

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS § 5-3010, § 5-3011, § 5-3012 AND SECTIONS § 5-3021, § 5-3022, § 5-3023, § 5-3024 AND SECTION § 5-3025 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VALDOSTA, GEORGIA; AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF NEW SECTION § 5-3010, § 5-3001 IS REPEALED AND IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION § 5-3001 USER CHARGES GENERALLY AND SECTION § 5-3021; ENACTING NEW RATES, CHARGES AND FEES RELATIVE TO THE FURNISHING OF WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES BY THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Valdosta, Georgia has a municipal water and wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdosta, Georgia is currently in the process of issuing long-term debt for water and wastewater system capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to borrowing funds, the City has conducted a study to evaluate the sufficiency of water and wastewater rates to fund the operations of the water and wastewater system and pay for the indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, the revenue generated by the rates and charges to the users of the water and wastewater system are not projected to be sufficient to pay ongoing operation and maintenance expenses, debt service requirements and capital requirements of the municipal water and wastewater system; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDOSTA, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAME, AS FOLLOWS:

Current Sections 5-3010, 5-3011 and 5-3012 of the Code of Ordinances are hereby repealed in their entirety and in lieu thereof new Section 5-3010 is enacted to read as follows:

Section 1.

Section 5-3010. Water, Rates and Charges.

The City hereby adopts the following rates, charges and regulations as a condition to the provision of water service by the City to customers as follows:

(1) *Definitions:*

- (a) "Residential Service" means an individual dwelling unit designed for more or less permanent household occupancy which would include individual cooking and bathing facilities. Examples are a single family home, efficiency apartment unit, cooperative apartment unit, duplex unit, condominium, and multi-family residential building unit.

(b) "Commercial Service" means a use of land or a building for nonresidential purposes, but shall include a residential use which has identifiable "general service" characteristics, as the term is used herein, both of which use the same water meter.

(c) "Irrigation Service" means an individually-metered water service used exclusively for lawn sprinkling, irrigation of pervious surfaces, and other related service. Irrigation service can be utilized by both residential and commercial service customers.

(d) "Outside City Surcharge" means an additional charge for service for water customers outside the corporate limits of the City. The Outside City Surcharge is 100% (i.e., charges equal twice the inside water rates).

(2) *Residential Water Service Rates:*

Applicability: Potable water service in residential dwelling units with individual water meters.

Rate per Monthly Billing Period: The monthly rates for service include a monthly service charge and a water consumption rate. The monthly bill for service rendered to an individually-metered residential service shall equal the sum of the Monthly Service Charge, which serves as the minimum bill, and the water consumption rate based on all metered water consumption delivered to the premises.

Monthly Service Charge – The base service charge for all metered or active accounts shall reflect the applicable rates shown in the table below. The Monthly Service Charge does not include an allowance for water consumption.

Description	Residential Monthly Service Charges for Water Service				
	Effective Date on or after				
	7/1/2012	7/1/2013	7/1/2014	7/1/2015	7/1/2016
Residential - Inside City [*]					
Meter Sizes:					
5/8" to 3/4" Meter	\$4.20	\$4.90	\$5.60	\$6.30	\$7.00
1" Meter	6.43	8.67	11.31	14.24	17.50
1.5" Meter	9.49	14.41	20.33	27.15	35.00
2" Meter	14.66	22.64	32.14	43.28	56.00

[*] Outside City water customers pay an Outside City Surcharge or twice the Inside City rates.

Consumption Rate – The rate for each one ccf (100 cubic feet) or fraction thereof of water that passes through the customer's service meter shall be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

Residential Consumption Rates for Water Service

Description	Lower Limit (CCF)	Upper Limit (CCF)	Effective Date on or after					
			7/1/2012	7/1/2013	7/1/2014	7/1/2015	7/1/2016	
Residential - Inside City [*]								
All Meter Sizes:								
Metered Water Use	0 -	5	\$1.40	\$1.40	\$1.40	\$1.40	\$1.40	\$1.40
Metered Water Use	Above -	5	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75

[*] Outside City water customers pay an Outside City Surcharge or twice the Inside City rates.

(3) *Commercial Water Service Rates:*

Applicability: Potable water service for all nonresidential purposes, but shall include a residential use which has identifiable "general service" characteristics, as the term is used herein, both of which use the same water meter.

Rate per Monthly Billing Period: The monthly rates for service include a monthly service charge and a water consumption rate. The monthly bill for service rendered to an individually-metered residential service shall equal the sum of the Monthly Service Charge, which serves as the minimum bill, and the water consumption rate based on all metered water consumption delivered to the premises.

Monthly Service Charge – The base service charge for all metered or active accounts shall reflect the applicable rates shown in the table below. The Monthly Service Charge does not include an allowance for water consumption.

Commercial Monthly Service Charges for Water Service

Description	Effective Date on or after				
	7/1/2012	7/1/2013	7/1/2014	7/1/2015	7/1/2016
Commercial - Inside City [*]					
Meter Sizes:					
5/8" to 3/4" Meter	\$4.20	\$4.90	\$5.60	\$6.30	\$7.00
1" Meter	6.43	8.67	11.31	14.24	17.50
1.5" Meter	9.49	14.41	20.33	27.15	35.00
2" Meter	14.66	22.64	32.14	43.28	56.00
3" Meter	39.94	53.31	68.66	85.87	105.00
4" Meter	55.57	79.23	107.07	138.98	175.00
6" Meter	93.37	142.93	202.27	271.28	350.00
8" Meter and Above	137.76	218.54	315.84	429.66	560.00

[*] Outside City water customers pay an Outside City Surcharge or twice the Inside City rates.

Consumption Rate – The rate for each one ccf (100 cubic feet) or fraction thereof of water that passes through the customer's service meter shall be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

Description	Commercial Consumption Rates for Water Service				
	Effective Date on or after				
	7/1/2012	7/1/2013	7/1/2014	7/1/2015	7/1/2016
Commercial - Inside City [*] All Meter Sizes: All Metered Water Use	\$1.42	\$1.44	\$1.46	\$1.48	\$1.50

[*] Outside City water customers pay an Outside City Surcharge or twice the Inside City rates.

(4) *Out of City Rates:* For potable water and irrigation consumers situated outside the corporate limits of the City and receiving such service(s) from the City, such consumers shall pay for comparable services or usage as listed under subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the identical and applicable rate therein stated, plus one-hundred percent (100%) (i.e., charges equal twice the inside City water rates).

Section 2.

Current Sections 5-3021, 5-3022, 5-3023 and 5-3024 of the Code of Ordinances are hereby repealed in their entirety and in lieu thereof new Section § 5-3021 is enacted to read as follows:

Section 5-3021

Wastewater Rates and Charges.

The City hereby adopts the following rates, charges and regulations as a condition to the provision of wastewater service by the City to customers as follows:

- (1) *Definitions:*
 - (a) "Residential Service" means an individual dwelling unit designed for more or less permanent household occupancy which would include individual cooking and bathing facilities. Examples are a single family home, efficiency apartment unit, cooperative apartment unit, duplex unit, condominium, and multi-family residential building unit.
 - (b) "Commercial Service" means a use of land or a building for nonresidential purposes, but shall include a residential use which has identifiable "general service" characteristics, as the term is used herein, both of which use the same water meter.
 - (c) "Outside City Surcharge" is not applicable to wastewater service as adopted by the City.

- (2) *Residential Wastewater Service Rates:*

Applicability: Wastewater service in residential dwelling units with individual water meters.

Rate per Monthly Billing Period: The monthly rates for service include a monthly service charge and a consumption rate based on metered water use. The monthly bill for service rendered to an individually-metered residential service shall equal the sum of the Monthly Service Charge, which serves as the minimum bill, and the consumption rate based on all metered water consumption delivered to the premises. ***There is no maximum charge or cap applied to residential wastewater services.***

Monthly Service Charge – The base service charge for all metered or active accounts shall reflect the applicable rates shown in the table below. The Monthly Service Charge does not include an allowance for metered water use.

Residential Monthly Service Charges for Wastewater Service					
Description	Effective Date on or after				
	7/1/2012	7/1/2013	7/1/2014	7/1/2015	7/1/2016
Residential – Inside & Outside City [*]					
Meter Sizes:					
5/8" to 3/4" Meter	\$4.20	\$4.90	\$5.60	\$6.30	\$7.00
1" Meter	6.43	8.67	11.31	14.24	17.50
1.5" Meter	9.49	14.41	20.33	27.15	35.00
2" Meter	14.66	22.64	32.14	43.28	56.00

[*] No Outside City Surcharge applies.

Consumption Rate – The rate for each one ccf (100 cubic feet) or fraction thereof of water that passes through the customer's service meter shall be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

Residential Consumption Rates for Wastewater Service							
Description	Lower Limit (CCF)	Upper Limit (CCF)	Effective Date on or after				
			7/1/2012	7/1/2013	7/1/2014	7/1/2015	7/1/2016
Residential - Inside & Outside City [*]							
All Meter Sizes:							
Metered Water Use	0 -	5	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.80
Metered Water Use	Above -	5	\$0.56	\$1.12	\$1.68	\$2.24	\$2.80

[*] No Outside City Surcharge applies.

(3) *Commercial Wastewater Service Rates:*

Applicability: Wastewater service for all nonresidential purposes, but shall include a residential use which has identifiable "general service" characteristics, as the term is used herein, both of which use the same water meter.

Rate per Monthly Billing Period: The monthly rates for service include a monthly service charge and a consumption rate based on metered water use. The monthly bill for service rendered to an individually-metered residential service shall equal the sum of the Monthly Service Charge, which serves as the minimum bill, and the consumption rate based on all metered water consumption delivered to the premises.

Monthly Service Charge – The base service charge for all metered or active accounts shall reflect the applicable rates shown in the table below. The Monthly Service Charge does not include an allowance for metered water use.

Commercial Monthly Service Charges for Wastewater Service					
Description	Effective Date on or after				
	7/1/2012	7/1/2013	7/1/2014	7/1/2015	7/1/2016
Commercial - Inside & Outside City [*]					
Meter Sizes:					
5/8" to 3/4" Meter	\$4.20	\$4.90	\$5.60	\$6.30	\$7.00
1" Meter	6.43	8.67	11.31	14.24	17.50
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[*] No Outside City Surcharge applies.

Consumption Rate – The rate for each one ccf (100 cubic feet) or fraction thereof of water that passes through the customer's service meter shall be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

Commercial Consumption Rates for Wastewater Service					
Description	Effective Date on or after				
	7/1/2012	7/1/2013	7/1/2014	7/1/2015	7/1/2016
Commercial - Inside & Outside City [*]					
All Meter Sizes:					
All Metered Water Use	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.80

[*] No Outside City Surcharge applies.

(4) *Out of City Rates:* For wastewater service no outside City surcharge applies.

Section 3. Current Section 5-3001 User Charges Generally of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Valdosta, Georgia, is hereby repealed in its entirety and in lieu thereof the following schedules of adopted miscellaneous rates, charges and fees is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Section 5-3001. Miscellaneous Rates and Charges.

The City hereby adopts the following rates, charges and regulations as a condition to provide ancillary services to the City's water and wastewater customers as follows:

Miscellaneous Rates, Charges and Fees

Description	Proposed Fees
<u>Connection Fees & Charges</u>	
Water Meter Installation Fee [*]	
5/8 x 3/4" Meter	
Plumber Installed	\$350.00
City Installed	\$550.00
1" Meter	
Plumber Installed	\$400.00
City Installed	\$600.00
1 1/2" Meter	
Plumber Installed	\$650.00
City Installed	\$850.00
2" Meter	
Plumber Installed	\$775.00
City Installed	\$975.00
	Actual Cost
Above 2" (Contractors Install)	plus \$75
	\$200 per connection
Sewer Connection Fee	
<u>Other Miscellaneous Fees & Charges</u>	
Initial Deposit	\$50.00
Additional Deposit (After Disconnection for Non-Payment)	\$50.00
Water Reconnection Fee (After Disconnection for Non-Payment)	
Residential Service	\$30.00
Commercial Service	\$50.00
Wastewater Reconnection Fee	\$375.00
Re-Read Fee	\$10.00
Standby Calls	\$10.00
New Service	\$25.00
Transfer Service	\$25.00
Broken Payment Arrangements	\$10.00
Excessive Trip Charge	\$10.00
Non-compliance for BFP ordinance	\$35.00
Tampering Fee	\$50.00
Curb Stop Fee	\$50.00
Backflow Prevention Fee	\$50.00
Grease Trap Inspection Fee	\$100.00
	Charge
	Outside
Lowndes County	City Rates
Hydrant Meter Fee	
Hydrant Meter Charge	\$750.00
Hydrant Monthly Charges	
Base Charge	\$20.00
	Commercial
Usage Charge (Commercial Consumption Rate)	Rate
Laboratory Service	
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	\$40.00
Chemical Oxygen Demand	\$40.00
Total Suspended Solids	\$40.00
Ammonia Nitrogen	\$20.00
Fecal Coliform	\$25.00
Bac-t	\$30.00

[*] Amounts exclude the cost of the service line to the Service Main.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2012 after its approval and adoption of the City Council and when certified as to passage.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision or portion of this Ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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SO ORDAINED, this ____ day of _____, 2012.

APPROVED:

Mayor, City of Valdosta

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council