

ORDINANCE NO. 1936 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 32-143 OF THE ROCKLEDGE CODE OF ORDINANCES; INCREASING THE BASE MONTHLY SEWER SERVICE CHARGE BY TEN PERCENT (10%) FOR EACH OF THE NEXT FIVE YEARS; INCREASING THE GALLONAGE CHARGE FOR SEWER USAGE PER MONTH BY FIVE PERCENT (5%) FOR EACH OF THE NEXT FIVE YEARS; INCREASING SEWER ONLY CUSTOMER RATES FOR EACH OF THE NEXT FIVE YEARS; PROVIDING THAT THE NEW RATES COMMENCE OCTOBER 1, 2025; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF BASE SEWER SERVICES CHARGES; RECODIFYING SEWER SERVICES DEPOSIT RATES; CLARIFYING DEPOSIT REFUND PROCEDURES; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rockledge finds it prudent to revise the City's sewer services charges and to otherwise amend the Rockledge Code of Ordinances, as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City has provided appropriate notice of the proposed increase in accordance with Section 180.136, Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The above and foregoing recitals have been found and determined by the Rockledge City Council to be true and correct, and the same are hereby incorporated as enacted provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Amendment. Section 32-143 of the Rockledge Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit "A".

SECTION 3. Codification. The provisions of Section 2 of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockledge, and the sections of this Ordinance may be re-numbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention and the word "Ordinance", or similar words, may be changed to "Section," "Article", or other appropriate word. The codifier is granted liberal authority to codify the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Conflicts. All ordinances and parts of ordinances and all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, it being expressly declared to be the City Council's intent that it would have passed the valid portions of this ordinance without the inclusion therein of any invalid portion or portions.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and signature by the Chairman of the City Council.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rockledge, Florida, this 17th day of September, 2025.

/s/Thomas J. Price
Chairman, City Council
of the City of Rockledge, Florida

ATTEST:

/s/Jennifer M. LeVasseur
City Clerk

1st Reading _09/03/2025_

2nd Reading _09/17/2025_

Exhibit “A” to Ordinance No. 1936 - 2025

Sec. 32-143. Charges established.

(a) *Generally.* The owner or occupant of each residence or other building or structure which is now or hereafter connected to any sanitary sewage main in the City, hereinafter referred to as customer or user, shall pay the City a monthly sewage disposal service charge for the use and availability of the City sewer and wastewater treatment system as set out in this article; and, in addition thereto, shall pay the City a monthly gallonage charge based upon the amount of Cocoa City water consumed at such residence, building or structure, as determined by the meter readings of the water meter installed at the premises, except as herein specified. The rate for each customer or user shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of this article and shall be in the amount established by ordinance.

(b) Base monthly sewer service charge. Each customer connected to the Rockledge sewer system and to whom a monthly water bill shall be rendered for water furnished by the City of Cocoa shall pay the City of Rockledge a base monthly sewer service charge in an amount determined by the size of the water service meter at the premises, as follows:

For the Period from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026:

<u>Meter Size (inches)</u>	<u>Base Monthly Sewer Service Charge</u>
<u>3/4</u>	<u>\$21.92</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>\$35.29</u>
<u>1 1/2</u>	<u>\$62.03</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>\$94.12</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>\$222.48</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>\$342.82</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>\$543.37</u>
<u>8 or larger</u>	<u>\$864.26 minimum, plus any additional charge determined by the City Council to be just and equitable depending on the customer’s demand upon the sewer system</u>

For the Period from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027:

<u>Meter Size (inches)</u>	<u>Base Monthly Sewer Service Charge</u>
<u>3/4</u>	<u>\$27.31</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>\$40.68</u>
<u>1 1/2</u>	<u>\$67.42</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>\$99.51</u>

<u>3</u>	<u>\$227.87</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>\$348.21</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>\$548.76</u>
<u>8 or larger</u>	<u>\$869.65 minimum, plus any additional charge determined by the City Council to be just and equitable depending on the customer's demand upon the sewer system</u>

For the Period from October 1, 2027 through September 30, 2028:

<u>Meter Size (inches)</u>	<u>Base Monthly Sewer Service Charge</u>
<u>¾</u>	<u>\$33.24</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>\$46.61</u>
<u>1 ½</u>	<u>\$73.35</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>\$105.44</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>\$233.80</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>\$354.14</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>\$554.69</u>
<u>8 or larger</u>	<u>\$875.58 minimum, plus any additional charge determined by the City Council to be just and equitable depending on the customer's demand upon the sewer system</u>

For the Period from October 1, 2028 through September 30, 2029:

<u>Meter Size (inches)</u>	<u>Base Monthly Sewer Service Charge</u>
<u>¾</u>	<u>\$39.76</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>\$53.13</u>
<u>1 ½</u>	<u>\$79.87</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>\$111.96</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>\$240.32</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>\$360.66</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>\$561.21</u>
<u>8 or larger</u>	<u>\$882.10 minimum, plus any additional charge determined by the City Council to be just and equitable depending on the customer's demand upon the sewer system</u>

For the Period commencing October 1, 2029:

<u>Meter Size (inches)</u>	<u>Base Monthly Sewer Service Charge</u>
<u>3/4</u>	<u>\$46.93</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>\$60.30</u>
<u>1 1/2</u>	<u>\$87.04</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>\$119.13</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>\$247.49</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>\$367.83</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>\$568.38</u>
<u>8 or larger</u>	<u>\$889.27 minimum, plus any additional charge determined by the City Council to be just and equitable depending on the customer's demand upon the sewer system</u>

Every condominium association or corporation, cooperative apartment corporation, owner, landlord, tenant or other party responsible to pay for sewer service to a condominium, cooperative apartment, rental apartment, trailer park other than travel trailer park, duplex, triplex, or other residential premises, except a motel, connected to the City of Cocoa water system and not having individual water meters for each living unit shall pay a monthly base sewer service charge at the three-fourths-inch service meter rate for each living unit on the premises. The accumulated total of service charges per unit at the three-fourths-inch service meter rate shall, however, be not less than the listed service charge for the service meter actually installed in the single water service line, in which case the larger of the two (2) charges will be applied to the customer's water bill.

Of the base service charge per month, per customer, the following amounts during the specified periods shall be applied to the Renewal and Replacement Reserve fund herein established for the purpose of providing funding for the upgrading and maintenance of the sewer system, and shall be applied to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund:

	<u>10/01/25 – 09/30/26</u>	<u>10/01/26 – 09/30/27</u>	<u>10/01/27 – 09/30/28</u>	<u>10/01/28 – 09/30/29</u>	<u>10/01/29 –</u>
<u>Renewal and Replacement</u>	<u>\$7.37</u>	<u>\$9.53</u>	<u>\$11.90</u>	<u>\$14.51</u>	<u>\$17.38</u>
<u>Capital Improvement</u>	<u>\$4.10</u>	<u>\$4.64</u>	<u>\$5.23</u>	<u>\$5.88</u>	<u>\$6.60</u>

(c) Gallonage charge. In addition to the monthly base sewer service charge stated above, each customer connected to the city's sewer system and to whom a monthly bill shall be rendered for water furnished by the City of Cocoa Water System serving inhabitants of the City of Rockledge shall pay the City of Rockledge for sewer service a quantity consumption charge based upon the number of gallons of water passing through such customer's water meter during the monthly billing period, at the rates set out below:

For the Period from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026:

<u>0 - 5,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$5.55 per thousand gallons or any part thereof;</u>
<u>5,001 - 15,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$5.79 per thousand gallons or any part thereof;</u>
<u>15,001 – 76,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$6.51 per thousand gallons or any part thereof;</u>
<u>More than 76,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$7.61 per thousand gallons or any part thereof.</u>

For the Period from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027:

<u>0 - 5,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$5.83 per thousand gallons or any part thereof;</u>
<u>5,001 - 15,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$6.08 per thousand gallons or any part thereof;</u>
<u>15,001 – 76,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$6.84 per thousand gallons or any part thereof;</u>
<u>More than 76,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$7.99 per thousand gallons or any part thereof.</u>

For the Period from October 1, 2027 through September 30, 2028:

<u>0 - 5,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$6.12 per thousand gallons or any part thereof;</u>
<u>5,001 - 15,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$6.38 per thousand gallons or any part thereof;</u>
<u>15,001 – 76,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$7.18 per thousand gallons or any part thereof;</u>
<u>More than 76,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$8.39 per thousand gallons or any part thereof.</u>

For the Period from October 1, 2028 through September 30, 2029:

<u>0 - 5,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$6.43 per thousand gallons or any part thereof;</u>
<u>5,001 - 15,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$6.70 per thousand gallons or any part thereof;</u>
<u>15,001 – 76,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$7.54 per thousand gallons or any part thereof;</u>
<u>More than 76,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$8.81 per thousand gallons or any part thereof.</u>

For the Period commencing October 1, 2029:

<u>0 - 5,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$6.75 per thousand gallons or any part thereof.</u>
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	<u>thereof:</u>
<u>5,001 - 15,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$7.04 per thousand gallons or any part thereof:</u>
<u>15,001 – 76,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$7.92 per thousand gallons or any part thereof:</u>
<u>More than 76,000 Gallons</u>	<u>\$9.25 per thousand gallons or any part thereof.</u>

(d) Sewer only customers. Every owner, landlord, tenant, or other party responsible to pay for sewer service to residential or commercial customers not connected to Cocoa city water shall pay a monthly charge for the sewer service at the premises based upon the bathroom facilities, to-wit:

For the Period from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026:

<u>Bathroom Facilities</u>	<u>Monthly Sewer Service Charge</u>
<u>1 Bathroom</u>	<u>\$28.25 (minimum)</u>
<u>1½ Bathrooms</u>	<u>\$31.30</u>
<u>2 Bathrooms</u>	<u>\$35.40</u>
<u>For Each Additional Bathroom</u>	<u>\$4.00</u>

For the Period from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027:

<u>Bathroom Facilities</u>	<u>Monthly Sewer Service Charge</u>
<u>1 Bathroom</u>	<u>\$31.85 (minimum)</u>
<u>1½ Bathrooms</u>	<u>\$35.25</u>
<u>2 Bathrooms</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>
<u>For Each Additional Bathroom</u>	<u>\$4.50</u>

For the Period from October 1, 2027 through September 30, 2028:

<u>Bathroom Facilities</u>	<u>Monthly Sewer Service Charge</u>
<u>1 Bathroom</u>	<u>\$35.75 (minimum)</u>
<u>1½ Bathrooms</u>	<u>\$39.50</u>
<u>2 Bathrooms</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>
<u>For Each Additional Bathroom</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>

For the Period from October 1, 2028 through September 30, 2029:

<u>Bathroom Facilities</u>	<u>Monthly Sewer Service Charge</u>
<u>1 Bathroom</u>	<u>\$40.00 (minimum)</u>
<u>1½ Bathrooms</u>	<u>\$44.25</u>
<u>2 Bathrooms</u>	<u>\$50.25</u>
<u>For Each Additional Bathroom</u>	<u>\$5.50</u>

For the Period commencing October 1, 2029:

<u>Bathroom Facilities</u>	<u>Monthly Sewer Service Charge</u>
1 Bathroom	\$44.60 (minimum)
1½ Bathrooms	\$49.25
2 Bathrooms	\$56.00
For Each Additional Bathroom	\$6.00

(e) Sewer deposit required.

(1) Each customer opening a new or transferred account with the City of Cocoa for water service to premises that are connected to the City of Rockledge Sewer System, and for which a monthly water bill shall be rendered for water furnished by the City of Cocoa, and the owner or occupant of any premises having a private water supply, which premises hereafter become connected to the Rockledge Sewer System, shall pay a sewer service deposit in the amount established by ordinance, as follows:

<u>Meter Size (inches)</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>¾</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>\$ 80.00</u>
<u>1½</u>	<u>\$ 160.00</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>\$ 256.00</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>\$ 640.00</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>\$ 1,600.00</u>
<u>8 or larger</u>	<u>\$ 2,560.00 (minimum)</u>

(2) This deposit shall be paid prior to the commencement of water or sewer service to the premises and shall be held by the City until such time as the account is terminated. If at that time the sewer account and garbage collection charges due the City have been paid in full, the deposit will be refunded; however, if there is an outstanding balance due the City, either for sewer service or garbage collection, the deposit shall be applied sufficiently to cover same, and any remaining sum due the City shall be paid by the customer. Further, in order to receive the refund, the customer shall provide proof of account closure in the form of a final statement, invoice, or other document approved and accepted by the City of Cocoa.