

ORDINANCE NO. 2007- 22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2003-45, AS AMENDED; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 6. RATES FOR WATER SERVICES; SECTION 7. RATES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICES; EXHIBIT A. RATE SCHEDULE: AMELIA ISLAND - RG AND MF - RESIDENTIAL, GENERAL AND MULTI-FAMILY MASTER METER SERVICES, EXHIBIT B. RATE SCHEDULE: AMELIA ISLAND - PF - PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE; EXHIBIT C. WATER SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES; EXHIBIT D. WATER MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES; EXHIBIT E. RATE SCHEDULE: AMELIA ISLAND - GS AND MF - GENERAL AND MULTI-FAMILY MASTER METER SERVICES; EXHIBIT F. RATE SCHEDULE: AMELIA ISLAND-RS-RESIDENTIAL SERVICE; EXHIBIT G. RATE SCHEDULE: AMELIA ISLAND-RWO; RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER ONLY SERVICE; EXHIBIT H. RATE SCHEDULE: AMELIA ISLAND - EF, EFFLUENT SERVICE; EXHIBIT I. WASTEWATER SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES; AND EXHIBIT J. WASTEWATER MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

WHEREAS, Nassau County Ordinance No. 2003-45, as amended, which established rules, regulations and rates to be imposed by Nassau-Amelia Utilities for use of water and sewer services, was amended by Ordinance No. 2006-45 on April 10, 2006, to implement a fourteen percent (14%) increase in water and wastewater rates to offset substantial increases in operating and maintenance costs and capital improvements projects for Nassau-Amelia Utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, has contracted with the firm of Post Buckley, Schuh, and Jernigan, Inc., (hereinafter "the engineering firm") to perform a ten year Master Plan and Utilities Rate Study for the Nassau-Amelia Utilities; and

WHEREAS, the engineering firm has presented to the county a Fiscal Year 2007 Utility Rate Study and its projection for a ten-year plan, Water and Wastewater System Financial

Management Program Summary, and Updated Service Availability and Miscellaneous Service Charges including replacement rates and charges Exhibits, as prepared in consultation with the engineering firm and its sub-consultant, Burton and Associates; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation has been made for a two and one-half percent (2.5%) increase in water and wastewater rates to help offset inflationary increases in operating costs, maintenance, and capital improvements projects for Nassau Amelia Utilities; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation has been made to update plant capacity and main extension charges for water and wastewater service resulting in a combined increase in water fees of 14.3% and a combined increase in wastewater fees of 13.1% to help offset increases in capital improvement costs; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation has been made to combine plant capacity and main extension charges for water and wastewater into a water impact fee and wastewater impact fee respectively, consistent with other public utilities; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation has been made to update all Service Availability and Miscellaneous Service Charges to reflect Nassau-Amelia Utilities costs (excluding AFPI charges); and

WHEREAS, customers of Nassau-Amelia Utilities were notified of the proposed rate increase and the reasons for said increase. The notice of proposed rate increase also indicated the date, time and location of the Board's public hearing for the proposed rate increase; and

WHEREAS, the Board has found it necessary to further amend Ordinance No. 2003-45.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED this 13th day of August, 2007, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that Ordinance No. 2003-45, as amended, shall be further amended as follows:

SECTION 6. Rates for Water Services.

The rates for the System for water services (“Water Services”) relating to residential, general and multi-family master meter services, as set forth on Exhibit “A” attached hereto, are hereby established.

The rates for the System for Water Services relating to private fire protection services, as set forth on Exhibit “B” attached hereto, are hereby established.

The service availability charges for Water Services, as set forth on Exhibit “C” attached hereto, are hereby established.

The miscellaneous service charges for Water Services, as set forth on Exhibit “D” attached hereto, are hereby established.

Any base rate charges on an account terminated during the first ten (10) days of any given month, shall be prorated to the date the service is terminated. All accounts continuing beyond the tenth (10th) day shall pay the full monthly base charge.

The rates for the System for Water Services shall be increased by two and one-half (2 ½) percent over the rates in effect on October 1 of each year, unless contrary action is taken by the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners. The rates increased shall be those shown on Exhibits “A” and “B”. The revised schedule of rates shall be filed with the County Coordinator.

SECTION 7. Rates for Wastewater Services.

The rates for the System for wastewater services (“Wastewater Services”) relating to residential, general and multi-family master meter services, as set forth on Exhibit “E” attached hereto, are hereby established.

The rates for the System for Wastewater Services relating to residential service, as set forth on Exhibit “F” attached hereto, are hereby established.

The rates for the System for Wastewater Services relating to residential wastewater only services, as set forth on Exhibit "G" attached hereto, are hereby established.

The rates for the System for Wastewater Services relating to effluent services, as set forth on Exhibit "H" attached hereto, are hereby established.

The service availability charges for the System for Wastewater Services, as set forth on Exhibit "I" attached hereto, are hereby established.

The miscellaneous services charges for the System for Wastewater Services, as set forth on Exhibit "J" attached hereto, are hereby established.

Any base rate charges on an account terminated during the first ten (10) days of any given month, shall be pro-rated to the date the service is terminated. All accounts continuing beyond the tenth (10th) day shall pay the full monthly base charge.

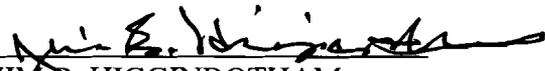
The rates for the System for Wastewater Services shall be increased by two and one-half (2 ½) percent over the rates in effect on October 1 of each year, unless contrary action is taken by the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners. The rates increased shall be those shown on Exhibits "E", "F", "G" and "H". The revised schedule of rates shall be filed with the County Coordinator.

All other fees and rates not set forth in the attached exhibits shall remain the same.

13. Effective Date.

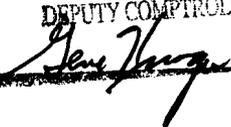
This Ordinance is enacted on the 13th day of August, 2007, upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of County Commissioners and shall become effective pursuant to the effective dates set forth in the attached Exhibits.

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
JIM B. HIGGINBOTHAM
Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's Signature:

By: 
JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Ex-Officio Clerk

REVIEWED BY GENE KNAGA
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER
 DATE 8/13/07

Approved as to Form by the
Nassau County Attorney:


DAVID A. HALLMAN
County Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"

**WATER SERVICE - RATE SCHEDULE: AMELIA ISLAND - RG & MF
RESIDENTIAL, GENERAL & MULTI-FAMILY MASTER METER SERVICES**

RATE:

Base Facility Charge:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Charge Per Billing Period</u>	
	<u>Current Charge</u>	<u>Proposed Charge Effective Oct. 1, 2007</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 6.13	\$ 6.28
3/4"	\$ 9.22	\$ 9.45
1"	\$ 15.34	\$ 15.72
1 1/2"	\$ 30.68	\$ 31.45
2"	\$ 49.08	\$ 50.31
3"	\$ 98.14	\$ 100.59
4"	\$ 153.36	\$ 157.19
6"	\$ 306.69	\$ 314.36
8"	\$ 490.74	\$ 503.01
10"	\$ 705.43	\$ 723.07

Gallonge Charge:

All Gallonge	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.32 Per Thousand Gallons
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Minimum Charge:

Base Facility Charge

Prorated Charge:

Any base rate charges on an account terminated during the first ten (10) days of any given month, shall be prorated to the date the service is terminated. All accounts continuing beyond the tenth (10th) day shall pay the full monthly base charge.

EXHIBIT "B"

FIRE SERVICE - RATE SCHEDULE: AMELIA ISLAND - PF
PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

RATE:

Base Facility Charge:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Charge Per Billing Period</u>	
	<u>Current Charge</u>	<u>Proposed Charge Effective Oct. 1, 2007</u>
2"	\$ 4.08	<u>\$ 4.18</u>
3"	\$ 8.19	<u>\$ 8.39</u>
4"	\$ 12.79	<u>\$ 13.11</u>
6"	\$ 25.56	<u>\$ 26.20</u>
8"	\$ 40.89	<u>\$ 41.91</u>
10"	\$ 58.79	<u>\$ 60.26</u>

Gallonage Charge:

Not Applicable

Minimum Charge:

Base Facility Charge

Prorated Charge:

Any base rate charges on an account terminated during the first ten (10) days of any given month, shall be prorated to the date the service is terminated. All accounts continuing beyond the tenth (10th) day shall pay the full monthly base charge.

EXHIBIT "C"

Water Service Availability Charges

	<u>Current Charge</u>	<u>Proposed Charge Effective Dec. 1, 2007</u>
<u>Impact Fees:</u>		
<u>Per ERC (ERC = 350 gpd)</u>		
Main Extension Charge Per ERC	\$ 168.30	
Per Foot Equivalent (1)	\$ 7.15	
Plant Capacity Charge PER ERC	\$ 933.33	
Per Gallon Equivalent (2)	\$ 3.65	
<u>Water Impact Fee</u>		<u>\$1,602.00</u>

Allowance for Funds Prudently Invested (AFPI):

Transmission / Distribution

The charge per ERC for all ERC's connecting is \$660 (ERC=217 gpd).

		<u>Current Charge</u>	<u>Proposed Charge Effective Oct. 1, 2007</u>
<u>Meter Installation Charges:</u>			
Standard Meter:	<u>Meter Size</u>		
Per Connection -	5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 94.50	<u>\$ 122.41</u>
Per Connection -	3/4"	\$ 115.50	<u>\$ 143.01</u>
Per Connection -	1"	\$ 147.00	<u>\$ 167.59</u>
Per Connection -	1 1/2"	\$ 315.00	<u>\$ 306.72</u>
Per Connection -	2"	\$ 404.25	<u>\$ 387.39</u>
Per Connection -	Over 2"	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Meter with Built-In Backflow Preventor:			
All Meter sizes		Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Stand Alone Backflow Prevention Device:			
All Meter sizes		Actual Cost	Actual Cost

Service Installation Charges:

Per Connection -	5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 150.15	<u>\$ 389.94</u>
Per Connection -	3/4"	\$ 150.15	<u>\$ 389.94</u>
Per Connection -	1"	\$ 161.70	<u>\$ 389.94</u>
Per Connection -	1 1/2"	\$ 212.63	<u>\$ 452.44</u>
Per Connection -	2"	\$ 257.25	<u>\$ 452.44</u>
Per Connection -	Over 2"	Actual Cost	Actual Cost

(1) Per foot equivalent based upon 83 feet per lot.

(2) Per gallon equivalent based upon average usage of 255 gallons per day per ERC.

EXHIBIT "D"

Water Miscellaneous Service Charges

- 1. **Initial Connection** - This charge would be levied for service initiation at a location where service did not exist previously.
- 2. **Normal Reconnection** - This charge would be levied for transfer of service to a new customer account at a previously served location or reconnection of service subsequent to a customer requested disconnection.
- 3. **Violation Reconnection** - This charge would be levied each time service has to be disconnected or reconnected for existing customers who have been disconnected for non-payment or delinquency.
- 4. **Premise Visit Charge (In Lieu of Disconnection)** - This charge would be levied when a service representative visits a premises for the purpose of discontinuing service for non-payment of a due and collectible bill and does not discontinue service because the customer ~~pays the service representatives~~ has paid their bill in the interim or otherwise makes satisfactory arrangements with the billing office to pay the bill.

If both water and wastewater services are provided, only a single charge is appropriate unless circumstances beyond the control of the County require multiple actions.

Charges:

Type of Service:

	Current Charge	Proposed Charge Effective Oct. 1, 2007
Initial Connection	\$ 15.75	\$ 21.78
Normal Connection	\$ 15.75	\$ 21.78
Violation Reconnection	\$ 15.75	\$ 21.78
Premises Visit	\$ 10.50	\$ 21.78
Temporary Disconnect Turn-Offs	\$ 30.00	\$ 21.78
Temporary Disconnect Turn-Ons	\$ 30.00	\$ 21.78
Covered, Obscured or Inaccessible Meters	\$ 39.44	\$ 53.10
Construction Fee (Temporary Connection)	\$ 90.04	\$ 60.44
Meter Removal / Service Tampering	\$ 106.09	\$ 103.32
Reading or Picking up a Hydrant Meter for Non-payment	\$ 32.52	\$ 35.12
Re-read for Customer Convenience	\$ 15.32	\$ 21.78
Meter Bench Test Fee:		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 53.05	Actual Cost
1"	\$ 63.65	Actual Cost
1 1/2"	\$ 74.26	Actual Cost
2"	\$ 84.87	Actual Cost
Over 3" Actual time and materials.	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Fire Line Connections - Tap Fees:		
4"	\$ 900.44	\$ 806.18
6"	\$ 1,125.54	\$ 981.18
Over 6" Actual time and materials.	Actual Cost	Actual Cost

Returned Check Charge

Applicability:

For service to all customers within the certificated service areas of the County.

Charges:

The County will charge the maximum amount allowed in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 68.065 and Section 832.08(5). Any bank fees incurred by the County may also be charged to the maker or drawer of the instrument. The service charge and bank fees shall be added to the customer's bill.

EXHIBIT "E"

**WASTEWATER SERVICE - RATE SCHEDULE: AMELIA ISLAND - GS & MF
GENERAL AND MULTI-FAMILY MASTER METER SERVICES**

RATE:

Base Facility Charge:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Charge Per Billing Period</u>	
	<u>Current Charge</u>	<u>Proposed Charge Effective Oct. 1, 2007</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 18.97	<u>\$ 19.44</u>
3/4"	\$ 28.43	<u>\$ 29.14</u>
1"	\$ 47.40	<u>\$ 48.59</u>
1 1/2"	\$ 94.79	<u>\$ 97.16</u>
2"	\$ 151.67	<u>\$ 155.46</u>
3"	\$ 303.30	<u>\$ 310.88</u>
4"	\$ 473.90	<u>\$ 485.75</u>
6"	\$ 947.78	<u>\$ 971.47</u>
8"	\$1,516.45	<u>\$1,554.36</u>
10"	\$2,179.94	<u>\$2,234.41</u>

Gallage Charge:

All Gallage ~~\$ 4.64~~ \$ 4.73 Per Thousand Gallons

Minimum Charge:

Base Facility Charge

Prorated Charge:

Any base rate charges on an account terminated during the first ten (10) days of any given month, shall be prorated to the date the service is terminated. All accounts continuing beyond the tenth (10th) day shall pay the full monthly base charge.

EXHIBIT "G"

WASTEWATER SERVICE - RATE SHEDULE: AMELIA ISLAND - RWO
RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER ONLY SERVICE

RATE:

Base Facility Charge:

	<u>Charge Per Billing Period</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Charge</u>
All	\$ 34.90	<u>\$ 35.77</u>
		<u>Effective</u>
		<u>Oct. 1,</u>
		<u>2007</u>

Gallonage Charge:

Not Applicable

Minimum Charge:

Flat Rate

Prorated Charge:

Any base rate charges on an account terminated during the first ten (10) days of any given month, shall be prorated to the date the service is terminated. All accounts continuing beyond the tenth (10th) day shall pay the full monthly base charge.

EXHIBIT "H"

WASTEWATER SERVICE - RATE SCHEDULE: AMELIA ISLAND - EF
EFFLUENT SERVICE

RATE:

No Charge at this time.

EXHIBIT "I"

Wastewater Service Availability Charges

	<u>Current Charge</u>	<u>Proposed Charge Effective Dec. 1, 2007</u>
<u>Impact Fees:</u>		
<u>Per ERC (ERC = 189 gpd)</u>		
Main Extension Charge Per ERC	\$ 504.00	
Per Foot Equivalent (1)	\$ 7.75	
Plant Capacity Charge PER ERC	\$1,733.33	
Per Gallon Equivalent (2)	\$ 10.12	
<u>Wastewater Impact Fee</u>		<u>\$2,531.00</u>

Allowance for Funds Prudently Invested (AFPI):

Collection System

The charge per ERC for all ERC's connecting is \$1102.00 (ERC=155 gpd).

	<u>Current Charge</u>	<u>Proposed Charge Effective Oct. 1, 2007</u>
<u>Service Installation Charges:</u>		
Standard Meter:		
Per Connection (Unpaved) 4"	\$ 178.50	<u>\$ 264.94</u>
Per Connection (Unpaved) 6"	\$ 238.35	<u>\$ 264.94</u>
Per Connection (Paved) 4"	\$ 575.40	<u>\$ 332.46</u>
Per Connection (Paved) 6"	\$ 635.25	<u>\$ 332.46</u>

(1) Per foot equivalent based upon 65 feet per lot.

(2) Per gallon equivalent based upon average usage of 171 gallons per day per ERC.

EXHIBIT "J"

Wastewater Miscellaneous Service Charges

- 1. **Initial Connection** - This charge would be levied for service initiation at a location where service did not exist previously.
- 2. **Normal Reconnection** - This charge would be levied for transfer of service to a new customer account at a previously served location or reconnection of service subsequent to a customer requested disconnection.
- 3. **Violation Reconnection** - This charge would be levied each time service has to be disconnected or reconnected for existing customers who have been disconnected for non-payment or delinquency.
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Charges:

Type of Service:

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For service to all customers within the certificated service areas of the County.

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