

## **ORDINANCE 2024-15**

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX B, SECTION 3. H REGARDING WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES TO INCREASE THE CHARGE FOR WATER AND SEWER USE; PROVIDING FOR INCREASES YEARLY FOR FIVE YEARS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 86-40 establishes charges regarding water and wastewater (sewer) use; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 86-43 provides for a 50% surcharge regarding water and wastewater (sewer) use outside the corporate limits of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City engaged Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. (Raftelis) to review the City's current charges for water and sewer and, based on current and projected costs, to advise regarding charges necessary to meet anticipated cost to operate and maintain these systems; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon its study, Raftelis recommends that the rate increases that are necessary to meet the cost of debt service and operating and maintaining these systems; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of recommendations in the Raftelis study, current usage reporting requirements and billing practices the City Commission finds that rather than charging per 1,000 gallons of water used, the charge for water usage should be a charge based upon actual usage, as is set forth in Exhibit "A";

**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 charge for water and sewer use in the amount recommended by Raftelis and set forth herein-below.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Commission of the City of Belleview, Florida that Appendix B, Table H of the City Code is amended to increase the charges for water over the next 5 years, as set forth below, which shall read as follows:

## **“APPENDIX B - FEES**

### ***H. Water and Sewer Service Rates:***

Water and Sewer Billing Rates as authorized in Chapter 86, Sections 86-40 and 86-43 of the City of Belleview Code that Appendix B – Fees, Table 3 – Public Works Fees, Section - H – Water and Sewer Rates is amended to increase charges use as set forth in Exhibit "A" below.

## Exhibit “A”- Water/Sewer Rate Schedule

Inside City Limits <b>Water</b>		Current Rate per 1,000 gallon	Current Rate per gallon	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2025	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2026	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2027	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2028	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2029
Residential, Commercial , Irrigation				5%	5%	5%	0%	0%
<b>Base Rate</b>	\$11.64			\$12.22	\$12.83	\$13.47	\$13.47	\$13.47
<i>Plus the following per gallon used</i>								
0-7000 Gallons	2.57	\$0.0026		\$0.0027	\$0.0028	\$0.0030	\$0.0030	\$0.0030
7,001 - 20,000 Gallons	3.09	\$0.0031		\$0.0032	\$0.0034	\$0.0036	\$0.0036	\$0.0036
20,001 - 30,000 Gallons	4.01	\$0.0040		\$0.0042	\$0.0044	\$0.0046	\$0.0046	\$0.0046
Above 30,000 Gallons	5.21	\$0.0052		\$0.0055	\$0.0057	\$0.0060	\$0.0060	\$0.0060
<b>Inside Construction Water:</b>				5%	5%	5%	0%	0%
<b>Base Rate</b>	\$13.72			\$14.41	\$15.13	\$15.88	\$15.88	\$15.88
<i>Plus the following per gallon used</i>								
Usage Charge	5.74	\$0.0057		\$0.0060	\$0.0063	\$0.0066	\$0.0066	\$0.0066
Inside City Limits <b>Sewer</b>		Current Rate per 1,000 gallon	Current Rate per gallon	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2025	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2026	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2027	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2028	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2029
Residential, Commercial , Irrigation				7%	7%	7%	7%	7%
<b>Base Rate</b>	\$23.39			\$25.03	\$26.78	\$28.65	\$30.66	\$32.81
<i>Plus the following per gallon used</i>								
0-7000 Gallons	3.62	\$0.0036		\$0.0039	\$0.0041	\$0.0044	\$0.0047	\$0.0051
Above 7,000 Gallons	4.43	\$0.0044		\$0.0047	\$0.0051	\$0.0054	\$0.0058	\$0.0062
Outside City Limits <b>Water</b>		Current Rate per 1,000 gallon	Current Rate per gallon	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2025	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2026	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2027	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2028	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2029
Residential, Commercial , Irrigation				5%	5%	5%	0%	0%
<b>Base Rate</b>	\$17.46			\$18.33	\$19.25	\$20.21	\$20.21	\$20.21
<i>Plus the following per gallon used</i>								
0-7000 Gallons	3.86	\$0.0039		\$0.0041	\$0.0043	\$0.0045	\$0.0045	\$0.0045
7,001 - 20,000 Gallons	4.64	\$0.0046		\$0.0049	\$0.0051	\$0.0054	\$0.0054	\$0.0054
20,001 - 30,000 Gallons	6.02	\$0.0060		\$0.0063	\$0.0066	\$0.0070	\$0.0070	\$0.0070
Above 30,000 Gallons	7.82	\$0.0078		\$0.0082	\$0.0086	\$0.0091	\$0.0091	\$0.0091
<b>Outside Construction Water:</b>				5%	5%	5%	0%	0%
<b>Base Rate</b>	\$20.58			\$21.61	\$22.69	\$23.82	\$23.82	\$23.82
<i>Plus the following per gallon used</i>								
Usage Charge	8.61	\$0.0086		\$0.0090	\$0.0095	\$0.0100	\$0.0100	\$0.0100
Outside City Limits <b>Sewer</b>		Current Rate per 1,000 gallon	Current Rate per gallon	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2025	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2026	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2027	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2028	Charge per Gallon Effective 3/1/2029
Residential, Commercial , Irrigation				7%	7%	7%	7%	7%
<b>Base Rate</b>	\$35.09			\$37.55	\$40.17	\$42.99	\$46.00	\$49.22
<i>Plus the following per gallon used</i>								
0-7000 Gallons	5.43	\$0.0054		\$0.0058	\$0.0062	\$0.0067	\$0.0071	\$0.0076
Above 7,000 Gallons	6.65	\$0.0067		\$0.0071	\$0.0076	\$0.0081	\$0.0087	\$0.0093

*Footnotes*

[1] Existing outside-city surcharge is 50% of the inside-city rates.

[2] Yearly increases will be billed the first March each year."

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective on the March 1, 2025 Utility Bill.

**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 Belleview, Florida, at a Regular Meeting held on December 3, 2024. Said ordinance was duly read, passed, and adopted upon **Final Reading** by a \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ vote of the City Commission of the City of Belleview, Florida at a Public Hearing held on December 17th, 2024

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CHRISTINE DOBKOWSKI  
Mayor

Attest:

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MARIAH MOODY  
City Clerk

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

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FREDERICK E. LANDT, III  
City Attorney

**CERTIFICATE OF ADVERTISING**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that foregoing Ordinance was advertised for a Public Hearing in the Decemebr 5, 2024 edition of the Voice of South Marion newspaper in accordance with Florida Statutes.

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Mariah Moody, CMC  
City Clerk