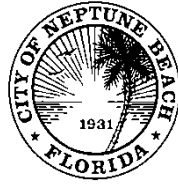


INTRODUCED BY:
Mayor Pruette, Vice Mayor Arthur,
Councilor Jolly, Councilor Tucker,
Councilor Wiley



ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 23, UTILITIES: ARTICLE IV, WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES; SECTION 23-84(B), (C) AND (D); TO INCREASE WATER RATES; AND SECTION 23-85(A), (B) AND (C), TO INCREASE SEWER RATES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Neptune Beach commissioned a Water and Sewer Rate Study in conjunction with infrastructure improvements mandated for the future; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide the necessary funds to implement said infrastructure improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. Section 23-84(b), (c) and (d) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 23-84. Water Rates.

(a) *Description of water rate structure.* The rate of charge for all water passed through the service meter of each customer shall consist of a monthly service charge based on the size of the customer's service meter and a gallonage charge for each unit of one thousand (1,000) gallons or portion thereof. Such charges shall be due and payable on a monthly basis.

(b) *Monthly service charge.* Each customer within the city limits shall pay the following listed monthly service charge based on the size of the customer's water service meter:

Meter Size inches	Monthly Service Charge	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
¾	\$ 42.14	<u>12.44</u>	<u>12.75</u>	<u>13.07</u>
1	30.28	<u>31.04</u>	<u>31.82</u>	<u>32.62</u>
1 ½	60.58	<u>62.09</u>	<u>63.64</u>	<u>65.23</u>
2	96.98	<u>99.40</u>	<u>101.89</u>	<u>104.44</u>
3	218.27	<u>223.73</u>	<u>229.32</u>	<u>235.05</u>
4	303.14	<u>310.72</u>	<u>318.49</u>	<u>326.45</u>
6	969.93	<u>994.18</u>	<u>1,019.03</u>	<u>1,044.51</u>

Customers with multiple units being served by one meter shall be assessed a base charge for each unit.

(c) *Gallonge charge.* In addition to the above established service charge, each customer within the city limits shall pay a monthly gallonge per unit for each one thousand (1,000) gallons, or portion thereof, of water passed through the customer's service meter according to the following schedule:

Usage Range	Cost Per Or portion thereof	1,000 gallons	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
5,000	\$	2.74	<u>2.81</u>	<u>2.88</u>	<u>2.95</u>
5,001 - 15,000		4.08	<u>4.18</u>	<u>4.28</u>	<u>4.39</u>
15,001 - 30,000		5.39	<u>5.52</u>	<u>5.66</u>	<u>5.80</u>
30,001 - +++++		6.72	<u>6.89</u>	<u>7.06</u>	<u>7.24</u>

The water usage charges for multiple meters on a single account shall be cumulative. The water usage charges for multi-family units on single meters shall be cumulative.

(d) *Billing.* Such monthly rates, fees and charges shall be billed to the consumer and collected as hereinafter provided in this article.

(e) *Annual review.* The water rates shall be reviewed on an annual basis to determine if adjustments are necessary, based on the utilities' prior year performance. Such adjustments, if any, shall be implemented by ordinance.

(f) *Homeowners' association water rate structure.* Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, there is hereby established a special rate for lawn water meters to be used to benefit homeowners' associations that have multiple lawn meters for the purpose of watering in the common areas of their property. Such homeowners' associations may petition the council through their membership or elected leadership for the "homeowners' association" rate which shall consist of one (1) monthly service charge, as described in this section, regardless of the actual number of meters. Such service charge shall be based on the largest meter in the group of meters being served. Upon having the rate granted by the council, the homeowners' association shall be charged cumulatively for all water metered through all of their meters, but shall only be charged the one (1) monthly service charge.

SECTION 2. Section 23-85(a) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 23-85. Sewer Rates.

(a) For each connection to the sewerage system of the city, including existing connections, there shall be charged and paid for the use of and for the services and facilities furnished or to be furnished by the system the schedule of monthly rates, fees and charges, as follows:

Each customer within the city limits shall pay the following listed monthly service charge based on the size of the customer's water service meter.

Meter Size inches	Monthly Service Charge	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
¾	\$ 20.24	<u>20.75</u>	<u>21.27</u>	<u>21.80</u>
1	50.60	<u>51.87</u>	<u>53.16</u>	<u>54.49</u>
1 ½	101.25	<u>103.78</u>	<u>106.37</u>	<u>109.03</u>
2	161.99	<u>166.04</u>	<u>170.19</u>	<u>174.44</u>
3	364.53	<u>373.64</u>	<u>382.98</u>	<u>392.55</u>
4	506.28	<u>518.94</u>	<u>531.91</u>	<u>545.21</u>
6	1,620.09	<u>1,660.59</u>	<u>1,702.10</u>	<u>1,744.65</u>

Customers with multiple units being served by one meter shall be assessed a base charge for each unit.

- (b) *Gallage charge.* In addition to the above established service charge, each customer within the city limits shall pay a monthly gallage charge per unit for each one thousand (1,000) gallons, or portion thereof, of water passed through the customer's service meter according to the following schedule:

Usage Range	Cost Per 1,000 gallons Or portion thereof	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
0 - 5,000	\$ 8.72	<u>8.94</u>	<u>9.16</u>	<u>9.39</u>
5,001 - 15,000	40.29	<u>10.55</u>	<u>10.81</u>	<u>11.08</u>
15,001 - +++++	44.14	<u>11.39</u>	<u>11.67</u>	<u>11.96</u>

For single-family residential units with ¾ inch meters, the maximum monthly sewer charge will be for 15,000 gallons. For multi-family units sharing a single meter, the maximum monthly sewer charge will be for 15,000 gallons per unit. The sewer charge for multi-family units on single meters shall be cumulative.

(c) *Billing and collection.* Such monthly rates, fees and charges shall be billed to the consumer and collected as provided in this article.

(d) *Annual review.* The sewer rates established shall be reviewed on an annual basis, to determine if adjustments are necessary, based on the utilities' prior year performance. Such adjustments, if any, shall be implemented by ordinance.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective for all bills generated on and after October 1, 2017, including all water and sewer usage prior to that date which would be included in said bills.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

VOTE RESULTS OF FIRST READING:

Mayor Harriet Pruette	Yes
Vice Mayor Richard Arthur	Yes
Councilor John Jolly	Yes
Councilor Kara Tucker	Yes
Councilor Scott Wiley	Yes

Passed on First Reading this 4th day of April, 2016.

VOTE RESULTS OF SECOND AND FINAL READING:

Mayor Harriet Pruette	Yes
Vice Mayor Richard Arthur	Yes
Councilor John Jolly	Absent
Councilor Kara Tucker	Yes
Councilor Scott Wiley	Yes

Adopted on Second and Final Reading this 2nd day of May, 2016

Harriet Pruette, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karla Strait, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form and content:

Patrick Krechowski, City Attorney