

ORDINANCE NO. C-21-28

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28, WATER, WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER, SECTIONS 28-141, 28-143, 28-144, AND 28-145, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR INCREASES TO TAPPING CHARGES, WATER RATES, SPRINKLING METER CHARGES, PRIVATE FIRE SERVICE PROTECTION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida ("City"), supplies water and sewer services on a regional basis to approximately 250,000 residents of central Broward County; and

WHEREAS, areas provided potable water service and wastewater service by the City include Fort Lauderdale, Port Everglades, Sea Ranch Lakes, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Oakland Park, Wilton Manors, and portions of Davie, Tamarac, and unincorporated Broward County; and

WHEREAS, a granular activated carbon pilot and plant evaluation at the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant was completed in December 2019 by Carollo Engineers, Inc., for the City, which in its final summary recommended that the City proceed with design and construction of a new water treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, a revenue sufficiency study was presented to the City's Commission by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., for the City, which established a financial plan and recommendation of rate revenue adjustments; and

WHEREAS, in order to fund the new water treatment facility, water rate revenues must be adjusted such that adequate revenue is provided to fund the capital project, maintain associated operations, and meet the City's reserve and debt service coverage targets; and

WHEREAS, to generate necessary funds for present and future needs, administration, operation and long-range projects under the Water and Sewer Master Plan, and the planning, design, and construction of a new water treatment plant, it is necessary to increase tapping charges, water rates, sprinkling meter charges, and private fire service protection charges; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale has notified all customers of this Ordinance through the regular utility billing process, pursuant to Section 180.136, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances are in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the City and the City's utilities customers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

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SECTION 1. That the table titled Tapping Charges contained in Section 28-141(a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, establishing tapping charges, is hereby amended as follows:

Tapping Charges 28-141(a)		
	Effective 10/1/201921	On 10/1/20202, and October 1 of each year thereafter, charges shall be adjusted by increasing the prior year's charge by 38.6%.
5/8 by 3/4-inch tap and service	\$1,549.07 <u>\$1,742.85</u>	
3/4-inch tap and service	\$1,609.70 <u>\$1,811.07</u>	
1-inch tap and service	\$1,727.46 <u>\$1,943.56</u>	
1½-inch tap and service	\$2,798.08 <u>\$3,148.11</u>	
2-inch tap and service	\$3,553.60 <u>\$3,998.14</u>	

SECTION 2. That the table titled Water Fixed Monthly Charges contained in Section 28- 143(a)(1) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, establishing water fixed monthly charges, is hereby amended as follows:

Meter Sizes	Water Fixed Monthly Charges 28-143(a)(1)	
(inches)	Effective 10/1/201921	On 10/1/20202, and October 1 of each year thereafter, charges shall be adjusted by increasing the prior year's charge by 38.6%.
5/8	\$6.77 <u>\$7.61</u>	
3/4	\$9.00 <u>\$10.12</u>	
1	\$13.48 <u>\$15.16</u>	
1½	\$24.67 <u>\$27.75</u>	
2	\$38.09 <u>\$42.85</u>	
3	\$80.61 <u>\$90.69</u>	
4	\$136.56 <u>\$153.63</u>	
6	\$304.48 <u>\$342.56</u>	
8	\$360.34 <u>\$405.41</u>	
10	\$942.17 <u>\$1,060.03</u>	
12	\$1,188.32 <u>\$1,336.97</u>	
16	\$1,367.35 <u>\$1,538.39</u>	

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SECTION 3. That the table titled Water Commodity Charges contained in Section 28-143(a)(2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, establishing water commodity charges, is hereby amended as follows:

Water Commodity Charges Single-Family Residences 28-143(a)(2)			
Tier Ranges	Water (per unit)	Water Monthly Usage Charges	
	(1,000 gallons per month x number of dwelling units)	Effective 10/1/20<u>19</u>21	On 10/1/202 <u>0</u> ₂ , and October 1 of each year thereafter, charges shall be adjusted by increasing the prior year's charge by <u>38.6</u> %.
Tier 1	0—3,000	\$2.45 <u>\$2.76</u>	
Tier 2	4,000—8,000	\$5.41 <u>\$6.08</u>	
Tier 3	9,000—12,000	\$6.77 <u>\$7.61</u>	
Tier 4	13,000—20,000	\$9.13 <u>\$10.27</u>	
Tier 5	>20,000	\$13.25 <u>\$14.91</u>	

SECTION 4. That the table titled Water Commodity Charges - Multifamily Residential Dwelling Units contained in Section 28-143(a)(3) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, establishing water commodity charges - multifamily residential dwelling units, is hereby amended as follows:

Water Commodity Charges - Multifamily Residential Dwelling Units 28-143(a)(3)			
Tier Ranges	Water (per unit)	Water Monthly Usage Charges	
	(1,000 gallons per month x number of dwelling units x .55)	Effective 10/1/20<u>19</u>21	On 10/1/202 <u>0</u> ₂ , and October 1 of each year thereafter, charges shall be adjusted by increasing the prior year's charge by <u>38.6</u> %.
Tier 1	3,000	\$2.45 <u>\$2.76</u>	
Tier 2	4,000—8,000	\$5.41 <u>\$6.08</u>	
Tier 3	9,000—12,000	\$6.77 <u>\$7.61</u>	
Tier 4	13,000—20,000	\$9.13 <u>\$10.27</u>	
Tier 5	>20,000	\$13.25 <u>\$14.91</u>	

SECTION 5. That the table titled Water Commodity Charges contained in Section 28-143(a)(4) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, establishing water commodity charges, is hereby amended as follows:

Water Commodity Charges - Commercial 28-143(a)(4)		
	Effective 10/1/2019 <u>21</u>	On 10/1/2020 2 , and October 1 of each year thereafter, charges shall be adjusted by increasing the prior year's charge by <u>38.6</u> %. <u>38.6</u> %.
All Usage	\$5.59 <u>\$6.29</u>	

SECTION 6. That the table titled Master Meter Water Fixed Monthly Charges contained in Section 28-143(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, establishing master meter water fixed monthly charges, is hereby amended as follows:

Meter Sizes	Master Meter Water Fixed Monthly Charges 28-143(b)(1)	
(inches)	Effective 10/1/2019 <u>21</u>	On 10/1/2020 2 , and October 1 of each year thereafter, charges shall be adjusted by increasing the prior year's charge by <u>38.6</u> %. <u>38.6</u> %.
$\frac{5}{8}$	\$38.81 <u>\$43.65</u>	
$\frac{3}{4}$	\$57.07 <u>\$64.20</u>	
1	\$93.59 <u>\$105.29</u>	
1½	\$184.89 <u>\$208.01</u>	
2	\$294.46 <u>\$331.29</u>	
3	\$641.41 <u>\$721.64</u>	
4	\$1,097.92 <u>\$1,235.26</u>	
6	\$2,467.45 <u>\$2,776.12</u>	
8	\$2,923.96 <u>\$3,289.73</u>	
10	\$7,671.67 <u>\$8,631.36</u>	
12	\$9,680.32 <u>\$10,891.28</u>	
16	\$11,141.16 <u>\$12,534.87</u>	

SECTION 7. That the table titled Master Meter contained in Section 28-143(b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, establishing master meter charges, is hereby amended as follows:

Master Meter 28-143(b)(2)		
	Effective 10/1/201921	On 10/1/20202, and October 1 of each year thereafter, charges shall be adjusted by increasing the prior year's charge by <u>38.6</u> %.
All Usage	\$2.77 <u>\$3.12</u>	

SECTION 8. That the table titled Water Service Availability Monthly Charges contained in Section 28-143(f)(1) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, establishing water service availability monthly charges, is hereby amended as follows:

Meter Sizes	Water Service Availability Monthly Charges 28-143(f)(1)	
(inches)	Effective 10/1/201921	On 10/1/20202, and October 1 of each year thereafter, charges shall be adjusted by increasing the prior year's charge by <u>38.6</u> %.
$\frac{5}{8}$	\$6.77 <u>\$7.61</u>	
$\frac{3}{4}$	\$9.00 <u>\$10.12</u>	
1	\$13.48 <u>\$15.16</u>	
1½	\$24.67 <u>\$27.75</u>	
2	\$38.09 <u>\$42.85</u>	
3	\$80.61 <u>\$90.69</u>	
4	\$136.56 <u>\$153.63</u>	
6	\$304.48 <u>\$342.56</u>	
8	\$360.34 <u>\$405.41</u>	
10	\$942.17 <u>\$1,060.03</u>	
12	\$1,188.32 <u>\$1,336.97</u>	
16	\$1,367.35 <u>\$1,538.39</u>	

SECTION 9. That the table titled Sprinkling Fixed Monthly Charges contained in Section 28-144(a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, establishing sprinkling fixed monthly charges, is hereby amended as follows:

Sprinkling Fixed Monthly Charges 28-144(a)	
Meter Sizes (inches)	Effective 10/1/201921
5/8	\$6.77 <u>\$7.61</u>
3/4	\$9.00 <u>\$10.12</u>
1	\$13.48 <u>\$15.16</u>
1 1/2	\$24.67 <u>\$27.75</u>
2	\$38.09 <u>\$42.85</u>
3	\$80.61 <u>\$90.69</u>
4	\$136.56 <u>\$153.63</u>
6	\$304.48 <u>\$342.56</u>
8	\$360.34 <u>\$405.41</u>
10	\$942.17 <u>\$1,060.03</u>
12	\$1,188.32 <u>\$1,336.97</u>
16	\$1,367.35 <u>\$1,538.39</u>

On 10/1/2020~~2~~, and October 1 of each year thereafter, charges shall be adjusted by increasing the prior year's charge by ~~38~~38.6%.

SECTION 10. That the table titled Commodity Charges - Sprinkling Meter Services contained in Section 28-144(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, establishing commodity charges - sprinkling meter services, is hereby amended as follows:

Commodity Charges - Sprinkling Meter Services 28-144(b)		
Tier Ranges	Water (1,000 gallons per month x Meter Equivalency Factor)	Water Monthly Usage Charges Effective 10/1/201921
Tier 1	0—12,000	\$6.77 <u>\$7.61</u>
Tier 2	13,000—20,000	\$9.13 <u>\$10.27</u>
Tier 3	>20,000	\$13.25 <u>\$14.91</u>

On 10/1/2020~~2~~, and October 1 of each year thereafter, charges shall be adjusted by increasing the prior year's charge by ~~38~~38.6%.

SECTION 11. That the table titled Fire Service Fixed Monthly Charges contained in Section 28-145(a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, establishing fire service fixed monthly charges, is hereby amended as follows:

Fire Service Fixed Monthly Charges 28-145(a)		
Meter Sizes (inches)	Effective 10/1/20 <u>19</u> 21	On 10/1/202 <u>0</u> 2, and October 1 of each year thereafter, charges shall be adjusted by increasing the prior year's charge by <u>38</u> .6%.
2	\$48.72 <u>\$54.81</u>	
3	\$89.89 <u>\$101.14</u>	
4	\$148.73 <u>\$167.33</u>	
6	\$295.79 <u>\$332.79</u>	
8	\$472.25 <u>\$531.33</u>	
10	\$678.11 <u>\$762.94</u>	
12	\$1,266.33 <u>\$1,424.75</u>	
16	\$2,060.42 <u>\$2,318.18</u>	

SECTION 12. That the table titled Fire Service Tapping Charges contained in Section 28-145(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, establishing fire service tapping charges, is hereby amended as follows:

Fire Service Tapping Charges 28-145(c)		
	Effective 10/1/20 <u>19</u> 21	On 10/1/202 <u>0</u> 2, and October 1 of each year thereafter, charges shall be adjusted by increasing the prior year's charge by <u>38</u> .6%.
2-inch tap and service	\$4,254.96 <u>\$4,787.24</u>	
4-inch tap and service	\$10,057.17 <u>\$11,315.28</u>	
6-inch tap and service	\$11,217.65 <u>\$12,620.93</u>	
8-inch tap and service	\$16,246.24 <u>\$18,278.57</u>	

SECTION 13. That if any clause, section or other part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

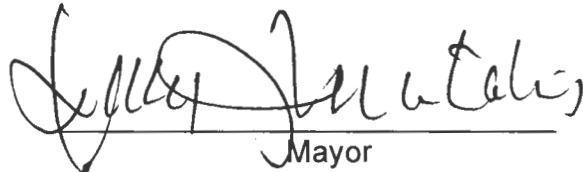
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SECTION 14. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 15. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on October 1, 2021.

PASSED FIRST READING this 8th day of September, 2021.

PASSED SECOND READING this 13th day of September, 2021.



Mayor
DEAN TRANTALIS

ATTEST:



City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI