# ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-08 and 16-07, AND CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 1, ENTITLED "SEWER", SECTION 20.171, ENTITLED "RATES", OF THE FREEPORT, FLORIDA MUNICIPAL CODE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Freeport, Florida adopted Ordinance 2016-07 on July 28, 2016, the intent thereof to amend sewer rates charged by the City, and;

WHEREFORE, said Ordinance was derived from a rate study conducted by the City, and the effective rates were transposed from said study into the Ordinance in a manner that introduced explanatory language used for example purposes only, and;

WHEREFORE, the effect of that scrivener's error was to include language that resulted in the erroneous processing of bills by the City setting a minimum usage rate of 5,000 gallons as opposed to a minimum base rate, and;

WHEREFORE, the City Council by adopting this Ordinance correcting said scrivener's error affirms that the below rates are the proper rates presented without additional language that would alter the intent of the City Council in 2016, and that the purpose of this Ordinance is to immediately implement this correction from the date of adoption forward, but not to require any retroactive fees be imposed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Freeport, Florida, that Ordinance 01-08, and Chapter 20, Article III, Division 1, Entitled "Sewer", Section 20.171, entitled "Rates", of the City of Freeport, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Section 20-171. Rates:

The user charge rates established in this article apply to all users of the City's treatment works. Each user shall pay the following rates for operation and maintenance (including replacement, infiltration and inflow):

Residential User Rate.

Rate Structure Effective October 1, 2016 Wastewater

**Inside City Limits:** 

Base Rate of \$14.70 per month minimum plus \$3.04 per 1,000 gallons Outside City Limits:

Base Rate of \$18.38 per month minimum plus \$3.80 per 1,000 gallons

### Rate Structure Effective October 1, 2017

Wastewater

**Inside City Limits:** 

Base Rate of \$15.44 per month minimum plus \$4.53 per 1,000 gallons Outside City Limits:

Base Rate of \$19.29 per month minimum plus \$5.67 per 1,000 gallons

#### Rate Structure Effective October 1, 2018

Wastewater

**Inside City Limits:** 

Base Rate of \$16.21 per month minimum plus \$6.02 per 1,000 gallons Outside City Limits:

Base Rate of \$20.26 per month minimum plus \$7.53 per 1,000 gallons

#### Commercial Industrial User Rate

**Inside City Limits:** 

a) Mandatory Meter: \$15.00 per month plus \$2.20/1000 gallons

**Outside City Limits:** 

a) Mandatory Meter: \$18.00 per month plus \$2.45/1000 gallons

## Significant User Rage

Rates shall be calculated on a case-by-case basis and shall include any applicable waste surcharges.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 28th day of September, 2017.

ATTEST:

Russ Barley

City Clerk