

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA
WITH RESPECT TO **WATER AND SEWER RATES**; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5-3-77 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled “*Water rates*” is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following new section inserted in lieu thereof:

“Sec. 5-3-77. – Water rates

- (a) *Single-family residential rates.* Single-family residential accounts with a $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch or smaller water meter shall pay a monthly customer service fee in accordance with subsection (f) herein and a tiered rate for water that passes through the meter in accordance with subsection (b) herein.
- (b) *Tiered rates for $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch single-family residential accounts.*
 - (1) The tier one rate shall be \$5.73 per 1,000 gallons.
 - a. The allocation of usage billed at tier one shall be the greater of 100 gallons per day or recent historical annual average usage for the same account holder, whichever is greater. The historical average calculation shall exclude apparent leaks.
 - b. New accounts shall be allocated 100 gallons per day for tier one rates or 50 gallons per day per occupant based upon a legally binding affidavit for the number of occupants, whichever is greater. The maximum allocation for new accounts shall be 200 gallons per day. Affidavits shall not be accepted for established accounts, but an account holder with more than twelve-months of usage at the same account location may request an adjusted tier one allocation.
 - c. If more than one residence is served by the $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch meter that account will be classified as multifamily.
 - (2) The tier two rates shall be \$7.16 per 1,000 gallons. The usage billed at tier two shall be between 100% and 150% of the tier one allocation.
 - (3) The tier three rate shall be \$8.60 per 1,000 gallons. The usage billed at tier three shall be between 150% and 200% of the tier one allocation.
 - (4) The tier four rate shall be \$14.32 per 1,000 gallons. All usage above 200% of the tier one allocation shall be billed at the tier four rate, unless adjusted for leaks in accordance with Section 5-3-13.
- (c) *Rates for all other accounts.* All commercial, industrial, institutional, multifamily and residential accounts with meters larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, with the exception of irrigation-only and recycled water accounts, shall pay a monthly customer service fee in accordance with subsection (f) herein and a uniform rate for potable water of \$5.73 per 1,000 gallons.
- (d) *Rates for irrigation-only accounts.* Single-family consumers of portable water with two meters, one of which is irrigation-only, shall pay the tiered rates for the sum of water that passes through both the irrigation-only meter and the residential meter

when the combined usage through domestic and irrigation meters exceeds the annual average. All other irrigation-only accounts shall pay for all water used at the tier 4 rate.

- (e) *Rate for recycled water.* Recycled water accounts shall pay a monthly customer service fee in accordance with subsection (f) herein and a uniform rate of \$2.87 per 1,000 gallons for water that passes through the recycled water meter.
- (f) *Monthly customer service fee and meter replacement fee.* The monthly customer service fee to each account shall be \$4.40. The monthly meter replacement charge, as determined by the size of the water meter, shall be as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Meter Replacement Charge</u>
5/8 or ¾ inch	\$0.39
1 inch	0.86
1 ½ inch	2.72
2 inch	20.12
3 inch	28.70
4 inch	37.74
6 inch	97.91
8 inch	129.60

There shall be no additional monthly service fee for residential customers with an outdoor water use meter.

- (g) *Re-establishing service.* A charge of not less than \$10.00 plus any other expense will be made to re-establish service after water is cut off for nonpayment of an account or other violation, unless temporarily suspended by resolution of the Mayor and Commission.”

SECTION 2. Section 5-3-80 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled “*Sewer rates*” is hereby deleted in its entirety with the following new section inserted in lieu thereof:

“Sec. 5-3-80. – Sewer rates

- (a) *Rates for wastewater discharged.* Rates to be charged for wastewater discharged by customers of the Athens-Clarke County sewer system shall be as follows:

Monthly customer service fee\$4.40
Uniform rate per 1,000 gallons.....\$6.76”

SECTION 3. Section 5-3-83 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, entitled “*Reinstatement of sewer service*” is hereby deleted in entirety and reserved for future use, so that said new section is:

“Sec. 5-3-83. – Reserved.”

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.