

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO.: 13-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA IN BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER SERVICE RATES AND PROCEDURES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND BULK SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR UTILITY DEPOSITS AND ACCOUNT CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR DEPOSIT REFUNDS TRANSFERS AND ACCOUNT NAME CHANGES PROVIDING FOR CONNECTION AND RECONNECTION FEES; PROVIDING FOR DISHONORED INSTRUMENTS REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS THEREOF WHICH ARE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA:

**SECTION 1. WATER RATES.**

Those rates for water service to residential, commercial, and industrial users required by Sections 82-37 and 82-67 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springfield shall be as follows:

- A. The monthly base charge, independent of water volume consumed, shall be \$8.07
- B. The consumption charge called for in Section 82-67 shall be based on the metered volume of water and shall be charged \$3.81 per thousand gallons or any portion thereof.
- C. The monthly bill for water service called for by Section 82-67 of the Code of Ordinances shall be the sum of the base charge and consumption charge applied to all metered water.
- D. *Users outside the City:* Any user outside the corporate limits of the City, in addition to those base rates and charges as may be

the Commission, shall be charged a 25% surcharge, as allowed by general law.

- E. *Annual Rate Increase:* All rates listed in this section (WATER RATES) shall automatically be subject to an inflationary adjustment of 3% above the annual wholesale water rate adjustment imposed on the City by Bay County. This adjustment shall be effective on October 1 of each year hereafter. This adjustment shall be in addition to any other rate adjustments which may be approved by the City as provided by law.

## SECTION 2. SEWER RATES.

Those rates for sewer service to residential, commercial, and industrial users required by Sections 82-241 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springfield shall be as follows:

- A. The monthly base charge, independent of sewer volume consumed, shall be \$23.25
- B. That consumption charge called for in Section 82-241 shall be based on the metered volume of sewer and shall be charged \$8.02 per one thousand gallons or any portion thereof.
- C. The monthly bill for sewer service called for by Section 82-241 of the Code of Ordinances shall be the sum of the base charge and the consumption charge applied to all metered water.
- D. *Users outside the City:* Any user outside the corporate limits of the City, in addition to those base rates and charges as may be set by the Commission, shall be charged a 25% surcharge, as allowed by general law.
- E. *Sewer Only Customers:* The monthly charge for "sewer only" customers shall include a base charge and a consumption charge with a monthly use per account of 5,000 gallons and shall be \$70.81
- F. *Annual Rate Increase:* All rates listed in this section (SEWER RATES) shall automatically be subject to an inflationary adjustment of 3%

above the annual wholesale water rate adjustment imposed on the City by Bay County. This adjustment shall be effective on October 1 of each year hereafter. This adjustment shall be in addition to any other rate adjustments which may be approved by the City as provided by law.

**SECTION 3. UTILITY SERVICE RECONNECTIONS.**

- A. In the event service to an existing utility account is disconnected by the City for failure to timely pay for services, the customer must render a reconnection charge to the City according to this Resolution prior to reconnection. No additional charge will be required for any account whose services are disconnected provided they have not been disconnected in the past 24 months for non-payment. If utility service to a customer is discontinued, such service shall not be reconnected until all past due charges for each of the customers' accounts, including penalties, have been fully paid, together with the required reconnection charge. Accounts with balances of \$5.00 or less will not be subject to disconnection.

Reconnection charges for water and sewer accounts shall be \$15.00 if such reconnection is made between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; and \$35.00 if reconnection is made after hours at the request of the customer.

- B. In the event a meter is required to be pulled or serviced due to tampering, illegal reconnection after disconnection, or for any other reason caused by the customer, the customer will be charged the following fees:

i.	First offense	\$75.00
ii.	Second offense	\$150.00
iii.	Third offense	\$250.00

This fee shall be in addition to the established reconnection fee.

- C. In the event water service cannot be left on due to water running at the premises at the time of attempted reconnection, an additional \$15.00 service charge between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (\$35.00 after hours) will be required prior to a second call to that

address. A door knocker will notify the customer why reconnection could not be accomplished.

- D. *Sewer Only Services.* Reconnection charges for “sewer only” accounts shall be \$200.00 and such reconnection shall be made between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

#### **SECTION 4. NEW UTILITY SERVICES.**

In addition to compliance with the rules, regulations and procedures set by the City for the establishment of new utility accounts, each new customer shall be charged a non-refundable account set-up service charge of \$15.00. This service charge shall be made in addition to the deposit required by the City.

#### **SECTION 5. AUTHORIZATION AND REPEALER.**

This Resolution is adopted pursuant to Sections 82-37, 82-67, 82-241 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springfield authorizing the amendment of charges and fees by resolution by the City Commission. Those portions of Sections 82-37, 82-67, 82-241 contained in this Resolution which do not specify charges and fees are neither modified nor re-adopted by this Resolution and are included herein for convenient reference only. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

#### **SECTION 6. CODIFICATION.**

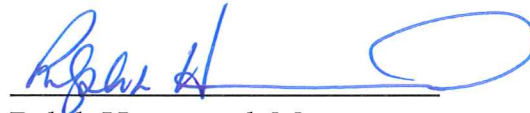
The appropriate officers and agents of the City are authorized and directed to codify, include and publish the provisions of this Resolution with the City of Springfield Code. Section numbers may be assigned and changed whenever necessary or convenient.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This resolution shall take effect as to allow the increase to be collected on the utility bills due in November, 2013.

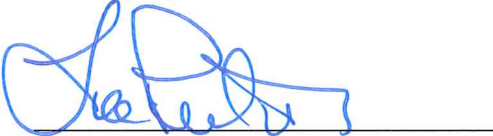
**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of Springfield, Bay County, Florida this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD**



Ralph Hammond, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Lee Penton, City Clerk