



City of Plantation
City Council Chambers

Subject:

Water and Wastewater Capacity Charge Increase

Summary:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PLANTATION, FLORIDA AMENDING THE "UTILITY RATE INDEX" TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY CHARGES IMPOSED BY THE CITY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 26; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Background:

GovRates, Inc. (GovRates) has completed a water and wastewater capacity charge study for the City of Plantation's water and wastewater system and recommended the following:

- The water capacity charge per Equivalent Residential Connection ("ERC") to be increased to \$2,895 per ERC (up from \$2,349)
- The wastewater capacity charge to be increased to \$2,755 per ERC (up from \$1,942 per ERC).
- The combined water and sewer charges would be \$5,650 per ERC.

ERC is representative of the average capacity allocated to provide service to a typical individually metered single-family residential account. The payment of this charge assures the availability of water and sewer service in perpetuity for the approved project/site.

The goal for this study is to assure that the city collects the required fees for capital improvements necessary to service the site and to apply the principal of Growth Paying for Growth. Right sizing capacity fees helps ensure that new development or redevelopment

covers the cost for the construction and expansion of water and/or wastewater treatment and transmission facilities. This helps reduce the need for the rate payers to subsidize the infrastructure upgrades necessary to accommodate growth. It also helps reduce the city's need to borrow funds for capital improvements.

When reviewing and identifying the charges, our consultant considered the following: the cost or value of the utility assets installed by the City of Plantation, the expenditure requirements identified in the utility system's multi-year capital improvement program, Florida statutory and case law, accepted utility industry guidelines and practices regarding such fees and city management objectives.

The proposed capacity charge rates remain comparable to other municipality rates. Many municipalities across the state are conducting or planning their own rate and capacity charge structure analysis needed to offset the rising costs of providing water and sewer service.

The notice of the water/wastewater rate increase hearing was provided to each customer through the utility billing process as required by law. Additionally, the city posted a notice on <https://browardcountylegalnotices.com/165/Plantation>.

Funding:

Amount:

Finance Director/Budget Manager Recommendation:

There is no financial impact for this item at this time.

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ATTACHMENTS:

[RESO_Amending_Uilities_Capacity_Charge_Fee_Schedule_4930-1275-4246_4_.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 1 - Plantation Utility Rate Index - 10 2025.pdf](#)

[Exhibit A - Plantation Water and Wastewater Capacity Charge Report 2025.pdf](#)

[NOTICE WATERWASTEWATER RATE INCREASE HEARING \(1\).pdf](#)

[Plantation Water and Wastewater Capacity Charge Presentation 10_22_2025.pdf](#)