

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS; REMOVING REFERENCES TO PAST IMPACT FEES; INCREASING THE TAP-IN FEES FOR NEW RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE; ELIMINATING READINESS-TO-SERVE AND BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY CHARGES FOR SPECIFIC RESIDENTIAL IRRIGATION METERS, DECREASING THE RATE OF INCREASE FOR WATER RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 (OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; INCREASING WATER RATES EACH YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2028; ESTABLISHING A FLAT MONTHLY SEWER RATE; DECREASING THE RATE OF INCREASE FOR SEWER RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 (OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; INCREASING SEWER AND RECLAIMED WATER RATES EACH YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2028; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City's current 10-year water and sewer utility rate plan is set to expire at the end of Fiscal Year 2019 (September 30, 2019)

WHEREAS, the City of Tarpon Springs has completed a water and sewer rate study to include a comprehensive review of water and sewer enterprise fund operational and capital needs and associated revenue sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tarpon Springs has reviewed proposed changes to the rates with the public, City advisory committees, and the Board of Commissioners and has responded with a revised plan and elimination of specific residential irrigation meter charges to reflect input; and

WHEREAS, such rate study indicates that the previously approved Fiscal Year 2019 rate increase can be reduced from 6.75% to 4.0% for both water and sewer, and successive annual increases can be sustained at an inflationary level to reflect the rising costs of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that a new 10-year rate plan starting in Fiscal Year 2019 be established and implemented in accordance with rate study recommendations to sustain future operational and capital needs into the future; and

WHEREAS, proper notice has been sent to customers pursuant to Chapter 180 F.S., and it is determined and found by the Board of Commissioners that water and sewer rates must be raised over a number of years to provide a viable water and sewer system to serve the people of Tarpon Springs and to meet bond covenants; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. That subparagraph (a)(2) of Section 20-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tarpon Springs be amended in its entirety as follows:

“(2) The impact fee for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 shall be as follows for each single family residential unit (ERU):

- a. Water service impact fee, \$2,347.22.
 - 1. Thereafter, the water service impact fee shall be increased or decreased annually, effective as of the October 1 of every year, by the percentage which the ENR-CCI for August of the then current year has increased or decreased over the ENR-CCI for August of the year preceding.
- b. Sewer service impact fee, \$1,577.28.
 - 1. Thereafter, the sewer service impact fee shall be increased or decreased as provided in the preceding paragraph. “

Section 2. That subparagraph (d) of Section 20-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tarpon Springs be amended as follows:

(d) *Reclaimed water.* Reclaimed water shall be available within the city as determined by the city. A **meter and** tap-in fee of ~~\$300.00~~ **\$350.00** shall be required of all reclaimed water customers. A deposit of \$40.00 shall be required of all reclaimed water customers. The required deposit shall be increased to four times the average monthly charges (or shorter period of time if a one-year account information is not available), if service is terminated for nonpayment. No impact fees or meter charges will be assessed on reclaimed water customers. The city may require additional, fees for tap in as determined by the city to recover reasonable costs for sidewalk or road restoration, difficult installations, or other circumstances that would result in an increased cost of tap-in. These costs that cause the increase in tap-in fees shall be enumerated in the customer's tap-in fee invoice.

Section 3. That Section 20-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tarpon Springs shall be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“§ 20-2. - WATER RATES ESTABLISHED.

(a) Water rates for all water service provided for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 shall be as indicated in Exhibit A. Elimination of specific Irrigation Meter Readiness-To-Serve charge for the 5/8” X 3/4” meter shall only apply to individually metered residential customers that also have City water service and shall be in effect from the date of adoption and shall not be retroactive.

EXHIBIT A
Effective October 1, 2017

WATER

Residential, Individually Metered:

Base Facility Charge:

Meter Size	Customer Charge	Readiness-to-Serve Charge	Total Base Facility Charge
All meter sizes	\$3.74	\$17.42	\$21.16

Gallonage Charge:

Block	Usage Range in Gallons per Month	Rate per 1,000 Gallons
1	0 to 5,000	\$3.99
2	5,001 to 10,000	\$7.97
3	10,001 to 15,000	\$9.98
4	15,001 to 20,000	\$12.50
5	20,001 to 25,000	\$15.54
6	Greater than 25,000	\$19.44

Residential, Master Metered:

Base Facility Charge:

Meter Size	Customer Charge per Account		Readiness-to-Serve Charge per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)				
All Meter Sizes	\$3.74	+	\$17.42	×	ERUs	=	Total Base Facility Charge
Where:							
ERUs = Number of units × ERU Equivalency Multiplier, and							
ERU Equivalency Multiplier = 0.7 Per unit unless otherwise calculated based upon actual usage history.							

Note: All multi-unit residential accounts will have an equivalency multiplier of 0.7. Accounts with greater than ten units can request that their equivalency multiplier be established based the maximum month usage per unit of their most recent twelve month billing history.

Gallonage Charge:

Block	Usage Range in Gallons per Month	Rate per 1,000 Gallons
1	0 to 5,000 × ERUs	\$3.99
2	5,000 × ERUs+1 to 10,000 × ERUs	\$7.97
3	10,000 × ERUs+1 to 15,000 × ERUs	\$9.98
4	15,000 × ERUs+1 to 20,000 × ERUs	\$12.50
5	20,000 × ERUs+1 to 25,000 × ERUs	\$15.54
6	Greater than 25,000 × ERUs	\$19.44

Non Residential:

Base Facility Charge:

Meter Size	Customer Charge		Readiness-to-Serve Charge Per Meter Equivalency Factor		Meter Equivalency Factor		Total Readiness-to-Serve Charge	Total Base Facility Charge
5/8 × 3/4"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	1.00	=	\$ 17.42)	\$ 21.16
1"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	2.50	=	\$ 43.55)	\$ 47.29
1-1/2"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	5.00	=	\$ 87.10)	\$ 90.84
2"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	8.00	=	\$ 139.36)	\$ 143.10
3"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	16.00	=	\$ 278.72)	\$ 282.46
4"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	25.00	=	\$ 435.50)	\$ 439.24
6"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	50.00	=	\$ 871.00)	\$ 874.74
8"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	80.00	=	\$ 1,393.60)	\$1,397.34
10"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	115.00	=	\$ 2,003.30)	\$2,007.04

Gallonage Charge:

Block	Usage Range in Gallons per Month	Rate per 1,000 Gallons
1	0 to 5,000	\$3.99
2	Greater than 5,000	\$7.97

Irrigation:

Base Facility Charge:

Meter Size	Customer Charge		Readiness-to-Serve Charge Per Meter Equivalency Factor		Meter Equivalency Factor		Total Readiness-to-Serve Charge	Total Base Facility Charge
5/8" x 3/4"	\$3.74	+(	\$0	×	1.00	=	\$ 0	\$ 3.74
1"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	2.50	=	\$ 43.55)	\$ 47.29
1-1/2"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	5.00	=	\$ 87.10)	\$ 90.84
2"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	8.00	=	\$ 139.36)	\$ 143.10
3"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	16.00	=	\$ 278.72)	\$ 282.46
4"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	25.00	=	\$ 435.50)	\$ 439.24
6"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	50.00	=	\$ 871.00)	\$ 874.74
8"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	80.00	=	\$ 1,393.60)	\$1,397.34
10"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	115.00	=	\$ 2,003.30)	\$2,007.04

Gallonage Charge:

Block	Usage Range in Gallons per Month	Rate per 1,000 Gallons
1	0 to 5,000 × Meter Equiv Factor	\$ 7.97
2	5,000 × Meter Equiv Factor + 1 to 10,000×Meter Equiv Factor	\$ 9.98
3	10,000 × Meter Equiv Factor + 1 to 15,000×Meter Equiv Factor	\$ 12.50

4	15,000 × Meter Equiv Factor + 1 to 20,000×Meter Equiv Factor	\$ 15.54
5	Greater than 20,000 × Meter Equiv Factor	\$ 19.44

Fire Service:

Base Facility Charge:

Meter Size	Customer Charge		Readiness-to-Serve Charge Per Meter Equivalency Factor		Meter Equivalency Factor		Total Readiness-to-Serve Charge	Total Base Facility Charge
5/8 × 3/4"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	1.00	=	\$ 17.42)	\$ 21.16
1"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	2.50	=	\$ 43.55)	\$ 47.29
1-1/2"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	5.00	=	\$ 87.10)	\$ 90.84
2"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	8.00	=	\$ 139.36)	\$ 143.10
3"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	16.00	=	\$ 278.72)	\$ 282.46
4"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	25.00	=	\$ 435.50)	\$ 439.24
6"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	50.00	=	\$ 871.00)	\$ 874.74
8"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	80.00	=	\$ 1,393.60)	\$1,397.34
10"	\$3.74	+(	\$17.42	×	115.00	=	\$ 2,003.30)	\$2,007.04

Gallonge Charge:

Block	Rate per 1,000 Gallons
All Usage	\$3.99

- (b) All irrigation accounts terminated at the customer's request and where the meter is removed shall not be charged the monthly base rate. Water meters may be pulled if the customer has obtained a demolition permit to remove a structure. For each field test of a 3/4" or 1" potable water meter there will be a charge of \$50.00 and a charge of \$100.00 for each bench test. For each field test of a 1 1/2" or 2" potable water meter there will be a charge of \$100.00 and a charge of \$200.00 for each bench test. Meters 3" and over that are tested outside a scheduled annual test shall be charged \$400.00. The

necessity for testing shall be determined by the Water Division. In the event a meter defect has resulted in an overcharge to a customer, there will be no charge for the test.

- (c) For fiscal years 2019 through 2028, the water rates set forth in subparagraph (a) of this section shall be automatically adjusted to increase on October 1 over the previous year's rates by the following percentages defined in the column "Annual Rate Increase".

Fiscal Year	Annual Rate Increase
2019	4.0%
2020	2.75%
2021	2.75%
2022	2.75%
2023	2.75%
2024	2.75%
2025	2.75%
2026	2.75%
2027	2.75%
2028	2.75%

- (d) In the event that the City must purchase water wholesale from Pinellas County for a period longer than 30 consecutive days, and such purchase represents a cost higher than the City's cost to produce water, the water rates set forth herein shall be adjusted upward to the extent required to recover such costs only for such time that the wholesale purchase continues to be in effect following the initial 30 day period. Upon the City returning to producing its own water, the rates shall revert to the rates currently in effect for that fiscal year per subparagraph (c). "

Section 4. That a portion of Section 20-3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tarpon Springs shall be amended to read as follows:

"§20-3. BACKFLOW; ASSEMBLY CHARGES; MOBILIZATION INSTALLATION; MONTHLY MAINTENANCE FEE.

Customer shall pay the appropriate assembly charge according to the fee schedule adopted and adjusted from time to time then on file with the City Clerk and the City Finance Department. There is no backflow assembly charge for individual residential 5/8" X 3/4" irrigation meters with a Double Check Valve Assembly that are part of a City water account. This waiver of charge will not be retroactive. A monthly maintenance fee will be charged as listed in the table below. The assembly charge is due when a building permit is issued or when service is requested, whichever is earlier. Backflow devices larger than two inches, when required by the city, shall be installed by a city authorized contractor with the customer making payment directly to the said contractor. All installations shall be accomplished using only city approved materials.

Monthly Maintenance Fee

	Double Check Assembly	Reduced Pressure Principal Device
Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Maintenance Fee	Monthly Maintenance Fee
5/8" – ¾"	\$3.00	\$3.25
1	\$3.00	\$3.25
1-½	\$4.75	\$6.25
2	\$5.25	\$6.75

Meters Above 2"

	Double Check Assembly	Reduced Pressure Principal Device
Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Maintenance Fee	Monthly Maintenance Fee
3	\$8.00	\$10.00
4	\$10.00	\$11.50
6	\$13.50	\$16.50
8	\$19.00	\$21.50

Section 5. That Section 20-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tarpon Springs shall be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"§20-4. SEWER RATES ESTABLISHED.

(a) Sewer rates for all sewer service provided for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 shall be indicated in Exhibit B.

EXHIBIT B
Effective October 1, 2017
SEWER

Residential, Individually Metered:

Base Facility Charge:

Meter Size	Customer Charge	Readiness-to-Serve Charge	Total Base Facility Charge
All meter sizes	\$2.05	\$14.80	\$16.85

Gallonage Charge:

Block	Usage Range in Gallons per Month	Rate per 1,000 Gallons
1	0 to 5,000	\$4.41
2	5,001 to 20,000	\$8.85
3	20,001 to 25,000	\$0.00
4	Greater than 25,000	\$0.00

Residential, Master Metered:

Base Facility Charge:

Meter Size	Customer Charge per Account		Readiness-to-Serve Charge per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)				
All Meter Sizes	\$2.05	+	\$14.80	×	ERUs	=	Total Base Facility Charge
Where:							
ERUs = Number of units × ERU Equivalency Multiplier, and							
ERU Equivalency Multiplier = 0.7 Per unit unless otherwise calculated based upon actual usage history.							

Gallonage Charge:

Block	Usage Range in Gallons per Month	Rate per 1,000 Gallons
1	0 to 5,000 × ERUs	\$4.41
2	5,000 × ERUs+1 to 20,000 × ERUs	\$8.85
3	20,000 × ERUs+1 to 25,000 × ERUs	\$0.00
4	Greater than 25,000 × ERUs	\$0.00

Non Residential:

Base Facility Charge:

Meter Size	Customer Charge		Readiness-to-Serve Charge Per Meter Equivalency Factor		Meter Equivalency Factor		Total Readiness-to-Serve Charge	Total Base Facility Charge
5/8 × 3/4"	\$2.05	+(	\$14.80	×	1.00	=	\$ 14.80)	\$16.85
1"	\$2.05	+(	\$14.80	×	2.50	=	\$ 37.00)	\$39.05
1-1/2"	\$2.05	+(	\$14.80	×	5.00	=	\$ 74.00)	\$76.05
2"	\$2.05	+(	\$14.80	×	8.00	=	\$ 118.40)	\$120.45
3"	\$2.05	+(	\$14.80	×	16.00	=	\$ 236.80)	\$238.85
4"	\$2.05	+(	\$14.80	×	25.00	=	\$ 370.00)	\$372.05
6"	\$2.05	+(	\$14.80	×	50.00	=	\$ 740.00)	\$742.05
8"	\$2.05	+(	\$14.80	×	80.00	=	\$ 1,184.00)	\$1,186.05
10"	\$2.05	+(	\$14.80	×	115.00	=	\$ 1,702.00)	\$1,704.05

Gallonge Charge:

Block	Usage Range in Gallons per Month	Rate per 1,000 Gallons
1	0 to 5,000	\$4.41
2	Greater than 5,000	\$8.85

- (b) For sewer customers that do not have metered City water service, there shall be a flat rate for sewer service of \$47.93 per month for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.
- (c) For the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, all reclaimed water accounts provided service shall be charged \$0.95 for each 1,000 gallons of reclaimed water used per month.

- (d) For fiscal years 2019 through 2028, the sewer and reclaimed water rates set forth in subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section shall be automatically adjusted to increase on October 1 over the previous year's rates by the following percentages defined in the column "Annual Rate Increase".

Fiscal Year	Annual Rate Increase
2019	4.0%
2020	2.75%
2021	2.75%
2022	2.75%
2023	2.75%
2024	2.75%
2025	2.75%
2026	2.75%
2027	2.75%
2028	2.75%

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Section 6. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.