

**ORDINANCE NO. 1473-24**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA CREATING SECTION 51.23 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF OR AVAILABILITY FOR THE USE OF POTABLE WATER, WASTEWATER (SEWER), AND RECLAIMED WATER; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills has determined that a large portion of the water and sewer infrastructure is reaching an age that requires replacement;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills has determined that to maintain positive revenue flows and keep up with replacement, growth, and increasing costs, the water, wastewater (sewer), and reclaimed water rates shall be adjusted according to Exhibit "A" in this ordinance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida, sitting in regular session that:

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Creation of Section 51.23 of the City of Zephyrhills Code of Ordinances.**  
The City Council of the City of Zephyrhills hereby creates § 51.23 Water, Wastewater (Sewer), and Reclaimed Water Rate as follows:

**§ 51.23 WATER, WASTEWATER (SEWER), AND RECLAIMED WATER RATES**

- a. The water, wastewater (sewer), and reclaimed water rates as established in Exhibit "A" attached hereto are hereby adopted. The new rates established in Exhibit "A" shall be effective on or after October 1, 2024.
- b. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to promulgate appropriate City documents in order to implement the rate adjustment each year.

**Section 3. Repealer.** All ordinances, resolutions, polices and utility rates in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any conflict.


**Section 4. Severability.** It is declared to be the intent of the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance shall be construed as not having continued the said section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision and shall not be affected by such holding.

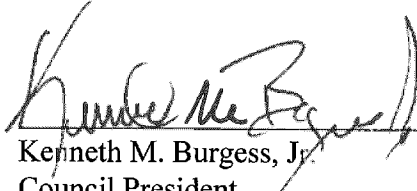
**Section 5. Inclusion into the Code.** It is the intent of the City Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City of Zephyrhills code, and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," "regulation," or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective on October 1, 2024.

The foregoing Ordinance No. 1473-24 was read and passed on the first reading, following a public hearing, in an open and regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

Attest:

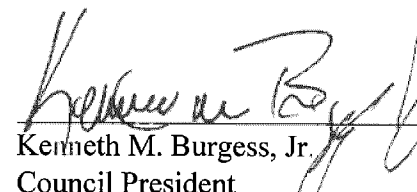
  
Ricardo Quinones, Acting City Clerk

  
Kenneth M. Burgess, Jr.  
Council President


The foregoing Ordinance No. 1473-24 was read and passed on the second reading, following a public hearing, in an open and regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2024.

Attest:


  
Ricardo Quinones, Acting City Clerk

  
Kenneth M. Burgess, Jr.  
Council President

The foregoing Ordinance No. 1473-24 was approved by me this 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2024.

  
Melonie Bahr Monson, Mayor

Approved as to legal form and legal content

  
Matthew E. Maggard, Esq.  
City Attorney

**EXHIBIT A****POTABLE WATER UTILITY RATE SCHEDULE**

Effective October 1, 2024, the rates and charges for water service for all customers with available service from the City are set forth herein. Rates shown reflect service for customers located inside the City limits. An additional 25% surcharge applies to water customers located outside the City limits.

**I. BASE CHARGE**

The Base Charge for each water bill rendered shall be billed monthly as follows:  
Single Family Residential, Individually Metered  
Irrigation & Commercial

Meter Size	10/1/2021	10/1/2024	% Increase
3/4"	\$5.70	\$5.87	3.0%
1"	\$14.25	\$14.68	3.0%
1.5"	\$28.50	\$29.36	3.0%
2"	\$45.60	\$46.97	3.0%
3"	\$91.20	\$93.94	3.0%
4"	\$142.50	\$146.78	3.0%
6"	\$285.00	\$293.55	3.0%
Master Meter Multi Family			
Mobile Home	\$4.28	\$4.41	3.0%
RV Park (Per Unit)	\$2.85	\$2.94	3.2%

**II. USAGE CHARGE (Per 1,000 Gallons)**

The Usage Charge shall be billed monthly per thousand (1,000) gallons of metered water use or any increment therein as follows:

Single Family Residential:	10/1/2021	10/1/2024	% Increase
Block 1 (0-5,000 gallons)	\$2.55	\$2.63	3.1%
Block 2 (5,001-10,000 gallons)	\$3.85	\$3.97	3.1%
Block 3 (10,001-15,000 gallons)	\$5.49	\$5.65	2.9%
Block 4 (15,001-20,000 gallons)	\$7.92	\$8.16	3.0%
Block 5 (Above 20,000 gallons)	\$10.85	\$11.18	3.0%
Commercial (All Usage)	\$2.88	\$2.97	3.1%
Master Metered Multi-Family, Mobile Home			
Park & RV Park (All Usage)	\$2.55	\$2.63	3.1%

The Usage Charge for potable irrigation shall be billed monthly per thousand (1,000) gallons of metered water use as follows:

**Potable Irrigation**

**First Tier**

Meter Size	10/1/2021	10/1/2024	% Increase
3/4" 0 - 15,000 gallons	\$5.49	\$5.66	3.1%
1" 0 - 37,500 gallons	\$5.49	\$5.66	3.1%
1.5" 0 - 75,000 gallons	\$5.49	\$5.66	3.1%
2" 0 - 120,000 gallons	\$5.49	\$5.66	3.1%
3" 0 - 240,000 gallons	\$5.49	\$5.66	3.1%
4" 0 - 375,000 gallons	\$5.49	\$5.66	3.1%
6" 0 - 750,000 gallons	\$5.49	\$5.66	3.1%

**Second Tier**

Meter Size	10/1/2021	10/1/2024	% Increase
3/4" 15,001 - 20,000 gallons	\$7.92	\$8.16	3.0%
1" 37,501 - 50,000 gallons	\$7.92	\$8.16	3.0%
1.5" 75,001 - 100,000 gallons	\$7.92	\$8.16	3.0%
2" 120,000 - 160,000 gallons	\$7.92	\$8.16	3.0%
3" 240,000 - 230,000 gallons	\$7.92	\$8.16	3.0%
4" 375,000 - 500,000 gallons	\$7.92	\$8.16	3.0%
6" 750,000 - 1,000,000 gallons	\$7.92	\$8.16	3.0%

**Third Tier**

Meter Size	10/1/2021	10/1/2024	% Increase
3/4" Above 20,000 gallons	\$10.85	\$11.18	3.0%
1" Above 50,000 gallons	\$10.85	\$11.18	3.0%
1.5" Above 100,000 gallons	\$10.85	\$11.18	3.0%
2" Above 160,000 gallons	\$10.85	\$11.18	3.0%
3" Above 230,000 gallons	\$10.85	\$11.18	3.0%
4" Above 500,000 gallons	\$10.85	\$11.18	3.0%
6" Above 1,000,000 gallons	\$10.85	\$11.18	3.0%

**RECLAIMED WATER UTILITY RATE SCHEDULE**

October 1, 2024, the rates and charges for reclaimed water service for all customers with available service from the City are set forth herein. Rates shown reflect service for customers located inside the City limits. An additional 25% surcharge applies to reclaimed water customers located outside the City limits.

**I. USAGE CHARGE (Per 1,000 Gallons)**

The Usage Charge shall be billed monthly per thousand (1,000) gallons of metered water use or any increment therein as follows:

	10/1/2021	10/1/2024	% Increase
All Usage > 1 Acre	0.18 \$	0.19	5.6%
All Usage < 1 Acre	0.35 \$	0.36	2.9%

## SEWER UTILITY RATE SCHEDULE

October 1, 2024, the rates and charges for sewer service for all customers with available service from the City are set forth herein. Rates shown reflect service for customers located inside the City limits. An additional 25% surcharge applies to customers located outside the City limits.

### I. BASE CHARGE

The Base Charge for each sewer bill rendered shall be billed monthly as follows:

Meter Size	10/1/2021	10/1/2024	% Increase
3/4"	\$22.06	\$22.72	3.0%
1"	\$55.17	\$56.83	3.0%
1.5"	\$110.35	\$113.66	3.0%
2"	\$176.55	\$181.85	3.0%
3"	\$353.11	\$363.70	3.0%
4"	\$551.72	\$568.27	3.0%
6"	\$1,103.45	\$1,136.55	3.0%

### II. USAGE CHARGE (Per 1,000 Gallons)

The Usage Charge shall be billed monthly per thousand (1,000) gallons based on 100 percent of the metered water use as follows:

	10/1/2021	10/1/2024	% Increase
All Customers	\$6.81	\$7.01	2.9%