

ORDINANCE 2015-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING LAKE WALES CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 21 UTILITIES, AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF SEWER CHARGES AND FEES; AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF WATER CHARGES AND FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida:

SECTION 1. Chapter 21, UTILITIES, Lake Wales Code of Ordinances is amended as shown in the highlighted areas below (~~strike-throughs~~ are deletions; underlines are additions):

Sec. 21-155. - Establishment and revision of rates and charges.

- (a) The city shall establish a schedule of rates and charges to produce revenues from the utility system sufficient to pay the cost of maintaining, repairing and operating the utility system and leave a balance of such revenues so as to pay, when due, the principal and interest on the utility system revenue bonds of the city and accumulate and maintain prescribed revenues therefor and for renewals, replacements and betterments.
- (b) The schedule of rates and charges, established by this article shall be automatically adjusted annually beginning on October 1, 2008 to reflect an increase based on June's annual CPI or two and one-half (2.5) percent, whichever is greater, without further need for commission action.
- (c) The schedule of rates and charges and the percent of automatic annual CPI increase shall be reviewed periodically and revised from time to time as may be necessary to produce revenues from the utility system sufficient to pay the cost of maintaining, repairing and operating the utility system and leave a balance of such revenues so as to pay, when due, the principal and interest on the utility system revenue bonds of the city and accumulate and maintain prescribed revenues therefor and for renewals, replacements and betterments.
- (d) No rates, fees, rentals or other charges shall be reduced so as to render them insufficient to provide revenues in each year sufficient to pay the requirements for maintenance, repair and operating expenses and principal, interest and all reserve account payments or to comply with the rate covenants of utility system revenue bonds.

Sec. 21-161. - Schedule of rates for sewer service.

The city shall implement the sewer rates established on Schedule "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference and which may be amended from time to time for the use of the facilities and services of the now existing sewer system and any other sewer system hereafter constructed or otherwise acquired by the city as provided for by this chapter:

**EXHIBIT "A"
SEWER RATES**

Sewer Rates		Inside City	Outside City
Services Availability Charges:			
ERU's	Residential (per Meter)		
	Service Availability Charge:		
ERU's	Residential (per Meter)		
1	3/4" Meter	17.59	21.99
1	1.0" Meter	17.59	21.99
5	1.5" Meter	87.95	109.95
8	2.0" Meter	140.72	175.92
1	Residential Vacation Rate	8.80	11.00
0.8	Multi-Family (per unit)	14.08	17.60
ERU's	Commercial (per Meter)		
1	3/4" Meter	17.59	21.99
2-5	1.0" Meter	43.98	54.98
5	1.5" Meter	87.95	109.95
8	2.0" Meter	140.72	175.92
16	3.0" Meter	281.44	351.84
25	4.0" Meter	439.75	549.75
50	6.0" Meter	879.50	1,099.50
Sewer Gallonage Charges:		Inside City	Outside City
Volume Charges (per 1,000 gallons)			
	Block 1	2.31	2.89
	Block 2	4.05	5.07
Sewer Usage Blocks		Per ERU	
	Block 1	Up to 5,000	
	Block 2	5,000	
Residential is capped at fifteen thousand (15,000) gallons per ERU. Multi-family is capped at twelve thousand (12,000) gallons per unit. Commercial is not capped.			
Fifty (50) percent of Base Charge for availability of service will be assessed on any meter without consumption during reading cycle when service has been temporarily disconnected at the request of the customer.			

Sewer Rates		Inside City	Outside City
Services Availability Charges:			
ERU's	Residential (per Meter)		
	Service Availability Charge:		
ERU's	Residential (per Meter)		
1	3/4" Meter	24.79	30.98
1	1.0" Meter	24.79	30.98
5	1.5" Meter	123.95	154.93
8	2.0" Meter	198.30	247.89
16	3.0" Meter	396.61	495.75
1	Residential/Vacation Rate	12.40	15.49
0.8	Multi-Family(per unit)	19.83	24.78
ERU's	Commercial (per Meter)		
1	3/4" Meter	24.79	30.98
2.5	1.0" Meter	61.97	74.04
5	1.5" Meter	123.95	154.93
8	2.0" Meter	198.30	247.89
16	3.0" Meter	396.61	495.75
25	4.0" Meter	619.69	774.60
50	6.0" Meter	1,239.41	1,549.25
Sewer Gallonage Charges:		Inside City	Outside City
Volume Charges (per 1,000 gallons)			
	Block 1	3.25	4.06
	Block 2	5.70	7.13
Sewer Usage Blocks		Per ERU	
	Block 1	Up to 5,000	
	Block 2	5,000	
Residential is capped at fifteen thousand (15,000) gallons per ERU. Multi-family is capped at twelve thousand (12,000) gallons per unit. Commercial is not capped.			
Fifty (50) percent of Base Charge for availability of service will be assessed on any meter without consumption during reading cycle when service has been temporarily disconnected at the request of the customer.			

Sec. 21-171. - Schedule of rates for water service.

The city shall implement the water rates established on Schedule "B" which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference and which may be amended from time to time for the use of the facilities and services of the now existing water system and any other water system hereafter constructed or otherwise acquired by the city as provided for by this chapter:

**EXHIBIT "B"
WATER RATES**

Water Rates		Inside City	Outside City
Services-Availability Charges:			
ERU's	Residential (per Meter)		
1	3/4" Meter	4.95	6.19
1	1.0" Meter	4.95	6.19
5	1.5" Meter	24.75	30.95
8	2.0" Meter	39.60	49.52
1	Residential Vacation Rate	2.48	3.10
0.8	Multi-Family(per unit)	3.96	4.95
ERU's	Commercial (per Meter)		
1	3/4" Meter	4.95	6.19
2.5	1.0" Meter	12.38	15.48
5	1.5" Meter	24.75	30.95
8	2.0" Meter	39.60	49.52
16	3.0" Meter	79.20	99.04
25	4.0" Meter	123.75	154.75
50	6.0" Meter	247.50	309.50
ERU's	Irrigation (per Meter)		
1	3/4" Meter	4.95	6.19
2.5	1.0" Meter	12.38	15.48
5	1.5" Meter	24.75	30.95
8	2.0" Meter	39.60	49.52
16	3.0" Meter	79.20	99.04
Water Gallonage Charges:			
		Inside City	Outside City
Volume Charges (per 1,000 gallons)			
	Block 1	1.96	2.45
	Block 2	2.65	3.32
	Block 3	4.11	5.14
	Block 4	6.77	8.47
Water Usage Blocks		Per ERU	
	Block 1	Up to 5,000	
	Block 2	5,001 – 10,000	
	Block 3	10,001 – 25,000	
	Block 4	25,001	
Fifty (50) percent of Base Charge for availability of service will be assessed on any meter without consumption during reading cycle when service has been temporarily disconnected at the request of the customer.			

Water Rates		Inside City	Outside City
<u>Services Availability Charges:</u>			
<u>ERU's</u>	<u>Residential (per Meter)</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>3/4" Meter</u>	6.98	8.73
<u>1</u>	<u>1.0" Meter</u>	6.98	8.73
<u>5</u>	<u>1.5" Meter</u>	34.90	43.63
<u>8</u>	<u>2.0" Meter</u>	55.84	69.80
<u>1</u>	<u>Residential Vacation Rate</u>	3.49	4.36
<u>0.8</u>	<u>Multi-Family (per unit)</u>	5.58	6.98
<u>ERU's</u>	<u>Commercial (per Meter)</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>3/4" Meter</u>	6.98	8.73
<u>2.5</u>	<u>1.0" Meter</u>	17.45	21.81
<u>5</u>	<u>1.5" Meter</u>	34.90	43.62
<u>8</u>	<u>2.0" Meter</u>	55.84	69.80
<u>16</u>	<u>3.0" Meter</u>	111.68	139.60
<u>25</u>	<u>4.0" Meter</u>	174.50	218.12
<u>50</u>	<u>6.0" Meter</u>	349.00	436.25
<u>ERU's</u>	<u>Irrigation (per Meter) (per Meter)</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>3/4" Meter</u>	6.98	8.73
<u>2.5</u>	<u>1.0" Meter</u>	6.98	8.73
<u>5</u>	<u>1.5" Meter</u>	34.90	43.63
<u>8</u>	<u>2.0" Meter</u>	55.84	69.80
<u>16</u>	<u>3.0" Meter</u>	111.68	139.60
<u>Water Gallonage Charges:</u>			
		<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
<u>Volume Charges (per 1,000 gallons)</u>			
	<u>Block 1</u>	2.76	3.45
	<u>Block 2</u>	3.73	4.67
	<u>Block 3</u>	5.79	7.24
	<u>Block 4</u>	9.54	11.93
<u>Water Usage Blocks</u>			
	<u>Block 1</u>	<u>Up to 5,000</u>	
	<u>Block 2</u>	<u>5,001 - 10,000</u>	
	<u>Block 3</u>	<u>10,001 - 25,000</u>	
	<u>Block 4</u>	<u>25,001</u>	
Fifty (50) percent of Base Charge for availability of service will be assessed on any meter without consumption during reading cycle when service has been temporarily disconnected at the request of the customer.			

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, section, or provision of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason or cause, the remaining portion of said ordinance shall be in full force and effect and be valid as if such invalid portion thereof had not been incorporated herein.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the City Commission.

CERTIFIED AS TO PASSAGE THIS 15th day of September 2015.



Mayor/Deputy Mayor, City of Lake Wales

Attest:



Clara VanBlargan, MMC, City Clerk