

**CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA
ORDINANCE 2013-19**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF APPENDIX A – FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A 4.0% INCREASE IN WASTEWATER FEES; PROVIDING FOR AMMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 86 UTILITIES ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IMPLEMENTING A 8.0% INCREASE IN RECLAIMED WATER FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES, IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, notice of this Ordinance has been provided in accordance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, wastewater and reclaimed water fees are reviewed annually by staff during fiscal year budget preparation and adjustments are recommended to City Commission; and

WHEREAS, over 50% of the Wastewater Fund expenditures are to the City of St Petersburg for wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2013 the City of St Petersburg increased the rate charged to the City of St Pete Beach for wastewater treatment by 7.8%; and

WHEREAS, The City of St Pete Beach's policy is to adjust wastewater fees to pass-through wastewater treatment cost increases to ensure adequate revenue to offset needed expenditures; and

WHEREAS, because of the age and condition of the reclaimed water distribution system the City of St Pete Beach is currently incurring significantly higher annual repair costs due to breakages; and

WHEREAS, the Reclaimed Water Fund was in the red \$189,743 in the FY 2012 audit which resulted in the Reclaimed Water Fund not being able to make its annual loan repayment to the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Reclaimed Water Fund still owes the General Fund \$415,496 for loans taken in prior years to cover needed expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has found this Ordinance to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

Section 1. Part II – Code of Ordinances, Appendix A Fee Schedule, Wastewater User Fees shall be increased by 4.0% as follows:

WASTEWATER USER FEES

Monthly wastewater (sewer) rates shall be charged to all customers using the wastewater (sewer) utility system of the city. The rate is based on a base component, flow component (3,000 gallons), rate for usage (1,000 gallons) over flow component, purchased wastewater (sewer) treatment pass-through, and annual index adjustment. Each wastewater (sewer) customer shall be billed as follows:

Residential base rate: ~~\$25.36~~ \$26.37 for the first 3,000 gallons, or fraction thereof, of potable water used per residential unit.

Residential excess rate: ~~\$8.37~~ \$8.70 for each 1,000 gallons, or fraction thereof, of potable water used by the customer in excess of the residential base rate.

Commercial base rate: ~~\$25.36~~ \$26.37 for the first 3,000 gallons, or fraction thereof, of potable water used by the customer.

Commercial excess rate: ~~\$8.37~~ \$8.70 for each 1,000 gallons, or fraction thereof, of potable water used by the customer in excess of the commercial base rate.

Section 2. Part II – Code of Ordinances, Chapter 86 – Utilities, Article IV – Reclaimed Water System, Division 2 – Reclaimed Water Use, Sec. 86-144 Rates and charges, (3) Monthly user fee shall be increased 8.0% as follows:

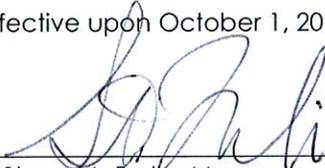
Monthly Reclaimed Water User Fees

1. Basic service	\$14.38 effective October 1, 2010 \$16.39 effective October 1, 2011 <u>\$17.70 effective October 1, 2013</u>
2. Multi-family, commercial, and public use property	Effective October 1, 2010 \$14.38 for the first ERU and \$12.50 for each additional ERU. Effective October 1, 2011 \$16.39 for the first ERU and \$14.25 for each additional ERU. <u>Effective October 1, 2013 \$17.70 for the first ERU and \$15.39 for each additional ERU.</u>

Section 3. If any portion, part or section of the Ordinance is declared invalid, the valid remainder hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective upon October 1, 2013.



Steve McFarlin, Mayor

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Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk