

Special

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-R7

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CONDITIONS OF SERVICE RELATING TO THE NOTIFICATION OF UTILITY DISCONNECTION AND THE FEES FOR THE RECONNECTION OF THE UTILITY AS A RULE OF THE BOARD FOR THE PURPOSES OF REGULATING INVESTOR-OWNED WATER, WASTEWATER, AND EFFLUENT RE-USE SYSTEMS IN COLUMBIA COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH 118-225 (k)(1) OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, On May 3, 2007, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County enacted Ordinance No. 2007-15, asserting jurisdiction within Columbia County over investor-owned water, wastewater, and effluent re-use systems, as authorized by Chapter 367, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2007-15 was filed with the Florida Department of State and thereby became effective on May 11, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2007-15, Section 3, "Powers and Duties of the Board" grants the Board of County Commissioners broad powers to regulate private utilities in Columbia County including the authority "to prescribe standards of quality and measurements and to prescribe Service rules to be observed by each Utility, except to the extent such authority is expressly given to another governmental agency"; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners wishes to establish a standard for the disconnection and reconnection of utility services to be observed by all investor-owned water, wastewater, and effluent re-use systems in Columbia County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: A utility must provide at least 10 days written notice prior to disconnecting service for delinquency in bill payment.

Section 2: In accordance with 25-30.460 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), a utility may charge a violation reconnection charge that is levied prior to reconnection of an existing customer after discontinuance of service for cause according to subsection 25-30.320(2), F.A.C., including a delinquency in bill payment. Violation reconnection charges are at the tariffed rate for water and actual cost for waste water. A utility may request an additional charge ("after hours charge") for overtime when the customer requests that the service be performed after normal hours. The afterhours charge may be at the same rate specified for the existing charge during normal working hours. If the utility seeks a charge other than the normal working hours charge, the utility must file cost support with Columbia County. In no case shall a Utility charge both a disconnection fee and a reconnection charge.

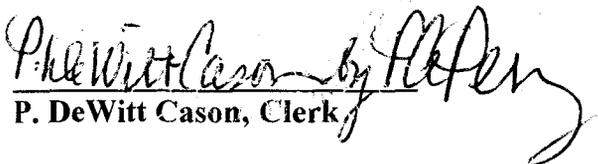
Section 3: This Rule shall be effective immediately.

Adopted this 3rd day, March, 2011.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**


Jody DuPree, Chairman

ATTEST:


P. DeWitt Cason, Clerk