Appendix A remains in full force and effect.

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

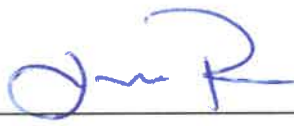
26 **Section 3.** If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, section or provision of this ordinance
27 or the application hereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such

1 finding shall not affect the other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given
2 effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or application, and to this end the
3 provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

4 **Section 4.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are to the extent
5 of such conflict hereby repealed on the effective date of this ordinance.

6 **Section 5.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption; provided
7 however, the fees, rates and charges as set forth herein shall be applicable to all monthly bills
8 which are for the first time rending and postmarked after 12:01 AM on October 1, 2020.

9 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 24th day of September, 2020.

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12 LAUREN POE
13 MAYOR
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15 Attest:

Approved as to form and legality:

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19 OMICHELE D. GAINNEY
20 CLERK OF THE COMMISSION
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25 NICOLLE M. SHALLEY
26 CITY ATTORNEY

24 This ordinance passed on first reading this 10th day of September, 2020.

25 This ordinance passed on second reading this 24th day of September, 2020.

Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 200129

APPENDIX A - SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES AND CHARGES

UTILITIES:

(3) *Water:*

a. Base rates for usage and customer charge (§ 27-128):

1. Non-residential water service:

Rate per 1,000 gallons\$3.87

2. Non-residential service for irrigation purposes:

Rate per 1,000 gallons\$4.62

3. Residential water service:

Rate per 1,000 gallons, first 4,000 gallons\$2.47

Rate per 1,000 gallons, over 4,000 gallons and less than 17,000 gallons
.....\$3.77

Rate per 1,000 gallons, equal to or greater than 17,000 gallons\$6.04

4. Residential service for irrigation purposes:

Rate per 1,000 gallons, first 12,000 gallons\$3.77

Rate per 1,000 gallons, over 12,000 gallons\$6.04

5. Multiple-family-residential service where more than one dwelling unit is served by a single water meter:

Rate per 1,000 gallons\$3.77

6. The customer service charge, per month, per bill rendered, is based on meter size as shown in the table below:

Water Meter Size	Monthly Customer Charge
5/8" (0.625")	\$9.45
3/4" (0.75")	9.45
1"	9.65
1.5"	12.50

2"	20.00
3"	74.00
4"	100.00
6"	140.00
8"	200.00
10"	275.00

7. Fire hydrant service:

Supported only, per hydrant, per month~~\$12.94~~ 13.18

b. Water main tapping charges (§ 27-125):

Tap Size (inches)	Charge
1½	\$1,060.00 <u>\$1,080.00</u>
2	1,060.00 <u>1,080.00</u>
4	5,310.00 <u>5,410.00</u>
6	5,720.00 <u>5,830.00</u>
8	6,630.00 <u>6,750.00</u>
12	10,550.00 <u>10,740.00</u>

c. Plan review fee (§ 27.124.1)~~\$800.00~~ \$810.00

d. Inspection service fee amount to be assessed on the amount of developer installed mainline distribution piping, per liner foot~~\$2.58~~ \$2.63

e. Meter installation charges (§ 27-126.1):

1. Meter assembly and service lateral:

Meter Size (inches Water)	Water Meter Installation Charge
$\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$	\$710.00 <u>\$723.00</u>
$\frac{3}{4}$	710.00 <u>723.00</u>
1	928.00 <u>945.00</u>
1½	2,348.00 <u>2,391.00</u>
2	2,508.00 <u>2,554.00</u>
3	14,338.00 <u>14,601.00</u>
4	15,937.00 <u>16,230.00</u>
4 UL Rated Fire Line Meter	19,708.00 <u>20,070.00</u>
6	21,005.00 <u>21,391.00</u>
6 UL Rated Fire Line Meter	24,455.00 <u>24,904.00</u>
8	24,756.00 <u>25,211.00</u>
8 UL Rated Fire Line Meter	29,499.00 <u>30,041.00</u>

Note: For meters larger than eight inches, the water meter installation charge shall be established on a site specific basis by the general manager for utilities or his/her designee.

2. Meter only:

Water Meter Size (inches)	Water Meter Installation Charge
$\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$	\$448.00 <u>\$457.00</u>
$\frac{3}{4}$	448.00 <u>457.00</u>
1	557.00 <u>568.00</u>

1½	1,710.00 <u>1,744.00</u>
2	1,947.00 <u>1986.00</u>

3. Wastewater customers on private wells:

Water Meter Size (inches)	Water Meter Installation Charge
$\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$	\$448.00 <u>\$457.00</u>
$\frac{3}{4}$	448.00 <u>457.00</u>
1	557.00 <u>568.00</u>
1½	1,710.00 <u>1,744.00</u>
2	1,947.00 <u>1,986.00</u>

Note: For meters larger than two inches, the meter installation charge shall be on a site specific basis by the city.

- f. Backflow testing fee (§ 27-135)\$102.00
- g. Reserved.
- h. Reserved.
- i. Water connection charges (§ 27-129):

Connection Type	Minimum Connection Charge		
	Transmission and Distribution Connection Charge	Water Treatment Plant Connection Charge	Total Water Connection Charge
Single family residential connections without fire sprinkler system with three-quarter ($\frac{3}{4}$) inch or smaller meter	\$471.00	\$709.00	\$1,180.00
	<u>\$479.00</u>	<u>\$722.00</u>	<u>\$1,201.00</u>

Single family residential connections with fire sprinkler system with one (1) inch or smaller water meter	\$471.00	\$709.00	\$1,180.00
	<u>\$479.00</u>	<u>\$722.00</u>	<u>\$1,201.00</u>
Nonresidential connections with an estimated annual average daily flow (ADF) of less than or equal to 280 gallons per day (gpd)	\$471.00	\$709.00	\$1,180.00
	<u>\$479.00</u>	<u>\$722.00</u>	<u>\$1,201.00</u>
Single family residential connection for home with a heated and cooled area less than or equal to 1,400 square feet with three-quarter (¾) inch or smaller meter	\$306.00	\$461.00	\$767.00
	<u>\$312.00</u>	<u>\$469.00</u>	<u>\$781.00</u>

Flow Based Connection Charge			
Connection Type	Transmission and Distribution Connection Charge	Water Treatment Plant Connection Charge	Total Water Connection Charge
Single family residential connections without fire sprinkler system with water meter larger than three-quarter (¾) inch	\$1.68/gpd ADF*	\$2.53/gpd ADF*	\$4.21/gpd ADF*
	<u>\$1.71</u>	<u>\$2.58</u>	<u>\$4.29</u>
Single family residential connections with fire sprinkler system with water meter larger than one (1) inch	\$1.68/gpd ADF*	\$2.53/gpd ADF*	\$4.21/gpd ADF*
	<u>\$1.71</u>	<u>\$2.58</u>	<u>\$4.29</u>
Nonresidential	\$1.68/gpd ADF*	\$2.53/gpd ADF*	\$4.21/gpd ADF*

connections with an estimated annual average daily flow (ADF) of greater than 280 gallons per day (gpd)	<u>\$1.71</u>	<u>\$2.58</u>	<u>\$4.29</u>
Multi-family connections	\$1.68 /gpd ADF* <u>\$1.71</u>	\$2.53 /gpd ADF* <u>\$2.58</u>	\$4.21 <u>\$4.29</u> /gpd ADF**The flow based connection charge shall be determined based on either the charge per unit flow (in \$/gpd ADF) listed in the table above multiplied by the estimated annual ADF, or the minimum connection charge, whichever is greater.

j. Water connection charge installment (§ 27-103). Installment payments for water transmission and distribution connection charges and water treatment plant connection charges made pursuant to § 27-103 as set forth below:

	Minimum Connection Charge Installment
Connection Type	Monthly Charge
Single family residential connections without fire sprinkler system with three-quarter ($\frac{3}{4}$) inch or smaller water meter	\$14.94 <u>\$15.22</u>
Single family residential connections with fire sprinkler systems with one (1) inch or smaller water meter	\$14.94 <u>\$15.22</u>
Nonresidential connections with an estimated annual average daily flow (ADF) of less than or equal to 280 gallons per day (gpd)	\$14.94 <u>\$15.22</u>
Single family residential connection for home with a heated and cooled area less than or equal to 1,400 square feet with three-quarter ($\frac{3}{4}$) inch or smaller meter	\$9.71 <u>\$9.89</u>

	Flow Based Connection Charge Installment
Connection Type	Monthly Charge
Single family residential connections without fire sprinkler system with water meter larger than three-quarter (¾) inch	\$0.053 /gpd ADF * <u>\$0.054</u>
Single family residential connections with fire sprinkler systems with water meter larger than one (1) inch	\$0.053 /gpd ADF * <u>\$0.054</u>
Nonresidential connections with an estimated annual average daily flow (ADF) of greater than 280 gallons per day (gpd)	\$0.053 /gpd ADF * <u>\$0.054</u>
Multi-family connections	\$0.053 <u>\$0.054</u> /gpd ADF **The flow based connection charge installment shall be determined based on either the charge per unit flow (in \$/gpd ADF) listed in the table above multiplied by the estimated annual ADF, or the minimum connection charge installment, whichever is greater.

k. Reserved.

l. Standby fire sprinkler line charges (§ 27-131):

1. Standby fire lines:

- (i) Each applicant for standby fire line service shall pay to the city, in advance of the construction of the line, the following charges per connection:

Line Size (inches)	Charge Per Connection

6	\$7,500.00
8	\$10,500.00

Note: For lines larger than eight inches, the charge shall be established on a site specific basis by the general manager for utilities or his/her designee.

- (ii) If a line of adequate size to the applicant's property does not exist, extension contribution in aid of construction (CIAC) according to section 27-130 is also applicable when the city is required to install a water line in order to provide a standby fire connection.

m. Temporary service (§ 27-133):

1. Meter installed on existing fire hydrant:
 - (i) Meter installation and removal, nonrefundable~~\$103.00~~ \$105.00
 - (ii) Deposit~~\$1,260.00~~ \$1,280.00
2. Monthly base charge for use of temporary fire hydrant meter water service~~\$74.00~~ \$76.00
3. Temporary fire hydrant water meters may be issued for a period of up to six months. If customer requires use of said meter beyond six months, a request must be made to the utility for an extension of use. If no extension is requested and the meter has not been returned, the utility will remove the meter, or keep the deposit if the meter cannot be retrieved.
4. Customer may be charged the actual cost to replace or repair meters tampered with or damaged while issued to customer.

n. Infrastructure improvement area user fees (§ 27-205) for water in the Innovation District Area shall be calculated based on the following rates:

1. Commercial and institutional establishment ~~\$1.06~~ \$1.08/ft. ² gross building area
2. Hotel and/or motel establishments ~~\$422.38~~ \$430.14 per room
3. Laboratory (wet) establishment ~~\$1.27~~ \$1.29/ft. ² gross building area
4. Multi-family residential establishment ~~\$295.67~~ \$301.10 per bedroom
5. Office and laboratory (dry) establishment ~~\$0.63~~ \$0.64/ft. ² gross building area
6. Parking garage ~~\$0.63~~ \$0.64/ft. ² gross building area

(4) *Sewerage:*

- a. Reserved.
- b. Reserved.
- c. Rates for normal strength wastewater (§ 27-169):
 1. Residential dwellings (including single-family dwellings, mobile homes, and residential customers on metered private wells):
 - (i) Charges for winter months (January and February billing periods):

Customer service charge per bill rendered, per month\$9.10

Rate per 1,000 gallons of wastewater (wastewater equals city water usage, per 1,000 gallons\$6.33
 - (ii) Charges for March through December billing periods (§ 27-169.1):

Customer service charge per bill rendered, per month\$9.10

Rate per 1,000 gallons of wastewater, (wastewater equals the lesser of (i) city water usage or (ii) the individual customer's winter maximum), per 1,000 gallons\$6.33
 2. Current residential customers who are not connected to the wastewater system, but are subject to rates and charges under section 27-169(c), per month\$40.75
 3. Single-family dwellings on private wells discharging unmetered water to the wastewater system, per month\$40.75
 4. Wastewater collected from multiple-family dwellings, where more than one dwelling unit is served by a single water meter shall be billed as 95% of metered water usage in any such month:

Customer service charge per bill rendered\$9.10

Rate per 1,000 gallons of wastewater\$6.33
 5. Wastewater collected from nonresidential customers shall be billed as 95% of metered water usage in any such month:

Customer service charge per bill rendered\$9.10

Rate per 1,000 gallons of wastewater\$6.33
 6. Wastewater collected from residential customers, where a second water meter is used for irrigation purposes, shall be billed as 95% of metered, non-irrigation water usage in any such month:

Customer service charge per bill rendered\$9.10

Rate per 1,000 gallons of wastewater\$6.33

7. Where monthly wastewater service charges for nonresidential customers are based on the amount of the monthly water billed from the city, separate meters may be allowed at the expense of the customer and an allowance may be made for measured water not entering the city's wastewater system.
 8. Where wastewater meters are required by the city or requested by the customer, the customer shall pay to the city a monthly charge based on the cost to the city of all operation and maintenance costs of the meter or meter installation plus depreciation. The initial cost of any and all such installations shall be paid for by the user. Customers with a wastewater meter will be billed for 100 percent of the wastewater flow measured by the wastewater meter.
 9. The general manager for utilities or his/her designee is authorized to adjust residential monthly wastewater service charges to reflect reduced wastewater discharges from approved individual graywater disposal systems, as determined by procedures and engineering calculations contained in policies approved by the city commission.
- d. Rates for excess strength wastewater (§ 27-169):
1. A customer discharging excess strength wastewater into the city's wastewater system shall be assessed a laboratory charge based on the cost of collecting and analyzing samples used to determine the strength and characteristics of the waste.
 2. Where automatic sampling equipment is required by the city or requested by the customer and such equipment is owned and/or maintained by the city, a monthly sampling charge shall be assessed based on the cost to the city of operation and maintenance of the equipment plus depreciation.
 3. A customer discharging excess strength waste into the wastewater system shall be assessed normal strength wastewater charges in addition to excess strength charges calculated according to the following formula:
$$[Y/X - 1] \times [Z] \times [0.5 \times A]$$

Y = Measured concentration of the wastewater constituent.

X = Concentration of constituent in normal strength wastewater.

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

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

Note: Excess strength charges shall be applicable to any parameter for which a normal strength limit has been established by the general manager for utilities or his/her designee.

- e. Rates for septic tank and portable toilet waste (§ 27-169): Septic tank and portable toilet waste shall not be introduced into the city's wastewater system, except when specifically authorized and only at the time, place and manner prescribed by the city. This wastewater shall be metered and excess strength wastewater charges and industrial user charges shall be assessed.

- f. Rates for industrial charges (§ 27-169): Any industrial user discharging into the city's wastewater system shall be assessed a permit application fee for each five-year permit of\$530.00

Maximum fine for noncompliance with any requirement of (§ 27-180), per day, per violation\$1,000.00

Fine for noncompliance with any requirement of the Oil and Grease Management Manual, (§ 27-180.2)\$500.00

- g. Right to assess other fees (§ 27-173): The city reserves the right to assess consumers other fees as necessary to carry out the requirements contained within Article IV of Chapter 27. These fees relate solely to the matters covered by such article, and are separate from all other fees chargeable by the city.

- h. Rates for reclaimed water service (§ 27-169):

Customer service charge per bill rendered, per month\$9.10

Rate per 1,000 gallons of reclaimed water metered\$1.00

- i. Wastewater connection charges (§ 27-171):

Connection Type	Minimum Connection Charge		
	Wastewater Collection System Connection Charge	Wastewater Treatment Plant Connection Charge	Total Wastewater Connection Charge
Single family residential connections without fire sprinkler system with three-quarter (¾) inch or smaller water meter	\$781.00	\$2,683.00	\$3,464.00
	<u>\$796.00</u>	<u>\$2,732.00</u>	<u>\$3,528.00</u>

Single family residential connections with fire sprinkler systems with one (1) inch or smaller water meter	\$781.00	\$2,683.00	\$3,464.00
	<u>\$796.00</u>	<u>\$2,732.00</u>	<u>\$3,528.00</u>
Nonresidential connections with an estimated annual average daily flow (ADF) of less than or equal to 280 gallons per day (gpd)	\$781.00	\$2,683.00	\$3,464.00
	<u>\$796.00</u>	<u>\$2,732.00</u>	<u>\$3,528.00</u>
Single family residential connection for home with a heated and cooled area less than or equal to 1,400 square feet with three-quarter (¾) inch or smaller meter	\$508.00	\$1,744.00	\$2,252.00
	<u>\$517.00</u>	<u>\$1,776.00</u>	<u>\$2,293.00</u>

Flow Based Connection Charge			
Connection Type	Wastewater Collection System Connection Charge	Wastewater Treatment Plant Connection Charge	Total Wastewater Connection Charge
Single family residential connections without fire sprinkler system with water meter larger than three-quarter (¾) inch	\$2.79 <u>\$2.84/gpd ADF</u> *	\$9.58 <u>\$9.76/gpd ADF</u> *	\$12.37 <u>\$12.60/gpd ADF</u> *
Single family residential connections with fire sprinkler systems with water meter larger than one (1) inch	\$2.79 <u>\$2.84/gpd ADF</u> *	\$9.58 <u>\$9.76/gpd ADF</u> *	\$12.37 <u>\$12.60/gpd ADF</u> *

Nonresidential connections with an estimated annual average daily flow (ADF) of greater than 280 gallons per day (gpd)	\$2.79 <u>\$2.84/gpd ADF</u> *	\$9.58 <u>\$9.76/gpd ADF</u> *	\$12.37 <u>\$12.60/gpd ADF</u> *
Multi-family connections	\$2.79 <u>\$2.84/gpd ADF</u> *	\$9.58 <u>\$9.76/gpd ADF</u> *	\$12.37 <u>\$12.60/gpd ADF</u> **The flow based connection charge shall be determined based on either the charge per unit flow (in \$/gpd ADF) listed in the table above multiplied by the estimated annual average daily flow (ADF), or the minimum connection charge, whichever is greater.

1. Wastewater flow-based connection charge installment (§ 27-103). Installment payments for wastewater connection charges made in accordance with § 27-103 are as follows:

	Minimum Connection Charge Installment
Connection Type	Monthly Charge
Single family residential connections without fire sprinkler system with three-quarter (¾) inch or smaller meter	\$43.88 <u>\$44.68</u>
Single family residential connections with fire sprinkler systems with one (1) inch or smaller water meter	\$43.88 <u>\$44.68</u>
Nonresidential connections with an estimated annual average daily flow (ADF) of less than or equal to 280 gallons per day (gpd)	\$43.88 <u>\$44.68</u>
Single family residential connection for home with a heated and cooled	\$28.52 <u>\$29.05</u>

area less than or equal to 1,400 square feet with three-quarter (¾) inch or smaller meter	
	Flow Based Connection Charge Installment
Connection Type	Monthly Charge
Single family residential connections without fire sprinkler system with meter larger than three-quarter (¾) inch	\$0.157 <u>\$0.160</u> /gpd ADF *
Single family residential connections with fire sprinkler systems with meter larger than one (1) inch	\$0.157 <u>\$0.160</u> /gpd ADF *
Nonresidential connections with an estimated annual average daily flow (ADF) of greater than 280 gallons per day (gpd)	\$0.157 <u>\$0.160</u> /gpd ADF *
Multi-family connections	\$0.157 <u>\$0.160</u> /gpd ADF **The flow based connection charge installment shall be determined based on either the charge per unit flow (in \$/gpd ADF) listed in the table above multiplied by the estimated annual ADF, or the minimum connection charge installment, whichever is greater.

2. For customers discharging excess strength wastewater. In addition to wastewater flow-based connection charges assessed pursuant to subsection (i) or (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. Plan review fee (§ 27-172)~~\$1,430.00~~ \$1,460.00
- k. Inspection service fee (§ 27-172) plus, an amount to be assessed on the amount of developer installed mainline collection piping, per linear foot~~\$6.36~~ \$6.48
- l. Off-site force main extension (CIAC) (§ 27-174): To be determined by the city.
- m. Requirement for additional CIAC (§ 27-175): To be determined by the city.
- n. Permit for construction of private sewerage disposal system (§ 27-183.1)\$5.00
- o. Infrastructure improvement area user fees (§ 27-205) for wastewater in the Innovation District Area shall be calculated based on the following rates:
 - 1. Commercial and institutional establishment ~~\$1.07~~ \$1.09/ft. ² heated and cooled area
 - 2. Hotel and/or motel establishments ~~\$429.41~~ \$437.30 per room
 - 3. Laboratory (wet) establishment ~~\$1.29~~ \$1.32/ft. ² heated and cooled area
 - 4. Multi-family residential establishment ~~\$300.59~~ \$306.11 per bedroom
 - 5. Office and laboratory (dry) establishment ~~\$0.65~~ \$0.66/ft. ² heated and cooled area