

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23

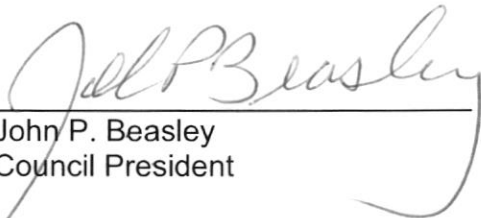
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILLIARD, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08, AMENDING WATER AND SEWER USAGE RATES; FOR THE TOWN OF HILLIARD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Hilliard has found it necessary to amend Resolution No. 2020-08 to ensure adequate funds to pay for the annual debt service and annual operating and maintenance costs for the water and wastewater treatment plants and in an effort to meet the goals of USDA Rural Development with respect to sufficient revenue to fund the municipal bond payments and the goals of the St. John's River Water Management District with respect to encouraging conservation; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 58 of the Hilliard Utilities Code, Section 58-81 states that the Town Council shall conduct, annually during the budget process, a review of charges and fees for water and sewer services, and it shall set such fees and charges as are necessary to adequately maintain, repair and replace the system by resolution. Water and sewer usage rates shall increase annually using the Municipal Cost Index as set forth in this chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hilliard, has established that the following fees shall apply as the water and sewer rates and usage and fees schedule under Chapter 58 of the Hilliard Utilities Code as an attachment to this Resolution.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 2nd day of September, 2021, by the Town Council of the Town of Hilliard, Florida, and shall become effective based on fees charged and rates billed that are payable on or thereafter, October 1, 2021.



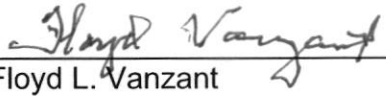
John P. Beasley
Council President

ATTEST:



Lisa Purvis
Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Floyd L. Vanzant
Mayor

**ATTACHMENT
TOWN OF HILLIARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23
WATER & SEWER RATES**

SECTION 1. WATER & SEWER USAGE RATES AND TAXES
1.08% INCREASE

The monthly water and sewer use rates for residential property are established as follows:

BASE CHARGE	WATER	SEWER
	\$14.01	\$17.52

The Base Charge shall be prorated for the portion of the month in which service was in use.

In addition to the Base Charge, the charge for usage shall also include a charge based on the gallons used as follows:

FIRST INCREMENT	SECOND INCREMENT
(0-6,000 gallons)	(over-6,000 gallons)
WATER	WATER
\$2.63	\$4.67
per whole thousand	per whole thousand
SEWER	SEWER
\$3.29	\$4.67
per whole thousand	per whole thousand

The monthly water and sewer use rates for commercial property are established as follows:

BASE CHARGE	WATER	SEWER
	\$32.70	\$40.58

The Base Charge shall be prorated for the portion of the month in which service was in use.

In addition to the Base Charge, the charge for usage shall also include a charge based on the gallons used as follows:

FIRST INCREMENT	SECOND INCREMENT	THIRD INCREMENT
(0-2,000 gallons)	(2,001-10,000 gallons)	(over-10,000 gallons)
WATER	WATER	WATER
\$1.16	\$3.50	\$4.67
per whole thousand	per whole thousand	per whole thousand
SEWER	SEWER	SEWER
\$2.33	\$4.67	\$5.83
per whole thousand	per whole thousand	per whole thousand

TAXES

A public service tax of 5% shall be added to the water service rates.

SECTION 2. DEPOSITS

A new user shall provide a deposit to guarantee payment of delinquent bills, according to the following schedule:

\$70.00		Residential Water
\$80.00		Residential Sewer
Under 10,000	Over 10,000	Gallons
\$100.00	\$150.00	Commercial Water
\$150.00	\$200.00	Commercial Sewer

SECTION 3. TAP-IN, TURN-ON/OFF AND TRANSFER FEES

All requests for, and any tap-ins, turn-ons and turn-offs required for maintenance, shall be at the following rate for standard ¾" (inch) water and 4" (inch) sewer lateral line:

TAP-IN FEES

- \$700.00 Water Tap includes radio read meter installation and up to 60 feet of standard line, road patch if needed, jack & bore if needed, equipment and labor.
- \$700.00 Sewer Tap includes tap-in to existing line or location of new lateral up to 60 feet, road patch if needed, core drill if needed, equipment and labor.

Additional charges shall apply for any items not included in a standard water and/or sewer tap-in fee.

TURN-ON/OFF FEES

- \$45.00 Turn-on/off fee for all new water and/or sewer service, in addition to the deposits.
- \$25.00 Turn-on/off fee for emergency maintenance and repairs.
- \$45.00 Turn-on/off fee for emergency maintenance and repairs required outside of normal working hours.

TRANSFER FEES

- \$30.00 Turn-on/off fee for all new water and/or sewer service, in addition to the deposits.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES

Penalties shall be added to the amount of the bill if not paid by 5 pm on the 15th day of the month following the reading date, if the bill remains unpaid at 5 pm on the 25th day of the month a second penalty shall be added, which shall be payable as if a part of the amount originally billed. If the 15th or 25th day of the month falls on a weekend or a holiday, penalties shall be assessed on the next working day at 5 pm. Hilliard Town Code Chapter 58, Section 58-85(e).

- \$15.00 A penalty shall be added to monthly bill if not paid by 5 pm on the 15th day of the month following the reading date.
- \$25.00 An additional penalty shall be added to monthly bill if not paid by 5 pm on the 25th day of the month following the reading date.
- 3% Contracts entered into with large and/or out of town commercial and/or residential users of water and/or sewer service shall be assessed percentage penalties based on the unpaid bill amount.

SECTION 5. RESTORATION CHARGES

Charges for restoration of services shall be collected as follows:

- \$50.00 Restoration after termination for non-payment (meter still in place) requested outside of normal working hours.
- \$50.00-\$500.00 Restoration fee as a result of meter tampering and based upon any damages to meter tap including installation of removed meter.

SECTION 6. TERMINATION OF SERVICE

Termination of services due to non payment.

If services are terminated, the user shall have two business days prior to the end of the month in which services were terminated to have services restored. If services are not paid the deposit on the account shall be applied toward payment of the delinquent amount, including late penalties. A new deposit will have to be paid to restore services and reopen the account. Hilliard Town Code Chapter 58, Section 58-7(a).

Any customer whose water and/or sewer service is terminated a second time due to non payment or a returned check or draft shall have his water and/or sewer deposit increased to the current deposit fee plus an additional 50 percent, prior to the water and/or sewer service being restored. Hilliard Town Code Chapter 58, Section 58-84.

SECTION 7. RETURN CHECK OR DRAFT SERVICE CHARGE

\$25.00 If face value of check is \$0.01 to \$50.00.

\$30.00 If face value of check is \$50.01 to \$300.00.

\$40.00 If face value of check is over \$300.00.

Upon receipt of two return checks or drafts within a period of one year, the customer shall be required to pay by certified funds (cash or money order) for a period of three years from the date of the redemption of the second returned check or draft.