

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILLIARD, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION REGULATING THE WATER AND SEWER USAGE RATES; IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWN CHARTER SECTION 4.11 (5) ACTION REQUIRING AN ORDINANCE; AND FURTHER STATED IN CHAPTER 58 UTILITIES OF THE TOWN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hilliard has found it necessary to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-03 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**, Article IV. Town Council, Section 4.11. Action requiring an ordinance of the Town Charter requires the Town Council to regulate the rate charged for its public utilities by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 58 of the Hilliard Utilities Code, states that the Town Council shall conduct, annually 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 ordinance. Water and sewer usage rates shall increase annually using the Municipal Cost Index as set forth in this chapter; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Hilliard, Florida, has established that the following Water and Sewer Usage Rates for said Town and based on the Municipal Cost Index "MCI" published by American City & County Magazine for October 2022, as an attachment to this ordinance.

**THIS ORDINANCE** adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by the Town Council of the Town of Hilliard, Florida, and shall become effective based on rates billed that are payable on or thereafter, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Kenneth A. Sims  
Council President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Purvis  
Town Clerk

APPROVED:

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John P. Beasley  
Mayor

First Reading:	April 20, 2023
W&S Billing Notice:	May 1, 2023
Publication Date:	May 3, 2023
Public Hearing:	May 18, 2023
Second/Final Reading:	May 18, 2023

**ATTACHMENT  
TOWN OF HILLIARD  
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03  
WATER & SEWER RATES**

**SECTION 1. WATER & SEWER USAGE RATES AND TAXES**  
**8.01% INCREASE (October 2022 Municipal Cost Index)**

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

<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>WATER</b>	<b>SEWER</b>
	\$16.86	\$21.08

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:

<b>FIRST INCREMENT</b> (0-6,000 gallons)	<b>SECOND INCREMENT</b> (over-6,000 gallons)
WATER	WATER
\$3.16	\$5.62
per whole thousand	per whole thousand
SEWER	SEWER
\$3.96	\$5.62
per whole thousand	per whole thousand

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

<b>BASE CHARGE</b>	<b>WATER</b>	<b>SEWER</b>
	\$39.35	\$48.83

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:

<b>FIRST INCREMENT</b> (0-2,000 gallons)	<b>SECOND INCREMENT</b> (2,001-10,000 gallons)	<b>THIRD INCREMENT</b> (over-10,000 gallons)
WATER	WATER	WATER
\$1.39	\$4.21	\$5.62
per whole thousand	per whole thousand	per whole thousand
SEWER	SEWER	SEWER
\$2.81	\$5.62	\$7.01
per whole thousand	per whole thousand	per whole thousand

**TAXES**

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