

ORDINANCE 2024-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING INCREASING WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES; AMENDING APPENDIX B, SECTION G REFLECT THE INCREASE IN SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE FOR CONNECTION TO THE CITY'S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 86-82 establishes system development charges (impact fees) regarding water and wastewater (sewer) facilities; and

WHEREAS, System development charges are imposed on new users, so that they contribute their fair share of the cost to construct the water and/or sewer infrastructure necessary to serve them; and

WHEREAS, recent bids on an expansion to the City's wastewater treatment plant indicate that the water and sewer system development charges needed to provide for expansion of the City's water and wastewater treatment facilities are significantly higher than the existing fees per gallon; and

WHEREAS, the City engaged Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. (Raftelis) to review the City's current system development charges and, based on current and projected costs, to advise regarding charges necessary to meet anticipated expansions to these systems; and

WHEREAS, based upon its study, Raftelis recommends that the rate increases that are necessary to meet the cost of anticipated expansions to the City's water and sewer facilities and infrastructure are as follows, to wit: water: 65% and sewer: 150%; and

Whereas, noting Florida law regarding the maximum permissible increase, Raftelis recommended the increases to the City's water and sewer system development charges (impact fees) which are set forth herein-below; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has accepted and approved the Raftelis report, including the findings and recommendations contained therein; and

Whereas, the City Commission finds that it is in the public interest to increase the City's system development charge for water and the system development charge for sewer in the amount recommended by Raftelis and set forth herein-below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Bellevue, Florida that water and sewer system development charges for water and sewer are hereby amended as set forth below.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Appendix B, Table G of the City Code is amended to reflect the increase in system development charges for water and sewer (wastewater) as set forth below, which shall read as follows:

“System development charges (impact fees) for water and sewer as authorized in Section 86-82 of the City of Bellevue Code, to wit:

Current Water/Sewer Development Charges

<i>Water System Development Charges-</i>	<i>Inside City Limits</i>	<i>Outside City Limits</i>
<i>Per Gallon Per Day</i>	\$3.98	\$4.97
<i>Sewer System Development Charges-</i>		
<i>Per Gallon Per Day</i>	\$12.19	\$15.24

Future Water/Sewer Development Charges per year

February 4, 2025

<i>Water System Development Charges-</i>	<i>Inside City Limits</i>	<i>Outside City Limits</i>
<i>Per Gallon Per Day</i>	\$4.37	\$5.46
<i>Sewer System Development Charges-</i>		
<i>Per Gallon Per Day</i>	\$13.35	\$16.69

January 1, 2026

<i>Water System Development Charges-</i>	<i>Inside City Limits</i>	<i>Outside City Limits</i>
<i>Per Gallon Per Day</i>	\$4.84	\$6.05
<i>Sewer System Development Charges-</i>		
<i>Per Gallon Per Day</i>	\$14.80	\$18.50

January 1, 2027

<i>Water System Development Charges-</i>	<i>Inside City Limits</i>	<i>Outside City Limits</i>
<i>Per Gallon Per Day</i>	\$5.31	\$6.64
<i>Sewer System Development Charges-</i>		
<i>Per Gallon Per Day</i>	\$16.25	\$20.31

January 1, 2028

<i>Water System Development Charges-</i>	<i>Inside City Limits</i>	<i>Outside City Limits</i>
<i>Per Gallon Per Day</i>	\$5.78	\$7.23
<i>Sewer System Development Charges-</i>		
<i>Per Gallon Per Day</i>	\$17.70	\$22.13

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective ninety (90) days after adoption.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION AND APPROVAL

The above and foregoing ordinance was duly read and approved upon **First Reading** by a ___ to ___ vote of the City Commission of the City of Bellevue, Florida, at a Regular Meeting held on _____, 2024. Said ordinance was duly read, passed, and adopted upon **Final Reading** by a ___ to ___ vote of the City Commission of the City of Bellevue, Florida at a Public Hearing held on _____, 2024

CHRISTINE DOBKOWSKI
Mayor

Attest:

MARIAH MOODY
City Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency
For the use and Benefit of the City of Bellevue Only:

FREDERICK E. LANDT, III
City Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF ADVERTISING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that foregoing Ordinance was advertised for a Public Hearing in the ___ of the Voice of South Marion newspaper in accordance with Florida Statutes.

Mariah Moody, CMC
City Clerk