

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-08**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 58 UTILITIES OF THE HILLIARD TOWN CODE; AMENDING WATER AND SEWER USAGE RATES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hilliard has found it necessary to enact the following ordinance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Hilliard, Florida that the following Section of the Hilliard Town Code, Chapter 58, Utilities, shall be amended as follows:

**Section 1.**

Section 58-83 (d) (1) is hereby added and shall read as follows:

Okefenokee L.C. d/b/a Eastwood Oaks Apartments its successors and/or assigns shall be charged for each of the 104 apartments and shall also pay for water and sewer usage at residential rates except that the increments used shall be 104 times the increments set forth in any resolutions setting for the increments at which rates vary for individual residential customers. billed as a residential water and sewer customer.  
~~Based on the fact that Eastwood Oaks water consumption will be metered through a master meter system, the minimal monthly user fee times the 104 apartments shall be charged, the minimum monthly user's fee shall include the minimum consumption gallons which shall also be times the 104 apartments. An overage fee per 1,000 gallon over the monthly minimum consumption total as so stated above, shall then apply for the additional gallons.~~

**Section 2.**

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2017, by the Hilliard Town Council, Hilliard, Florida.

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John P. Beasley  
Council President

ATTEST:

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Lisa Purvis  
Town Clerk

APPROVED:

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Cris W. McConnell  
Mayor

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**ORDINANCE NO. 98-06**

Original wording to add Eastwood Oaks Apartments as a large user.

**Sec. 58-83. Water and sewer usage rates.**

Section 58-83 (f) is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Town reserves the right to enter into contracts with large and/or out-of-town commercial and/or residential users of water and/or sewer services for the purpose of setting and determining a monthly charge or rate for the use of such services, which monthly rate or charge may be computed upon a different basis than set forth elsewhere in this article. Such contracts shall be entered into by means of an ordinance adopted by the town council and approved by any applicable bondholder.

Section 58-83 (f) (1) is hereby added and shall read as follows:

Okefenokee L.C. d/b/a Eastwood Oaks Apartments shall be billed as a residential water and sewer customer. Based on the fact that Eastwood Oaks water consumption will be metered through a master meter system, the minimal monthly user fee times the 104 apartments shall be charged, the minimum monthly user's fee shall include the minimum consumption gallons which shall also be times the 104 apartments. An overage fee per 1,000 gallon over the monthly minimum consumption total as so stated above, shall then apply for the additional gallons.

\*We then included the first 3,000 gallons in the base charge and then charged a per 1,000 gallons rate thereafter. So they were charged the 104 base charges up to 312,000 gallons (104 x 3,000) and the per 1,000 gallon rate thereafter.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2010-03**

Amended the original wording that added Eastwood Oaks Apartments as a large user.

(d) The town reserves the right to enter into contracts with large and/or out-of-town commercial and/or residential users of water and/or sewer services for the purpose of setting and determining a monthly charge or rate for the use of such services, which monthly rate or charge may be computed upon a different basis than set forth elsewhere in this article. Such contracts shall be entered into by means of an ordinance adopted by the town council and approved by any applicable bondholder.

(1) ~~Okefenokee L.C. d/b/a Eastwood Oaks Apartments shall be charged for each of the 104 apartments and shall also pay for water and sewer usage at residential rates except that the increments used shall be 104 times the increments set forth in any resolutions setting forth the increments at which rates vary for individual residential customers. billed as a residential water and sewer customer. Based on the fact that Eastwood Oaks' water consumption will be metered through a master meter system, the minimal monthly user's fee shall include the minimum consumption gallons which shall also be times the 104 apartments. An overage fee per 1,000 gallons over the monthly minimum consumption total as so stated above, shall then apply for the additional gallons.~~

\*The Town purchased new software for utility billing and at that time the Town increased the water and sewer rates and made changes to the rate structure due to being under a consent order with SJRWMD. The Town decided to no longer include the 3,000 gallons in the base charge. In addition to the base charge, the charge for usage also includes a charge based on the gallons used as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> increment 0-6,000 gallons one rate and the 2<sup>nd</sup> increment over 6,000 a higher rate in an effort to promote water conservation.