ORDINANCE NO. 2022-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 24, CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE ("CODE") RELATED TO CERTAIN WATER, WASTEWATER, AND ELECTRIC CHARGES; PROVIDING FINDINGS; CREATING SECTION 24-13 TO MODIFY CHARGES TO RECOVER THE COST OF PHYSICALLY CONNECTING TO THE WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 24-154 TO RECOVER THE COST OF PHYSICALLY CONNECTING TO THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE, SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CITY COMMISSION FINDINGS. In adopting this Ordinance and the charges incorporated herein, the City Commission of the City of Fort Meade, Florida ("City") hereby makes and expresses the following findings, purposes and intent. The City has previously adopted rates, fees, charges, and related policies for its water, wastewater, and electric utility systems contained in Chapter 24, of the City Code. The City staff has studied the actual costs of physically connecting to its three utility systems and has proposed increases as a part of this Ordinance. The City has provided the necessary public notice and advertisements required by applicable law and has held the necessary public hearing to consider the adoption of these increased charges.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF NEW SECTION 24-13, THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA. A new § 24-13 is hereby created and adopted to read as follows:

"Sec. 24-13. Physical Connection Charges. The City hereby establishes and adopts the following charges to cover the cost of physically connecting and tapping into its Water and Wastewater Utility System as described below:

Water

Meter Setting Charge

Meter Size	Setting Charge	# of Meters	Cost (A)
¾" or Smaller	~~$375.00~~ $500.00	X _____	$ _____
1"	~~$499.00~~ $624.00	X _____	$ _____
1 ¼"	~~$614.00~~ $739.00	X _____	$ _____
1 ½"	~~$796.00~~ $921.00	X - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	_____
$ _____			
2"	~~$1,031.00~~ $1156.00	X _____	$ _____
Greater than 2"	Cost +overhead	X _____	$ _____

Service Tapping Charge

Meter Size	Current Charge	# of Connections	Cost (B)
¾" or Smaller	$1,072.00	X _____	$ _____
1"	$1,072.00	X _____	$ _____
1 ¼"	~~$1,220.00~~ $1,500.00	X _____	$ _____
1 ½"	~~$1,220.00~~ $1,500.00	X _____	$ _____
2"	~~$1,220.00~~ $1,500.00	X _____	$ _____
Greater than 2"	Cost + overhead	X _____	$ _____

Water Meter Testing Fees

5/8" x 3/4" meter	$ 60.00
1.0" and 1.5" meter	$ 60.00
2.0" meter and over	actual cost plus overhead

Wastewater

Sanitary sewer connection charges:
Camera line inspection for existing sewer line: ~~$95.00~~ $150.00
Service Tapping Charge: $300.00

Water & wastewater

Directional Bores – Actual cost of all expenses plus overhead

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 24-154, THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA. Existing § 24-154 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Meade, Florida, entitled "Electric service; terms and conditions is amended to read as follows:

"24-154. Electric service; terms and conditions. The provisions of this division shall apply to the services and facilities of the electric system of the city within and without the corporate limits of the city. The city may extend electric service pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

(1) *Meters generally and new service connection charge; temporary service generally.* The city shall have the right to connect and install or set meters of such sizes as the superintendent may determine, after consideration of all services to be served by the electric system of the city. All meters so installed shall be and remain the property of the city and shall be maintained and kept in repair by the department without cost to the user. All temporary electric service

shall be metered and all charges imposed by this section shall apply thereto. The following additional charges shall apply:

Residential Service Requirements:
Temporary Pole Service: Wire and Connection (Includes Removal): $100.00
Overhead triplex installation to new premise (Includes material and labor) $200.00
Underground Service Connection from a City Pole, Transformer or Handhole: $450.00
Primary Extensions: Includes material and labor. Per foot Cost $17.00

Commercial Service Requirements:
All commercial/industrial service request will be determined on the type of installation. The City Electric Department must be notified prior to any work commencing on this type of installation. The costs will vary but all material installation and labor will be provided by the customer/contractor. The city will do any terminations of cable and installation of transformers. The City Electric Director or designee will make the determination as to the cost and requirements of the installation.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT; VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES. Violations of the provisions of this ordinance or failure to comply with any of the requirements set forth herein shall be prosecuted as provided by law. Each day such violation continues shall be considered as a separate event. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the city from making such other lawful actions as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violations, including seeking injunctive relief in a court of competent jurisdiction, or terminating service as provided by law.

SECTION 5. LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION. In the interpretation and application of this Ordinance, all provisions shall be considered as a minimum requirement, liberally construed in favor of the City, and deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under state law. This Ordinance is cumulative and supplemental to existing City laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. Where this Ordinance and the provisions contained herein conflict or overlap with any other City law, ordinance, rule or regulation, whichever imposes the more stringent restriction shall prevail.

SECTION 6. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS. Any conflicting provisions in past ordinances and resolutions are also hereby repealed. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified in Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Meade, Florida.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the City Commission that if any section, subsection, clause, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect and the rates set forth shall be charged to all customers on and after February 8, 2022.

PASSED on first reading by the City Commission of the City of Fort Meade, Florida, at regular session this 8th day of November 2022.

PASSED on second and final reading by the City Commission of the City of Fort Meade, Florida, at regular session this 13th day of December 2022.

CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA

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Robert Elliott, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Cannon, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

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Jan Bagnall, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

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Thomas A. Cloud, City Attorney