

# *City of Dade City*

## **AGENDA MEMO**

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
**From:** Jose B. Gil, P.E., City Engineer and Public Works Director  
**Subject:** Water & Sewer rate structure  
**Date:** 1/21/09

It is requested that the City Commission consider the following information and recommendation(s):

### **BACKGROUND:**

At the last City Commission meeting, the Wastewater Facilities Plan was adopted by the Commission. As a result of that study, a new water & sewer rate structure was designed to both provide the necessary capital to fund the rehabilitation and expansion of the system, and also provide adequate funding for the ongoing operational cost of the system.

### **ISSUES:**

The design of the rate structure is based on the Phase 1A Projects only, as included in the Facilities Plan. In addition this new rate structure continues to encourage conservation. A 25% surcharge was included for services provided outside City Limits.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

- Approve staff recommendation.
- Direct that other actions be taken.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the new rate structure.

### **FUNDING:**

No funding is required for this action.

**BY THE CITY COMMISSION**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2009-02**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DADE CITY, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 98 OF THE DADE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City operates a water and wastewater utility system, both inside the City and in part of unincorporated Pasco County outside the City; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the City completed a comprehensive evaluation of the City's water and wastewater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the water and wastewater studies noted that the City's water and wastewater systems are in need of significant upgrades, which are driven by regulatory requirements, aging infrastructure, and pipe conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City has created a Comprehensive Water and Wastewater Improvement Plan for the next twenty years to improve the City's water and wastewater systems; and

WHEREAS, sufficient revenues through user fee charges should be generated to pay for the cost of operations, capital outlay, infrastructure improvements and debt service of the City's water and wastewater systems; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the cost of expansion of the utility system caused by new growth should not be paid for by existing customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Dade City, Florida as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 98-48(a) of the Dade City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) *Rates.* All users of water service shall pay a monthly service charge based on meter size. In addition, a gallonage rate based on consumption is added to this monthly rate.

(1) Water Monthly Service Charges

Meter Size	Inside City	Outside City
5/8" and 3/4 "	\$5.36	\$6.70
1" and 1 1/4"	\$13.41	\$16.77
1 1/2"	\$26.80	\$33.50

2"	\$42.90	\$53.63
3"	\$80.44	\$100.55
4"	\$134.05	\$167.56
6"	\$268.11	\$335.13
8"	\$428.97	\$536.21

(2) Water Gallonage Rates (per 1,000 gallons)

Consumption	Inside City	Outside City
0-4,000 gallons	\$1.97	\$2.47
4,001-10,000 gallons	\$2.22	\$2.78
10,001-15,000 gallons	\$2.46	\$3.07
15,001-45,000 gallons	\$2.72	\$3.40
Greater than 45,000 gallons	\$2.96	\$3.69

**SECTION 2.** Section 98-48(b)(3) of the Dade City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) *Deposit amounts.* Billing deposits are as follows:

Meter Size (Inches)	Deposits Inside City	Deposits Outside City
5/8 and 3/4	\$60.00	\$75.00
1 and 1 1/4	\$85.00	\$105.00
1 1/2	\$100.00	\$125.00
2	\$120.00	\$150.00
3	\$200.00	\$250.00
4	\$300.00	\$370.00
6	\$585.00	\$730.00
8	\$930.00	\$1,160.00

A \$60.00 deposit is required for owners and/or landlords of rental units who wish to have temporary service for cleaning or maintenance. Only one such deposit shall be required for each owner and/or landlord regardless of the number of rental units owned or managed; however, no more than three accounts may be active at one time under one deposit. A \$500.00 deposit is required to establish an account for the temporary use of a hydrant meter.

**SECTION 3.** Section 98-48(c) of the Dade City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) *Bulk water.* Bulk water may be picked up at the city standpipes at a rate of \$2.25 per thousand gallons, with minimum monthly billing of \$2.25.

**SECTION 4.** Section 98-49(a) of the Dade City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) *Connection Charges.* Each customer for water service shall apply for service. All connection charges are due and payable prior to a connection to the city water system. A connection charge to provide and install the service line, water tap, meter and backflow preventer is as follows:

Meter Size	Inside City	Outside City
5/8" and 3/4 "	\$350.00	\$437.00
1"	\$515.00	\$644.00
Over 1"	To be determined by an estimate prepared by the water division base on approved plans submitted	

**SECTION 5.** Section 98-49(b)(2) of the Dade City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Based on various customer and usage statistics, utility norms and engineering judgment, it is estimated that one equivalent residential unit for the water system has a capacity of approximately 350 gallons per day. The obligation for payment of such fee shall be payable prior to the time a building permit is issued. The following development charges vary depending on meter size requested, based on a minimum equivalent units per meter size (AWWA Equivalency Table which serves as a basis to relate all meter sizes to a five-eighths-inch meter).

Water Meter Size (inches)	Minimum Equivalent Unit Per Meter Size	Water System Development Charges
5/8	1	\$1,321.00
3/4	1	\$1,321.00
1	2.5	\$3,303.00
1 1/4	4	\$5,284.00
1 1/2	5	\$6,605.00
2	8	\$10,568.00
3	16	\$21,136.00
4	25	\$33,025.00
6	50	\$66,050.00
8	80	\$105,680.00

**SECTION 6.** Section 98-50 of the Dade City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

A \$350.00 water development charge shall be assessed to mobile homes, modular homes or recreational vehicles located in a park. The city commission, upon recommendation and with advice from city staff, has the discretionary authority to request that the appropriate development fee for mobile homes, modular homes, or recreational vehicles located in a park be assessed at a different rate, based upon actual historical data, when available, or such other data as may be determined by the city engineer to be appropriate or applicable. All other connection fees shall be assessed according to those rates established in this article. Mobile homes, modular homes or recreational vehicles located outside of a park and on individual lots will be assessed as single-family units.

**SECTION 7.** Section 98-94 of the Dade City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) *Monthly rates for wastewater service.* The monthly rates for wastewater service shall be based upon a basic charge related to meter size. In addition a gallonage rate in accordance with the metered water utilized during the billing period is added to this basic charge.

(1) Wastewater Monthly Service Charges

Meter Size	Inside City	Outside City
5/8" and 3/4 "	\$14.25	\$17.82
1" and 1 1/4"	\$35.61	\$44.52
1 1/2"	\$71.24	\$89.05
2"	\$113.98	\$142.48
3"	\$213.72	\$267.15
4"	\$356.21	\$445.26
6"	\$712.41	\$890.52
8"	\$1139.86	\$1424.82

(2) Wastewater Gallonage Rates (per 1,000 gallons)

	Inside City	Outside City
All gallons	\$3.32	\$4.15

**SECTION 8.** Section 98-95(a)(3) of the Dade City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

(3) *Deposit amounts.* Deposits shall be as follows:

Meter Size (Inches)	Deposits Inside City	Deposits Outside City
5/8 and 3/4	\$80.00	\$100.00
1 and 1 1/4	\$120.00	\$150.00
1 1/2	\$200.00	\$250.00

2	\$300.00	\$375.00
3	\$550.00	\$685.00
4	\$850.00	\$1,060.00
6	\$1,680.00	\$2,100.00
8	\$2,640.00	\$3,300.00

**SECTION 9.** Section 98-95(c) of the Dade City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (c) *Connection charges.* Each customer for sewer service shall apply for service. All connection charges are due and payable prior to a connection to the city sewer system. The connection charge includes a four-inch service line and connection to the sewer main. The charges are as follows:

Meter Size	Inside City	Outside City
5/8" and 3/4 "	\$300.00	\$375.00
1"	\$400.00	\$500.00
Over 1"	To be determined by an estimate prepared by the sewer division base on approved plans submitted	

**SECTION 10.** Section 98-95(e)(2) of the Dade City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (2) Based on various customer and usage statistics, utility norms and engineering judgment, it is estimated that one equivalent residential unit for the wastewater system has a capacity of approximately 270 gallons per day. The obligation for payment of such fee shall be payable prior to the time a building permit is issued. The following development charges vary depending on meter size requested, based on a minimum equivalent units per meter size (AWWA Equivalency Table which serves as a basis to relate all meter sizes to a five-eighths-inch meter).

*Wastewater System Development Charges*

Water Meter Size (inches)	Minimum Equivalent Unit Per Meter Size	Water System Development Charges
5/8	1	\$3,943.00
3/4	1	\$3,943.00
1	2.5	\$9,857.00
1 1/4	4	\$15,772.00
1 1/2	5	\$19,715.00
2	8	\$31,544.00

3	16	\$63,088.00
4	25	\$98,575.00
6	50	\$197,150.00
8	80	\$315,440.00

**SECTION 11.** Section 98-96 of the Dade City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

A \$985.00 wastewater development charge shall be assessed to mobile homes, modular homes or recreational vehicles located in a park. The city commission, upon recommendation and with advice from city staff, has the discretionary authority to request that the appropriate development fee for mobile homes, modular homes or recreational vehicles located in a park be assessed at a different rate, based upon actual historical data, when available, or such other data as may be determined by the city engineer to be appropriate or applicable. All other connection fees shall be assessed according to those rates established in this article. Mobile homes, modular homes or recreational vehicles located outside of a park and on individual lots will be assessed as single-family units.

**SECTION 12.** Severability.

It is declared to be the intent of the City of Dade City, Pasco County, Florida, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall be construed as not having contained said section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision, and shall not be affected by such holding.

**SECTION 13.** Inclusion in Code.

It is the intent of the City of Dade City that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City of Dade City Code, and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article”, “regulation”, or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

**SECTION 14.** Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon second reading and signing by the Mayor. All changes to rates and charges contained herein will be assessed beginning March 1, 2009, with the exception of water and wastewater system development charges, which shall be assessed beginning June 1, 2009.

The above ordinance was read and approved upon first reading this 27th day of January, 2009, and adopted following public hearing on the 24th day of February, 2009.

ATTEST:

CITY OF DADE CITY, FLORIDA

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James D. Class, City Clerk

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Scott Black, Mayor

Approved as to Legal Form and Sufficiency

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Karla S. Owens, City Attorney