

Prepared by: Utilities and Finance Departments and  
City Clerk's Office

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-34**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 74, UTILITIES, ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, SECTION 74-11, WATER, SEWER AND RECLAIMED WATER RATES, BY MODIFYING UTILITY WHOLESALE SANITARY WASTEWATER MONTHLY CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, it is well known that the water and wastewater infrastructure of the United States requires major investment to sustain the economic vitality and lifestyles to which citizens have become accustomed; and

**WHEREAS**, analysis has determined the current schedule of rates, fees, and charges should be modified to more accurately recover the costs associated with the provision of wholesale sanitary wastewater services; and

**WHEREAS**, city council finds the proposed schedule of fees and charges is reasonable and fair to fund the utilities department's costs involved in the provision of wholesale sanitary wastewater services; and

**WHEREAS**, analysis has determined a more fair and equitable distribution of rates, fees, and charges amongst the wholesale sanitary customer category.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA,** as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The whereas clauses above are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 74, Utilities, Article I, In General, Section 74-11, Water, sewer and reclaimed water rates, is amended as follows:

**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

**Sec. 74-11. Water, sewer, and reclaimed water rates.**

(a) *Schedule of charges.* There is hereby established the following schedule of charges for the use, or reasonable availability for use, of the services of the city water and wastewater system. The monthly readiness for service charge is for the reasonable availability for the use of the system and shall be due regardless of whether the system is actually used and/or property is occupied.

(1) *Water Service.* **No change.**

The City of Venice Code of Ordinances is amended as follows with ~~strike through text~~ identifying deletions and underlined text indicating additional language.

(2) Sewer service.

- a. Monthly readiness for service charge. **No change.**
- b. Monthly consumption charge (dollar per 1,000 gallons), all users. **No change.**
- c. ~~Wholesale sanitary monthly fixed charge.~~

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| <b>Fixed Monthly Charge</b>                        | <b>10/01/2018</b> | <b>10/01/2019</b> | <b>10/01/2020</b> | <b>10/01/2021</b> | <b>10/01/2022</b> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| (Per million gallons per day of reserved capacity) | \$52,365.16       | \$53,936.11       | \$55,554.20       | \$57,220.82       | \$58,937.45       |

c. Wholesale sanitary monthly gallonage fixed charges.

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| <b>Fixed Monthly Operating Component</b>           | <b>10/01/2018</b> | <b>10/01/2019</b> | <b>10/01/2020</b> | <b>10/01/2021</b>   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| For 3 million gallons per day of reserved capacity | <u>N/A</u>        | <u>N/A</u>        | <u>N/A</u>        | <u>\$148,548.00</u> |

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| <b>Fixed Monthly Renewal, Replacement &amp; Improvement (RR&amp;I) Component</b> | <b>10/01/2018</b> | <b>10/01/2019</b> | <b>10/01/2020</b> | <b>10/01/2021</b>  |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| For 3 million gallons per day of reserved capacity                               | <u>N/A</u>        | <u>N/A</u>        | <u>N/A</u>        | <u>\$18,358.00</u> |

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| <u>Fixed Monthly Capital Component</u>                    | <u>10/01/2018</u> | <u>10/01/2019</u> | <u>10/01/2020</u> | <u>10/01/2021</u>  |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <u>For 3 million gallons per day of reserved capacity</u> | <u>N/A</u>        | <u>N/A</u>        | <u>N/A</u>        | <u>\$66,250.00</u> |

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| <u>Fixed Monthly Debt Service Charge</u>                  | <u>10/01/2018</u> | <u>10/01/2019</u> | <u>10/01/2020</u> | <u>10/01/2021</u>  |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <u>For 3 million gallons per day of reserved capacity</u> | <u>N/A</u>        | <u>N/A</u>        | <u>N/A</u>        | <u>\$15,776.00</u> |

d. *Wholesale sanitary sewer monthly consumption charge (dollars per 1,000 gallons).*

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| <u>Usage (gallons)</u> | <u>10/01/2018</u> | <u>10/01/2019</u> | <u>10/01/2020</u> | <u>10/01/2021</u>                | <u>10/01/2022</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| All                    | \$0.66            | \$0.68            | \$0.70            | <del>\$0.72</del> <u>\$0.519</u> | <del>\$0.74</del> |

e. *Monthly wastewater billing charge for wastewater customers.* **No change.**

(3) *Reclaimed water service.* **No change.**

(b) *Review and adjustment of wastewater rates.* **No change.**

**SECTION 3. Severability.** If for any reason a provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person, group of persons, or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity shall not effect other provisions or applications of the ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid provision, or application, and to this end the provisions of the ordinance are severable.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect October 1, 2021.

The City of Venice Code of Ordinances is amended as follows with ~~strike through text~~ identifying deletions and underlined text indicating additional language.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.**

First Reading: August 24, 2021

Final Reading: September 14, 2021

Adoption: September 14, 2021

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Ron Feinsod, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

I, Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Venice City Council, at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021, a quorum being present.

**WITNESS** my hand and the official seal of said City this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021

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Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney