

RESOLUTION NO. 23-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON AMENDING THE CITY'S RATE AND FEE STRUCTURE FOR CITY WATER, SEWER AND RECLAIMED WATER CHARGES, AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 70, SECTIONS 70-154 AND 70-155, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY INCREASING SUCH FEES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, there currently exists on file at the City Clerk's office a rate structure for utilities set by the City of Bradenton including fees for water, sewer and reclaimed water; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bradenton desires to enact a new rate fee structure so as to more accurately reflect the costs of operation of such utility system, to decrease its dependence upon any general fund revenues and to remain in compliance with its bond issues and covenants; and

WHEREAS, the current rate structure is to be increased by six (6.00) percent, as described herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, THAT:

1. The City's rates for water, sewer and reclaimed water services shall be as set forth on that list of water, sewer and reclaimed water rates attached hereto, and shall be maintained in the office of the City Clerk.
2. Any charges not modified by this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.
3. This Resolution, and the rates adopted herein, shall take effect on October 1, 2023.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING ON THIS 13th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

ATTEST:

Tamara Melton
City Clerk

Gene Brown
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Scott Rudacille
City Attorney

WATER, SEWER AND RECLAIMED RATES
City of Bradenton
Effective 10/1/2023
(In accordance with recently approved Resolution 23-68)

I. Water Rates

A. Connection Charges

Meter Size (inches)	Connection Charge (with Meter)	Connection Charge (Tap Only)	Commercial Deposit	Residential Deposit
3/4	\$ 1,751	\$ 450	\$ 135	\$ 135
1	\$ 1,866	\$ 475	\$ 135	\$ 135
1 1/2	\$ 1,725	\$ 575	\$ 200	n/a
2	\$ 1,800	\$ 700	\$ 200	n/a
3	\$ 1,900	\$ 800	\$ 500	n/a
4	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 600	n/a
6	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,550	\$ 700	n/a
8	\$ 4,800	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,000	n/a
10	\$ 5,950	\$ 3,250	\$ 1,000	n/a
Over 10	Cost plus 25%			

B. Monthly Charge

1. Base Charge

WATER
METER

CUSTOMER CHARGE

SIZE (IN.)	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits	
3/4	\$ 16.93	\$ 21.16	or number of living units served times \$7.45 (\$9.31) whichever is greater.
1	\$ 31.66	\$ 39.58	or number of living units served times \$7.45 (\$9.31) whichever is greater.
1 1/2	\$ 59.70	\$ 74.62	or number of living units served times \$7.45 (\$9.31) whichever is greater.
2	\$ 80.33	\$ 100.41	or number of living units served times \$7.45 (\$9.31) whichever is greater.
3	\$ 156.57	\$ 195.72	or number of living units served times \$7.45 (\$9.31) whichever is greater.
4	\$ 266.45	\$ 333.07	or number of living units served times \$7.45 (\$9.31) whichever is greater.
6	\$ 599.32	\$ 749.16	or number of living units served times \$7.45 (\$9.31) whichever is greater.
8	\$ 1,082.54	\$ 1,353.17	or number of living units served times \$7.45 (\$9.31) whichever is greater.
10	\$ 1,686.61	\$ 2,108.26	or number of living units served times \$7.45 (\$9.31) whichever is greater.
12	\$ 1,975.17	\$ 2,468.97	or number of living units served times \$7.45 (\$9.31) whichever is greater.
Over 12	To be determined by the Public Works & Utilities Director.		

2. Volume (usage) Charge - Inside City Limits

- First 3,000 gallons \$ 2.66 per 1,000 gallons
- Over 3,000 gallons \$ 4.27 per 1,000 gallons

3. Volume (usage) Charge - Outside City Limits

- First 3,000 gallons \$ 3.33 per 1,000 gallons
- Over 3,000 gallons \$ 5.34 per 1,000 gallons

II. Sewer Rates

A. Connection Charges

Single Family Dwelling:	
- Single family dwelling unit containing not more than four (4) bedrooms.	\$ 1,550.00
- Each additional bedroom	\$ 672.00
Multi-Family Dwelling (i.e. Duplexes, Apartments, Condominiums, Motels, etc.):	
- The first units within each building or structure.	\$ 1,550.00
- The second unit within each structure.	\$ 672.00
- Each additional unit within the structure.	\$ 623.00
Commercial, Non-Housing Structure:	
- Commercial restaurants: for each 25 seats.	\$ 1,550.00
- Hospitals, nursing and convalescent homes including all related facilities (each bed).	\$ 1,550.00
- Offices and other commercial or industrial buildings or structures, each 3,000 square feet.	\$ 1,550.00
- For businesses, commercial or any type of industrial operations not specifically enumerated above and which have excessive wastewater flows and strengths as set forth in Ordinance no. 1142 and not clearly defined, the Director of Public Works or his designated representative will set the connection charge as a result of his findings.	To be calculated by Public Works and Utilities
All Other Structures (not mentioned above)	
- For any tap or connection for which no specific provision is made herein, each 3,000 square feet.	\$ 1,550.00

B. Monthly Charge

1. Base Charge

WATER

METER

CUSTOMER CHARGE

SIZE (IN.)	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits	
3/4	\$ 25.01	\$ 31.26	or number of living units served times \$11.87 (\$14.84) whichever is greater.
1	\$ 46.78	\$ 58.47	or number of living units served times \$11.87 (\$14.84) whichever is greater.
1 1/2	\$ 76.30	\$ 95.37	or number of living units served times \$11.87 (\$14.84) whichever is greater.
2	\$ 118.84	\$ 148.55	or number of living units served times \$11.87 (\$14.84) whichever is greater.
3	\$ 231.65	\$ 289.57	or number of living units served times \$11.87 (\$14.84) whichever is greater.
4	\$ 394.26	\$ 492.82	or number of living units served times \$11.87 (\$14.84) whichever is greater.
6	\$ 886.21	\$ 1,107.77	or number of living units served times \$11.87 (\$14.84) whichever is greater.
8	\$ 1,600.55	\$ 2,000.68	or number of living units served times \$11.87 (\$14.84) whichever is greater.
10	\$ 2,358.20	\$ 2,947.75	or number of living units served times \$11.87 (\$14.84) whichever is greater.
12	\$ 3,010.07	\$ 3,762.59	or number of living units served times \$11.87 (\$14.84) whichever is greater.
Over 12	To be determined by the Public Works & Utilities Director.		

2. Volume (usage) Charge - Inside City Limits

- First 3,000 gallons \$ 2.27 per 1,000 gallons
- Over 3,000 gallons \$ 5.04 per 1,000 gallons

3. Volume (usage) Charge - Outside City Limits

- First 3,000 gallons \$ 2.84 per 1,000 gallons
- Over 3,000 gallons \$ 6.30 per 1,000 gallons

4. Sewage Strength Surcharge

- If the BOD and suspended solids are above the limits for domestic sewage, add the following to the monthly sewage volume charge:

(BOD measured or)		
(Estimated Mg/l -1 or	(0.7)	(3.29)
(250)		
(Suspended solids measured or)		
(Estimated Mg/l -1 or	(0.7)	(3.32)
(250)		

III. Impact Fees

A. Water - \$62.24 per fixture unit valve. (change effective 8/1/06 per Resolution No. 06-45)

B. Sewer - \$81.34 per fixture unit valve. (change effective 8/1/06 per Resolution No. 06-45)

IV. Reclaimed Water Tapping Charge.

At the time of making application for tapping into City of Bradenton reclaimed water system, the applicant shall pay to the Department of Public Works, taking their receipt herefor, the sum to cover the cost of making the taps upon the reclaimed water mains as follows:

<u>Reclaimed Water Meter Size (Inches)</u>	<u>Connection Charge</u>
3/4	\$ 381.00
1	\$ 569.00
1 1/2	\$ 799.00
2	\$ 1,245.00
3	\$ 1,519.00
4	\$ 2,282.00
6	\$ 3,808.00
8	\$ 4,407.00
10	\$ 5,007.00

All meters 12-inches or larger shall be charged for at the cost of labor and material, including cost of meter plus twenty-five percent (25%) thereof.

V. Reclaimed Water Service Rates and Charges.

The monthly rates and charges to those served by the facilities and services afforded by the reclaimed water system of the City shall consist of a customer charge and volume charge as follows:

1 Base Charge

<u>Reclaimed Water Meter Size (Inches)</u>	<u>Base Charge</u>
3/4	\$ 6.08
1	\$ 9.74
1 1/2	\$ 18.26
2	\$ 24.35
3	\$ 48.70
4	\$ 79.15
6	\$ 182.66

Customers with reclaimed water meter size 8-inches and larger shall be required to enter into a service contract with the City which shall include customer charges.

2 Volume (usage) Charge

<u>Reclaimed Water Used per Month (Gallons)</u>	<u>Volume Charge (per 1000 Gallons)</u>
0 to 20,000	\$ 0.70
20,001 to 100,000	\$ 0.63
100,001 to 250,000	\$ 0.57
250,001 to 500,000	\$ 0.52
Over 500,000	\$ 0.42

Customer who average in excess of 500,000 gallons per month will be required to enter into a service contract with the City which shall include volume charges.

VI. Deposit Fees.

Deposit fees shall be required from all reclaimed water customers to ensure the payment of reclaimed water charges. Such deposit shall be held by the City without payment of interest. Customers who have an amount on deposit which is less than required shall not be required to make the increased deposit until there has been an interruption in reclaimed water service for nonpayment of charges.

<u>Reclaimed Water Meter Size (Inches)</u>	<u>Deposit Fee</u>
3/4	\$ 135.00
1	\$ 135.00
1 1/2	\$ 200.00
2	\$ 500.00
3	\$ 1,000.00
4	\$ 1,400.00
6	\$ 2,400.00
8	\$ 4,000.00
10 and above	\$ 5,000.00

VII. Billing and Collection of Reclaimed Water Charges.

- A. Reclaimed water charges as established herein may include placement of the fee as a line item on the existing Bradenton utility bill pursuant to Section 166.201, Florida Statutes, and Article VIII, Section 2 (b), Florida Constitution.
- B. The City shall include the monthly reclaimed water charges on its monthly utility bill for all reclaimed water customers served by the City's water and wastewater utility system. Reclaimed water customers who are not served by the City's water and wastewater utility system shall be billed monthly on a separate billing by the City.
- C. If any bill for reclaimed water service charges shall not be paid before the 20th day following the original date of billing, an additional charge equal to ten percent of the amount of such bill shall be added thereto. If the amount of such reclaimed water service charges shall not be paid within 30 days from the rendition of such bill, the Director of Public Works shall discontinue furnishing reclaimed water to such premises and shall disconnect the premises from the reclaimed water system of the City and shall proceed forthwith to recover the amount of such reclaimed water services in such lawful manner as he may deem advisable. The City shall be entitled to recover attorney's fees incurred in collecting delinquent fees.

VIII. Annual Adjustments

Each year beginning October 1st, water, sewer and reclaimed base and volume (usage) charges shall be subject to a potential increase by a percentage amount equal to the percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index for all Urban consumers (CPI-U) as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the last twelve (12) month period that will allow adequate time for public notice. Such increased rates shall become effective on October 1st unless otherwise revised by resolution of the City Council.

CITY CLERK FEE SCHEDULE
City of Bradenton
(fee policies on file in the City Clerk's office)

FEE	FEE DESCRIPTION	FEE AMOUNT	FEE AUTHORITY
Administrative	Fee charged to turn on or off a water meter or to obtain the final and/or start meter reading when utility accounts change account holders.	\$15.00	Sec. 70-153. - Charge for turning on or turning off water; service calls.
Tampering or Illegal Use	Fee charged when evidence of tampering with a city owned water meter as determined by the Utility Billing Department. Fee is charged on a per occurrence basis.	First Offense = \$250 Second Offense = \$500 Each occurring offense after = \$500	Sec. 70-40. - Unauthorized use or taking of water.
Water Meter Testing (customer requested)	Fee charged and paid by customer prior to requested meter being tested (a.k.a. bench tested). Test result in either a pass or fail. If test results are a pass, customer forfeits fee. If test results are a fail, customer will be refunded fee.	3/4" or 5/8" Meter = \$140.00. 1" or 1 1/2" Meter = \$225.00.	Sec. 70-64. - Schedule of fees
Additional Deposit	Additional deposit is applied to accounts that have been shut-off for non-payment. Additional Deposits are applied to the customer's account at the time the disconnection order is generated and must be paid prior to services being restored.	Additional Deposit amount is calculated based on a six (6) month average bill amount times two (2) months, plus \$15.00.	Sec. 70-151 (3). - Utility deposits prerequisite to service.
Credit or Debit Card Charge Back	A fee of no less than \$20 will be charged to the customer if their utility bill payment is returned through a bank chargeback. Fee may increase depending on the return charge received by The City of Bradenton.	Minimum \$20	Sec. 70-64. - Schedule of fees.
NSF-Returned Item	A fee of no less than \$25 will be charged to the customer if their utility bill payment is returned through a bank NSF. Fee may increase depending on the return charge received by The City of Bradenton.	Minimum \$25	Sec. 70-64. - Schedule of fees.
Hydrant Meter Deposit	Upon request of a Hydrant Meter, customer will pay a refundable deposit. Deposit is applied to the utility account upon closing. Should a credit balance exist after final billing, customer will receive a refund check within 30 days.	\$500	Sec. 70-38. - Application for water service & Sec. 70-151 (3). - Utility deposits prerequisite to service.
After-Hours Service	Fee charged to customers who request service to be turned on or off outside of regular business ours (see Hours of Operation at www.cityofbradenton.com for details).	\$75	Sec. 70-64. - Schedule of fees
Irrigation Meter and Installation	Fee charged for a new water meter to record irrigation usage. Prior to installation, a backflow prevention device must be installed. Fee is paid by customer at the time of request and prior to installation.	\$250	Sec. 70-38. - Application for water service & Sec. 70-64. - Schedule of fees