

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-7**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EVERGLADES CITY, FLORIDA, REPLACING ORDINANCE 2021-07 AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1991-3 AND ORDINANCE NO. 1980-6; ESTABLISHING A REVISED RATE FOR SEWER 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. 2021-07, 2020-11, 2019-4 and 1991-3 adopted by the City of Everglades City Council amended the Sewer rate schedule Section 5.B of Ordinance No. 1980-6 to provide for residential and commercial user rates that permit the City to maintain a self-supporting Sewer system;

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

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 the City had a Sewer asset management plan which contained a wastewater fiscal sustainability analysis completed by, Florida Rural Water Association;

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 the City updated their Sewer asset management plan which contained a wastewater fiscal sustainability analysis completed by, Florida Rural Water Association;

**WHEREAS**, in 2024 the City updated their Sewer asset management plan which contained a wastewater fiscal sustainability analysis completed by, Florida Rural Water Association;

**WHEREAS**, after reviewing the wastewater fiscal sustainability analysis, to continue to sustain a self-supporting wastewater system, the City has determined the rates should be increased; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, pursuant to the asset management plan, initiated the first increase in 2018;

**WHEREAS**, the City notified sewer 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.** Section 5.B. 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>Sewer</u>	<u>Rate</u>
First 3,000 gallons	\$61.68 per month — Minimum base fee
All over 3,001 gallons	an additional \$8.72 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>Sewer</u>	<u>Rate</u>
First 3,000 gallons	\$86.23 per month — Minimum base fee
All over 3,001 gallons	an additional \$8.72 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 account after October 1, 2024**

<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Rate</u>
First 3,000 gallons	\$66.60 per month — Minimum base fee
All over 3,001 gallons	an additional \$9.42 per 1,000 gallons

**4. Within the Urban Service Area — Commercial account after October 1, 2024**

<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Rate</u>
First 3,000 gallons	\$93.12 per month — Minimum base fee
All over 3,001 gallons	an additional \$9.42 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.

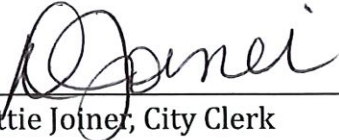
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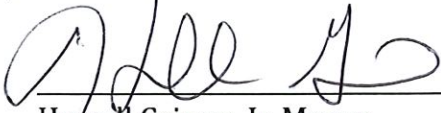
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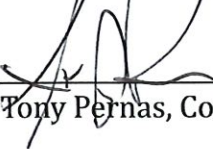
  
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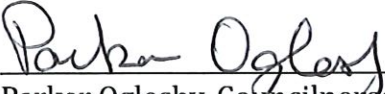
  
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