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**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-6 OF ORDINANCE 2015-03 OF THE TOWN OF LEE TO CHANGE THE MONTHLY CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Lee provides water services to citizens of and businesses located within the town limits, and to certain customers outside the town limits, and**

**WHEREAS, those receiving water services are obligated to pay for the same, so that such services are self-sufficient and self-supporting, and**

**WHEREAS, the Town Commission has caused a study to be performed of the water and sewer rates charged by the Town, which reflected that the Town's current water and sewer rates are insufficient, and**

**WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds the current rates it charges for water and sewer services are insufficient, and desires to revise the same.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LEE, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. Section 5-6 of the Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:**

**(1) Sewer charges for all sewer customers, for all monthly billings rendered beginning on January 15, 2023, will be computed as follows:**

**(a) A base customer service charge and/or readiness to serve charge per bill as listed below:**

Inside City  
Water Meter Size:

0.75" Residential	\$ 24.26
0.75" Commercial	\$ 24.26
1.5"	\$ 46.30
2" Residential	\$ 64.68

2" Commercial	\$ 64.68
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Outside City  
Water Meter Size:

0.75" Residential	\$ 30.32
0.75" Commercial	\$ 30.32
1.5"	\$ 60.64
2"	\$ 80.85

(b) A volume charge per each one thousand (1,000) gallons of metered water consumption as listed below:

Usage Charge Per Thousand Gallons		
	Inside City	Outside City
0 - 5000 gallons	\$ 4.33	\$ 5.41
5001 - 10,000 gallons	\$ 5.49	\$ 6.86
10,001 - 20,000 gallons	\$ 7.22	\$ 9.02
20,001 + gallons	\$ 8.67	\$10.84

All volume readings will be rounded up to the nearest one thousand (1,000) gallons.

(c) When water service is furnished to more than a single dwelling unit through one (1) water service meter, the customer service charges and readiness to serve charges specified in this section shall be collected for each of the multi-unit dwellings by the owner of the property, and its payment shall be the owner's responsibility.

(d) The customer service charge, readiness to serve charge and volume charge as provided hereinabove may increase on October 1 of each year by Resolution by the Town Council.

For those residential customers where water service is unavailable but wastewater service is available, the monthly utility charge will be \$57.38 plus tax (may increase on October 1 of each year by Resolution by the Town Council). This rate was computed as follows:

- Outside City base customer service charge per bill of \$30.32 plus...
- Using historical data, the Town of Lee's average water customer's water usage during 2010 was 5,000 gallons. (5,000 gallons X \$5.41 per thousand gallons = \$27.05 usage fee)
- Base rate (\$30.32)+ usage fee (\$27.05)= monthly rate (\$57.37) plus tax

**(2) Water charges for all water customers, for all monthly billings will be computed as follows:**

(a) A base customer service charge and/or readiness to serve charge per bill as listed below:

Inside City  
Water Meter Size:

0.75"	\$ 18.48
1"	\$ 18.48
1.5"	\$ 43.89
2"	\$ 69.30
3"	\$ 103.95
4"	\$ 138.60
5"	\$ 173.25
6"	\$ 207.90

Outside City

Water Meter Size:

0.75"	\$ 23.10
1"	\$ 23.10
1.5"	\$ 55.44
2"	\$ 86.63
3"	\$ 130.52
4"	\$ 173.25
5"	\$ 217.14
6"	\$ 259.88

Plus

(b) A **volume charge** per each one thousand (1,000) gallons of metered water consumption as listed below:

Inside town	\$ 2.02
Outside town	\$ 2.53

All volume readings will be rounded up to the nearest one thousand (1,000) gallons.

(c) When water service is furnished to more than a single dwelling unit through one (1) water service meter, the customer service charges and readiness to serve charges specified in this section shall be collected for each of the multi-unit dwellings by the owner of the property, and its payment shall be the owner's responsibility. The

customer service charge and readiness serve charge shall be payable each month whether or not such unit is occupied.

(d) The customer service charge, readiness to serve charge and volume charge as provided hereinabove may increase on October first of each year, by Resolution by the Town Council.

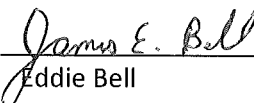
SECTION 2. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance but shall remain in effect, it being legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance hereby repeals all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith.

SECTION 4. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be immediately upon its passage by the Town Commission on second reading.

PASSED by a vote of 4 of the Town Commission of the Town Of Lee, Florida, after being read by title for at least two(2) separate days and having been noticed for a public hearing pursuant to Florida Statutes 166.041 (3)(a) this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

TOWN OF LEE

  
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Eddie Bell  
Mayor

ATTESTED:

  
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Sona Hayslett, Town Clerk