

RESOLUTION 2019-20

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A RATE FOR WASTEWATER USAGE FEES

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

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 862 and Chapter 23, Section 23-122, of the DeFuniak Springs Municipal Code provides that said fees shall be set by Resolution, and;

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2016-14 established rates for fiscal years 2016, 2017 and 2018, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of DeFuniak Springs, Florida desires to repeal Resolution 2016-14 effective November 1, 2019, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of DeFuniak Springs, Florida desires to establish wastewater rates effective November 1, 2019, and;

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

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

Residential and Commercial wastewater 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 for the provision of sewage service and the use of the City's wastewater system.

Rate Structure for FY 2019  
Effective November 1, 2019

Positive Displacement Meters

Water Meter Size	Multiplication Factor	Base Rate
0.625 inch	1.0	\$30.86
.75 inch	1.0	\$30.86
1 inch	1.4	\$43.20
1.5 inch	1.8	\$55.55
2 inch	2.9	\$89.49

Turbine Meters

Water Meter Size	Multiplication Factor	Base Rate
2 inch	2.9	\$89.49
3 inch	11	\$339.40
4 inch	14	\$431.96
6 inch	21	\$647.94
8 inch	29	\$894.77

0 to 10,000 gallons	\$7.12 per 1,000 gallon
10,001 to 20,000 gallons	\$7.83 per 1,000 gallon
20,001 to 30,000 gallons	\$8.61 per 1,000 gallon
30,001 to 40,000 gallons	\$9.47 per 1,000 gallon
40,001 to 50,000 gallons	\$10.41 per 1,000 gallon
50,001 and up	\$11.46 per 1,000 gallon

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.

Sewage volume shall be based on water consumption as metered, except that the City reserves the right to estimate sewage flow in the absence of adequate metering.

Any customer may, at his/her discretion and his/her cost, have a sewage flow meter installed, of design and installation approved by the City, for the purpose of metering his/her sewage flow for billing purposes.

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

Reference herein to the property or premises supplied by city sewer, which must pay the prescribed wastewater rate, shall include as a separate premises subject to the wastewater 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.

The City may allow an exemption of water volume for sewer billing to users where such water is for agricultural use and is separately metered.

The City may allow an exemption of water volume from a commercial user where such water is separately metered or where it is clear that one hundred percent (100%) of the water exempted is included in a manufactured product and will not enter the wastewater system of the City. This exemption shall not be made for normal water use.

The City may, at its discretion, allow exemption of water volume from sewer billing for filling a swimming pool, once in a twelve-month (1 in a 12) month period. This exemption shall not be made for normal water use.

The City may, at its discretion, allow an exemption of water volume from sewer billing when a leak is proven to have not entered the wastewater system of the City. This exemption shall not be made for normal water use.

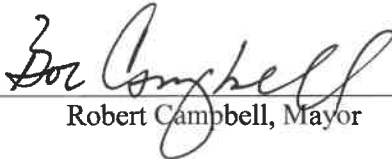
A wastewater customer may be provided, at the customer's request, a one-in-five-year adjustment on one of their monthly utility bills based on a customer leak that has entered into the wastewater system of the City. This adjustment will be based on the customer's average water usage, as determined by 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.

The fact that a percentage of all water consumed does not enter the wastewater system has been recognized in defining the volume rate for use in sewer billings.

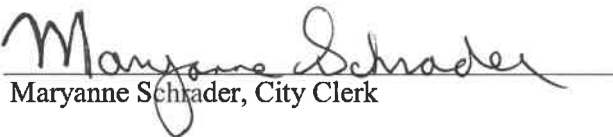
***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the City of DeFuniak Springs, Florida, hereby repeals Resolution 2016-14 Effective November 1, 2019, and;

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

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

  
Robert Campbell, Mayor

Attest:

  
Maryanne Schradler, City Clerk