

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-11

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER CAPACITY CHARGES; ESTABLISHING WATER SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES; ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES, DEPOSITS AND MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the County currently is in the process of constructing water and sewer systems, including water transmission and service lines and wastewater collection lines, in the unincorporated area of the County known as the Ellisville area; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the County to provide water and wastewater services promptly and efficiently to Customers located in areas of the unincorporated County designated now or hereafter as a County "Exclusive Service Area" or "Designated Service Area" pursuant to Ordinance No. 2010-1, which Exclusive Service Area currently includes the Ellisville area, generally; and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to establish the initial water and sewer capacity charges, water service connection charges and water and sewer monthly service charges, deposits and miscellaneous charges to be charged to and collected from Customers receiving water and/or wastewater services.—; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the County approved Ordinance No. 2010-11 establishing said charges, but subsequently discovered several typographical errors in that Ordinance, which errors are corrected herein; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2010-11, as approved on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, has not been filed with the Secretary of State within the prescribed time pursuant to Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, and is therefore void, enabling the County to re-enact Ordinance No. 2010-11 with the language contained herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

## **ARTICLE I**

### **FEES, CHARGES AND ASSESSMENTS**

**SECTION 1.01. INTENT.** Fees, charges and assessments for potable water and sewer use and services shall be proposed as necessary by the County Manager so that new Customers and developments generating the demand for potable water and/or sewer service pay a fair share of the reasonably anticipated cost of expanding, improving, and operating the potable water and sewer facilities necessary to provide the required services. The amount of these fees, charges and assessments shall be established at properly advertised public hearings conducted by the County and shall be set by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

### **SECTION 1.02. CAPACITY CHARGES.**

(A) Uniform Capacity Charges. Capacity charges shall be uniform within each established service area. Capacity charges shall be as set out in Section 1.04 of this Ordinance and may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. Capacity charges shall be in addition to any charges and/or assessments for meter connections or line extensions.

(B) Payment Calculation. Potable water and sewer service capacity charges shall be calculated based upon the size of the water meter serving the Customer and such meter's equivalent meter connection ratio as established by the American Water Works Association. Capacity charges paid are not refundable but stay with the parcel of land and, therefore, are transferable to successors and assigns of Customer.

(C) Review of Charges. The amount of the capacity charges shall be reviewed on a bi-annual basis. With the passage of time, changes in cost estimates as well as changes in needed improvements are possible. It is appropriate to review these changes periodically to ensure that capacity charges accurately reflect the cost of the facilities needed to serve Customers.

(D) Charge Revisions. Any change in capacity charges identified herein shall be by resolution approved by the Board of County Commissioners at a properly advertised public hearing.

(E) Accounting and Expenditures. All capacity charges will be deposited in the Water and Sewer Capacity Charge Accounts. Separate accounts shall be maintained for each type of utility service. The use of funds in each account is restricted to payment for land, engineering, construction and the associated costs of constructing facilities to provide capacity for growth or new demand. These funds also can be used to pay debt service on existing debt and other financing obtained to acquire, construct, equip or expand the capacity of utility facilities, including land acquisition costs, to provide service capacity for growth or new demand. These funds, including the interest earned on Water and Sewer Capacity Charge Account balances,

shall not be used for operating or maintenance expenses or for renewal and replacement of existing facilities.

**SECTION 1.03. CHARGES FOR SERVICE.**

(A) Potable Water Service Connection Charges. The potable water service connection charge established by the County shall be uniform, county-wide and shall initially be the charge indicated in Section 1.04 of this Ordinance. Service connection charges are not included in the capacity charges and shall be paid directly to the County at the time actual service is requested for each water meter. The Customer or applicant for service shall be responsible for any increase in charges adopted prior to the actual connection.

(B) Initiation of Monthly Service and other Miscellaneous Charges. Potable water and sewer base facility charges and volumetric charges and the miscellaneous service charges are set forth in Section 1.05 of this Ordinance. These charges may be amended by the Board of County Commissioners by resolution at a properly advertised public hearing. Potable water base facility and volumetric charges shall begin to be billed monthly when the potable water meter is set. Sewer base facility charges shall begin to be billed monthly when the potable water meter is set, but sewer volumetric charges may be deferred until the certificate of occupancy is issued. Water and Sewer base facility charges shall be based on the size of the water meter serving the Customer and such meter's equivalent meter connection ratio as established by the American Water Works Association. Miscellaneous charges established in Section 1.05, and as may be amended, shall be charged upon occurrence of the event for which they are established.

**SECTION 1.04. WATER CAPACITY CHARGE, SEWER CAPACITY CHARGE AND WATER SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE.**

(A) The water capacity charge shall be as follows:

<b>Water Meter</b>		<b>Water Capacity Charge</b>
<b>Size</b>	<b>Type</b>	
5/8" x 3/4"	Positive displacement	\$1,900
1"	Positive Displacement	\$5,500
1-1/2"	Positive Displacement	\$11,000
2"	Positive Displacement	\$17,600
3"	Compound	\$35,000

(B) The sewer capacity charge shall be as follows:

<b>Water Meter</b>		<b>Sewer Capacity Charge</b>
<b>Size</b>	<b>Type</b>	
5/8" x 3/4"	Positive displacement	\$3,800
1"	Positive Displacement	\$11,000
1-1/2"	Positive Displacement	\$22,000
2"	Positive Displacement	\$35,200
3"	Compound	\$70,000

(C) The water service connection charge shall be as follows:

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Water Service Connection Charge</b>
<b>Positive Displacement Meters</b>	
5/8 - in	\$250
3/4 - in	\$300
1 - in	\$500
1.5 - in	\$625
2 - in	\$800
3 - in Compound Meter	\$1,200

**SECTION 1.05. MONTHLY WATER, SEWER AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES.**

(A) All water and sewer Customers will pay a base facility charge each month. Customers who are both water and wastewater Customers will pay both a water and a sewer base facility charge.

(B) All water and sewer Customers will pay, in addition to all other charges, a billing charge for each such service for each bill rendered to the Customer as follows:

Water: ..... \$4.16

Sewer: ..... \$2.77

(C) All water and sewer Customers will pay monthly usage charges with respect to each gallon of water used. The base facility charges and monthly usage charges shall be as set forth below until amended by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. Water Service Rates

	<b>Charge</b>	<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Rate</b>	
<b>Residential</b>	<b>Base Facility Charge</b> (includes 0-3,000 gallons)	Various	\$ 21.02	
	<b>Volumetric Charge</b>		\$ 2.94	(per 1,000 gal. above base)
<b>Senior Citizen</b>	<b>Base Facility Charge</b> (includes 0 - 3,000 gallons)	Various	\$ 18.91	
	<b>Volumetric Charge</b>		\$ 2.64	(per 1,000 gal. above base)
<b>Master Metered Multifamily Residential</b>	<b>Base Facility Charge</b> (includes -0- gallons)	3/4"	\$ 21.02	
		1"	\$ 21.02	
		1 1/2"	\$ 21.02	
		2"	\$ 21.02	
		3"	\$ 21.02	
		4"	\$ 21.02	
		6"	\$ 21.02	
		8"	\$ 21.02	
	<b>Volumetric Charge</b>		\$ 2.94	(per 1,000 gal. above base)
<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Base Facility Charge</b> (includes -0- gallons)	3/4"	\$ 21.02	
		1"	\$ 41.78	
		1 1/2"	\$ 77.02	
		2"	\$ 119.30	
		3"	\$ 217.95	
		4"	\$ 358.89	

	<b>Charge</b>	<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Rate</b>	
		6"	\$ 711.24	
		8"	\$ 1,134.05	
	<b>Volumetric Charge</b>		\$ 2.94	(per 1,000 gal. above base)
<b>Fire Hydrant</b>	<b>Base Facility Charge</b> (includes -0- gallons)		\$ 21.02	
	<b>Volumetric Charge</b>		\$ 2.94	(per 1,000 gal. above base)
<b>Irrigation</b>	<b>Base Facility Charge</b> (includes -0- gallons)	3/4"	\$ 21.02	
		1"	\$ 41.78	
		1 1/2"	\$ 77.02	
		2"	\$ 119.30	
		3"	\$ 217.95	
	<b>Volumetric Charge</b>		\$ 2.94	(per 1,000 g.) above base (per 1,000 gal. above base)

## 2. Sewer Service Rates

	<b>Charge</b>	<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Rate</b>	
<b>Residential</b>	<b>Base Facility Charge</b> (includes -0- gallons)	Various	\$ 39.66	
	<b>Volumetric Charge</b>		\$ 2.29	(per 1,000 gal. above base) max: 16,000 gallons
<b>Master Metered Multifamily Residential</b>	<b>Base Facility Charge</b> (includes -0- gallons)	3/4"	\$ 34.45	
		1"	\$ 34.45	
		1 1/2"	\$ 34.45	
		2"	\$ 34.45	
		3"	\$ 34.45	
		4"	\$ 34.45	
		6"	\$ 34.45	
		8"	\$ 34.45	
	<b>Volumetric Charge</b>		\$ 2.29	(per 1,000 gal. above base) no maximum
<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Base Facility Charge</b> (includes -0- gallons)	3/4"	\$ 50.12	
		2 1/2"	\$ 118.13	
		2-2 1/2"	\$ 231.50	
		2"	\$ 367.49	
		3"	\$ 684.85	
		4"	\$ 1,138.32	
		6"	\$ 2,271.84	
		8"	\$ 3,631.80	

Charge	Meter Size	Rate	
<b>Volumetric Charge</b>	I	\$ 2.29	(per 1,000 gal. above base) no maximum
	II	\$ 2.63	(per 1,000 gal. above base) no maximum
	III	\$ 2.98	(per 1,000 gal. above base) no maximum

Commercial establishments discharging wastewater essentially domestic in character, such as professional offices and merchandise stores, are commercial class I; Commercial establishments discharging medium-strength wastewater, such as pharmacies and automobile service stations, are commercial class II; and Commercial establishments discharging high-strength wastewater, such as restaurants and hospitals, are commercial class III.

*Master-metered residential dwellings.* Charges for residential dwellings which are master-metered shall be as follows:

- a. *Water service.* Each consumer shall be charged a minimum charge equal to the applicable ready to serve charge for water service set out in the above subsection, multiplied by the number of lots, apartments or other residences which each master meter serves, plus all usage charges.
- b. *Sewer service.* Each customer shall be charged a minimum charge equal to the applicable ready to serve charge for sewer service set out in the above section, multiplied by the number of lots, apartments or other residences which each master meter serves, plus all usage charges.

Commercial users are assigned wastewater strengths according to the following:

Code	Description	BOD 5	SS	Grease	Class
00-Food-Related Businesses					
00.1	Grocery	450	250	100	III
00.2	Meat market	450	250	100	III
00.3	Seafood market	450	250	100	III
00.4	Fruit stand	250	250	100	II
00.5	Bakery	450	250	100	III
00.6	Restaurant	450	250	100	III



Code	Description	BOD 5	SS	Grease	Class
00.7	Icehouse	250	250	100	II
00.8	Convenience store	250	250	100	II
<b>01-Retail Sales</b>					
01.1	Auto parts	200	200	40	I
01.2	Clothing, department store	200	200	40	I
01.3	Department store with restaurant	400	200	100	III
01.4	Appliances and furniture	200	200	40	I
01.5	Hardware and construction supply	200	200	40	I
01.6	Office supply	200	200	40	I
01.7	Records, books, etc.	200	200	40	I
01.8	Pet	200	200	40	I
01.9	Garden supply, plants	200	200	40	I
01.10	Commercial printing	200	200	40	I
01.11	Other retail sales	200	200	40	I
<b>02-Health Services</b>					
02.1	Hospital	300	250	100	III
02.2	Medical and dental laboratories	300	250	100	III
02.3	Research laboratory	300	250	100	III
02.4	Office of physician	300	250	100	III
02.5	Office of dentist	300	250	100	III
02.6	Office of osteopathic physician	250	250	100	II
02.7	Office of other health practitioner	250	250	100	II
02.8	Office of veterinarian	400	250	100	III
02.9	Nursing home	300	250	100	III
02.10	Pharmacy	250	250	100	II
<b>03-Professional Services</b>					
03.1	Banking institutions	200	200	40	I
03.2	Office of attorney	200	200	40	I
03.3	Office of engineers and surveyors	200	200	40	I
03.4	Office of accountants	200	200	40	I
03.5	Office of realtors, brokers	200	200	40	I
03.6	Office of insurance agents	200	200	40	I
03.7	Office of other professionals	200	200	40	I
03.8	General office buildings	200	200	40	I
03.9	Newspaper office	200	200	40	I
03.10	Radio and TV stations	200	200	40	I
<b>04-Membership Organizations</b>					
04.1	Churches and religious centers	200	200	40	I
04.2	Civic and social clubs	200	200	40	I
04.3	Other associations	200	200	40	I

Code	Description	BOD 5	SS	Grease	Class
<b>05-Personal Services</b>					
05.1	Employment and advertising agencies	200	200	40	I
05.2	Laundry and cleaning	200	300	40	III
05.3	Photographic studio	200	200	40	I
05.4	Beauty shop	250	200	40	II
05.5	Barbershop	250	200	40	II
05.6	Funeral home	300	200	40	III
05.7	Child day care center	200	200	40	I
05.8	Professional repair services	200	200	40	I
05.9	Other personal services	200	200	40	I
<b>06-Educational Services</b>					
06.1	Elementary school	300	250	100	III
06.2	Secondary school	300	250	100	III
06.3	Vocational school	300	250	100	III
06.4	Adult education center	250	250	100	II
06.5	College, junior college	300	250	100	III
<b>07-Automobile Services</b>					
07.1	Petrol service station	250	250	100	II
07.2	Carwash	250	250	100	II
07.3	Parking garage	250	250	100	II
07.4	Maintenance/repair shop	250	250	100	II
<b>08-Manufacturing</b>					
08.1	Mobile home	200	200	40	I
08.2	Wood containers	200	200	40	I
08.3	Chemicals, drugs, paints, etc.	200	200	40	I
08.4	Glass, concrete, etc.	200	200	40	I
08.5	Fruit packing (dry)	200	200	40	I
08.6	Warehouse/storage	200	200	40	I
<b>09-Amusement and Public Use Centers</b>					
09.1	Motion picture theater	200	200	40	I
09.2	Stage theater	200	200	40	I
09.3	Dance studio and school	200	200	40	I
09.4	Nightclubs, lounges	200	200	40	I
09.5	Bowling and billiard establishment	200	200	40	I
09.6	Coin-operated amusement device	200	200	40	I
09.7	Health club	200	200	40	I
09.8	Bus, rail and airport terminal	200	200	40	I
<b>10-Lodging</b>					
10.1	Hotels, motels without restaurants	200	200	40	III
10.2	Hotel and motels with restaurants	450	250	100	III

Code	Description	BOD 5	SS	Grease	Class
10.3	RV overnight parks	450	250	100	III
<b>11-Government Facilities</b>					
11.1	City administration offices	200	200	0	I
11.2	City operational department offices	200	200	0	I
11.3	City/county parks	200	200	0	I
11.4	City library	200	200	0	I
11.5	Offices of State of Florida	200	200	0	I
11.6	U.S. Post Offices	200	200	0	I
<b>12-Residential</b>					
12.1	Single-family, mobile home, and apartment	200	200	40	I

c. *Other sewer system use.* For applicants whose proposed sewer system use does not fall within any of the above user descriptions, the county manager or his designee shall evaluate the application and assign the applicant an appropriate user class.

### 3. Sewer Only

	Charge	Meter Size	Rates Effective for 10/01/08
<b>Residential - No Water</b>	Base Facility Charge	Various	\$ 39.66
	Volumetric Charge		\$
	Commodity		<u>6.0116.01</u>
	<b>Total</b>		\$ <u>55.6855.67</u>
<b>Commercial - No Water</b>	Base Facility Charge	3/4"	\$ 50.12*
	Commercial Commodity		\$
			<u>16.01</u>
	<b>Total</b>		\$ <u>66.1466.13</u>

\*Not available for meters larger than 3/4"

### 4. Miscellaneous Service Charges.

i. All returned checks will be charged a \$30.00 fee.

ii. A re-read fee in the amount of \$35.00 will be charged for each requested re-read by a Customer, but such fee will not be payable where the meter reading being re-read is found to be incorrect.

iii. A service fee for all temporary service will be charged in the amount of \$35.00 per each request for temporary service.

iv. A processing fee and/or reconnection fee will be charged in the amount of \$50.00 for each reconnection required of the County.

v. The service deposit payable at the time of initiation of service will be \$50.00 for water service and \$70.00 for sewer service. Deposits will be refundable in accord with the regulations of the County.

## **ARTICLE II**

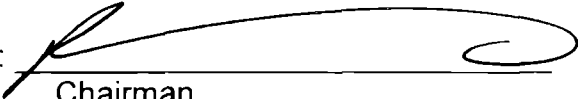
### **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 2.01. SEVERABILITY.** If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase, or word of this Ordinance for any reason is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holdings shall not affect the remaining portions hereof and this Ordinance shall be construed to have the legislative intent to pass this Ordinance without such unconstitutional or invalid part.

**SECTION 2.02. EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State. Except as specifically provided otherwise herein, this Ordinance shall supersede all other ordinances of Columbia County to the extent such other ordinances are in conflict herewith.

DULY ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By:   
Chairman

**ATTEST**

  
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