

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-6

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EVERGLADES CITY, FLORIDA, REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06; ESTABLISHING A REVISED RATE FOR WATER SERVICE IN THE CITY AND IN THE URBAN SERVICE AREA; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Ordinance Nos. 2021-06, 2020-10, 2019-3, 2018-10, 2012-05, 1997-02 and 1992-5 adopted by the City of Everglades City Council amended the water rate schedule Section 5.A. of Ordinance No. 1980-6 to provide for revised residential and commercial user rates that permit the City to maintain a self-supporting potable-water system;

WHEREAS, the water system must be maintained continuously (24/7 365 days per year);

WHEREAS, the City had a water rate study completed by Veolia Water – North America in 2018, which showed the need for a “Tiered Increase Water Rate Schedule”;

WHEREAS, Southwest Florida Water Management District approved the Tiered Increase Water Rate Schedule on March 27, 2018, through the issuance of permit 11-00160-W;

WHEREAS, the City initiated the first tiered increase in 2018;

WHEREAS, the permit mandates the City to reevaluate the rates annually against best available data;

WHEREAS, in 2019 the City had an updated Water asset management plan which contained a drinking water fiscal sustainability analysis completed by, Florida Rural Water Association;

WHEREAS, the City initiated a rate increase in 2019 pursuant to the updated asset management plan;

WHEREAS, in 2021 the City had an updated Water asset management plan which contained a drinking water fiscal sustainability analysis completed by, Florida Rural Water Association;

WHEREAS, in 2024 the City had an updated Water asset management plan which contained a drinking water fiscal sustainability analysis completed by, Florida Rural Water Association;

WHEREAS, after reviewing the best available date, to continue to sustain a self-supporting potable-water delivery system while conserving the City's water resources, the City has determined the rates should be increased; and

WHEREAS, the City notified water utility customers in accordance with Florida law of the hearing of this rate increase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVERGLADES CITY, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true, correct, and incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 2024-6 is hereby replaced and section 5.A. of Ordinance No. 1980-6, as amended, is hereby amended as follows:

“A Rate schedule is hereby adopted by the City providing for the following residential rates within the City:

1. Within the City of Everglades City — Residential account after October 1, 2024

<u>Water</u>	<u>Rate</u>
First 3,000 gallons	\$48.70 per month — Minimum base fee
3,001 to 9,999 gallons	an additional \$8.70 per 1,000 gallons
All over 10, 000 gallons	an additional \$11.41 per 1,000 gallons

Commercial rates within the City are hereby established as follows:

2. Within the City of Everglades City — Commercial account after October 1, 2024

<u>Water</u>	<u>Rate</u>
First 3,000 gallons	\$48.70 per month — Minimum base fee
3,001 to 9,999 gallons	an additional \$8.70 per 1,000 gallons
All over 10, 000 gallons	an additional \$11.41 per 1,000 gallons

Residential and commercial rates not in the City but within the Urban Service Area are hereby established as follows:

3. Within the Urban Service Area — Residential and Commercial account after October 1, 2024

<u>Water</u>	<u>Rate</u>
First 3,000 gallons	\$52.59 per month — Minimum base fee
3,001 to 9,999 gallons	an additional \$9.41 per 1,000 gallons
All over 10, 000 gallons	an additional \$12.33 per 1,000 gallons”

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be published in accordance with the requirements of law.

SECTION 4. Each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed separate and severable and if any section or part thereof is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED ON FIRST READING August 6, 2024.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING, Sept. 3, 2024.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:




Zachary W. Lombardo, Esq., City Attorney


ATTEST:



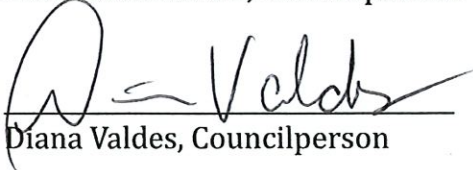
Dottie Joiner, City Clerk




Howell Grimm, Jr. Mayor



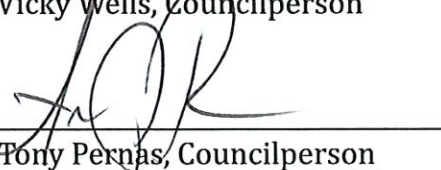
Michael McComas, Councilperson



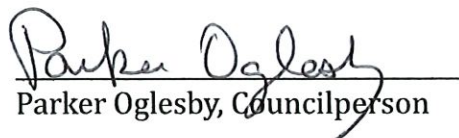
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Parker Oglesby, Councilperson