

**RESOLUTION 2019-19**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER USAGE FEES AND SETTING OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR FOR THE RATES TO INCREASE ALONG WITH THE CURRENT RATE SET BY THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PRICE INDEX**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of DeFuniak Springs, Florida, desires to establish its water usage fees, and;

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 861 and Chapter 23, Section 23-43, of the DeFuniak Springs Municipal Code provides that said fees shall be set by Resolution, and;

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2015-21 established rates for fiscal years 2016, 2017 and 2018, and;

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2015-21 shall be replaced with Resolution 2019-19, effective November 1, 2019, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of DeFuniak Springs, Florida, has determined that appropriate water usage fees shall be set as follows:

All property upon which any building is existing or erected, having a connection with the City water system, shall pay the following rates per month:

Residential and Commercial water customers shall pay a fixed monthly base rate, which includes two thousand (2,000) gallons, in the appropriate amounts based on customer water service meter size, and a usage charge based on water consumption listed in the below tables.

Rate Structure for FY 2020  
Effective November 1, 2019

Positive Displacement Meters

Water Meter Size	Multiplication Factor	Base Rate
0.625 inch	1.0	\$27.14
.75 inch	1.0	\$27.14
1 inch	1.4	\$38.00
1.5 inch	1.8	\$48.86
2 inch	2.9	\$78.70

Turbine Meters

Water Meter Size	Multiplication Factor	Base Rate
2 inch	2.9	\$78.70
3 inch	11	\$298.54
4 inch	14	\$379.96
6 inch	21	\$569.94
8 inch	29	\$787.07

0 to 2,000 gallons	included in base rate
2,001 to 5,000 gallons	\$5.57 per 1,000 gallons
5,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$6.13 per 1,000 gallons
10,001 gallons and up	\$6.75 per 1,000 gallons

Beginning on October 1, 2020 and each subsequent October 1<sup>st</sup>, the above rates shall be increased by the current year price index published by the Florida Public Service Commission.

In the event the City Council decides to increase the rates set forth in this resolution subsequent to October 1, 2020, the City Council shall advertise for a public hearing concerning the rate increase. This requirement of advertisement does not apply to the increases pursuant to the price index established by the Florida Public Service Commission.

Industrial rates for monthly gallon consumption for large users may be contracted and agreed upon between the City and the Industrial user.

There shall be added to the usual water rates a surcharge of twenty-five percent (25%) per month on all users outside the City limits.

Bulk rates for the purpose of resale of water shall be agreed upon by the City Council and the purchaser.

Reference herein to the property or premises supplied by city water, which must pay the prescribed water rate, shall include as a separate premises subject to the water rates prescribed herein all businesses, each single-family residence, each mobile home, each residential apartment, each rented office in a building, and any and all duplex apartments.

A ten percent (10%) penalty shall be imposed on all bills not paid by the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) of the month in which due.

Agricultural meters shall pay a monthly base rate, that excludes the first two thousand (2,000) gallons, in the appropriate amounts based on customer water meter size as well as a usage charge for any registered water usage through the meter, as provided in this Resolution.


When requested to reread a water meter, the City may, at its discretion, charge the customer the same rate as a service connection fee when the original reading for the utility bill was correct as determined by the new reading.

A water customer may be provided, at the customer's request, a one-in-five-year adjustment on one of their monthly utility bills based on a customer leak. This adjustment will be based on the customer's average usage as determined by the most recent twelve (12) month average prior to the leak. When twelve (12) months of usage is not available, the average usage will be based on the most recent usage available prior to the leak occurring.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the City of DeFuniak Springs, Florida, hereby repeals Resolution 2015-21 Effective November 1, 2019, and;

***WHEREAS***, the City of DeFuniak Springs, Florida, City Council desires to establish its water usage fees as set forth herein.

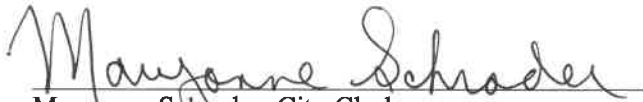
ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.



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Robert "Bob" Campbell, Mayor

Attest:



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Maryanne Schrader, City Clerk