

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 2919**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING MULTI-YEAR WATER AND SEWER RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022 FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 TO 2026; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Surfside ("Town") last approved a multi-year water and sewer rate adjustment for Fiscal Years 2017 to 2021, with no rate adjustments or increases implemented for Fiscal Year 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, as utility rates and operational costs throughout the industry continue to rise, the Town is committed to managing those costs and remaining efficient while upholding the Town's commitment to supplying high-quality water and sewer services to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Town to periodically adjust and increase water and sewer rates to support the maintenance and replacement of aging infrastructure, which will mean fewer water main breaks and interruptions in service, and make the necessary revenue adjustments for the Town's utilities in order to continue funding annual operations and maintenance expenses, debt service on two outstanding loans, meet the debt service coverage ratio requirements of the loans, and maintain a fund balance for reserve requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, since Town property taxes do not fund water and sewer services, these costs must be recovered through bi-monthly rates and charges, with rate adjustments based on a detail cost of service analysis to ensure that each utility customer pays its proportionate share of the costs to provide services; and

**WHEREAS**, the water and sewer utility revenues from existing rates will not be sufficient to meet anticipated costs over the next four fiscal years, thereby necessitating revenue adjustments to meet projected costs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Town to adjust and increase multi-year water and sewer rates and service charges as set forth in Attachment “A” attached hereto in order to meet projected utility costs and expenses for the next four years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has provided notice of the proposed adjustments and increase of water and sewer rates to its customers through the Town’s Utility Department’s billing process in August 2022, pursuant to Section 180.136, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, such multi-year water and sewer rates and service charges, as increased, shall be effective October 1, 2022, for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2026, and shall be reflected on all customer bills beginning with the billing cycle in December 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission finds that the adjustment and increase in water and sewer rates and service charges is necessary and in the best interest and welfare of the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals Adopted.** That the above-stated recitals are hereby adopted and confirmed.

**Section 2. Water and Sewer Multi-Year Rates and Service Charges Approved and Adopted.** Effective October 1, 2022, for fiscal years 2023 through 2026, the rates and service charges for water and sewer service shall be as set forth in Attachment “A” attached hereto and are hereby approved and adopted.

**Section 3. Authorization; Implementation.** The Town Manager and Town Officials are authorized to take any and all action necessary to implement the water and sewer rate and service charge adjustments and the purposes of this Resolution.

**Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions.** All resolutions or previous rates or service charges for water and sewer service, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Resolution and the revised rates and service charges approved and adopted herein, are hereby repealed to the extent of any conflict.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Rose

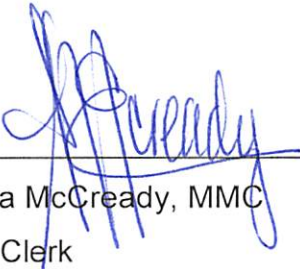
Second By: Commissioner Meischeid

**FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION**

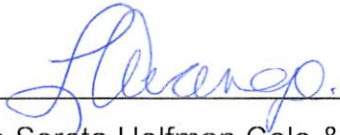
Commissioner Fred Landsman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Marianne Meischeid	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rose	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Shlomo Danzinger	<u>Yes</u>

  
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Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sandra McCready, MMC  
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE  
AND BENEFIT OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:



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Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.

Town Attorney

**WATER RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES****Bi-Monthly Water Base Charge {Service Charge}:**[Per Section 78-27 (110-166{a}) of the Town Code]

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>
5/8"	\$ 37.89	+2%	+2%	+2%	+2%
1"	\$ 55.13	+2%	+2%	+2%	+2%
1 1/2"	\$ 83.83	+2%	+2%	+2%	+2%
2"	\$ 118.28	+2%	+2%	+2%	+2%
3"	\$ 198.68	+2%	+2%	+2%	+2%
4"	\$ 313.50	+2%	+2%	+2%	+2%
6"	\$ 600.61	+2%	+2%	+2%	+2%
8"	\$ 945.03	+2%	+2%	+2%	+2%

**Residential Customers - Water Consumption Charges:**{Per Section 78-27 of the Town Code}

<b>Rate per 1,000 gallons</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>
Block 1 (0-12,000 gallons)	\$ 4.05	+3%	+3%	+3%	+3%
Block 2 (12,001-24,000 gallons)	\$ 4.85	+3%	+3%	+3%	+3%
Block 1 (Above 24,000 gallons)	\$ 8.10	+3%	+3%	+3%	+3%

**All Other Non-Residential Customers-Water Consumption Charges:**{Per Section 78-27 of the Town Code}

<b>Rate per 1,000 gallons</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>
Uniform Rate	\$ 4.82	+3%	+3%	+3%	+3%

**Tapping Charges (New Water Service):**

[Per Section 78-27 (110-166(d)) of the Town Code].

Up to 1" tap and service	\$ 350.00 *
1 1/2" tap and service	\$ 500.00 *
2" tap and service	\$ 650.00 *
Over 2" tap and service	Actual Cost, plus 15%

\*Additional Charge where a street, sidewalk, curb  
of gutter is cut

Actual Cost of replacement, plus 15%

**Deposit/Application for Water Service:**

[Per Section 78-27 (110-166(e)) of Town Code]

Minimum Guarantee Deposit:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Deposit per Meter</u>
5/8"	\$ 160.00
1"	\$ 200.00
1 1/2"	\$ 300.00
2"	\$ 400.00
3"	\$ 600.00
4"	\$ 800.00
6"	\$ 1,200.00
8"	\$ 1,600.00

**Delinquent Accounts:**

[Per Section 78-27 010-192(a)} of Town Code]

\$25.00 for the first occurrence and then \$50.00 for the second and subsequent occurrence(s)  
within a rolling 12-month calendar period.

**SEWER RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES**

**Sewer Uniform Flow Rate (Service Charge) and Bi-Monthly Base (Fixed) Charge:**

(Per Section 78-56 of the Town Code)

<b>Rate per 1,000 gallons</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>
Uniform Flow Rate	\$ 8.64	+3%	+3%	+3%	+3%
Bi-Monthly Base (Fixed) Charge	\$ 11.00	+2%	+2%	+2%	+2%