


MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Strickland and Council Members
FROM: Christine C. Davis, Finance Director 
DATE: June 30, 2008
RE: Revisions to the Utility Miscellaneous Fee Schedule

PURPOSE

As a result of the Utility Code amendment it is necessary to revise the existing Miscellaneous Fee schedule by adopting Resolution No. 484-08.

BACKGROUND

Staff presented the revised Miscellaneous Fee schedule to Council at the workshop held April 8, 2008. The newly adopted Utility Code addressed several areas that require an amendment to the Miscellaneous Fee schedule in order to implement the new code.

Florida Statute 180.136 requires that before a local government's water or sewer utility increases any rate, charge, or fee for water or sewer utility service, the utility shall provide notice of the proposed increase to each customer of the utility through the utility's billing process. The utility customers were noticed as required through the utility billing system.

These changes are being recommended in an effort to provide greater fiscal accountability for commercial accounts, effective with the first billing after August 1, 2008. Staff recommends revising the existing Miscellaneous Fee scheduled by adding a monthly billing charge for the following services:

	<u>Annual Fee</u>	<u>Monthly Fee</u>
Hydrant Maintenance Fee (Sec. 17.3-60 Hydrant Maintenance Fee)	\$100.00	\$8.33
Fire Line Charges (Sec. 17.3-59 Fire Line Charge)		
4 inch	800.00	66.67
6 inch	1,600.00	133.33
8 inch	2,700.00	225.00
10 inch	4,200.00	350.00
12 inch	6,800.00	566.67

The Fire Line charge is a capacity cost recovery charge that is assessed to commercial customers who have fire lines or standpipes located within the premises of the building.

The Hydrant Maintenance Fee is assessed when privately owned hydrants are served by the City, the fee is necessary to cover the cost incurred by the utility in providing maintenance to property owned by the customer.

Other adjustments relating to the code revision are as follows:

Violation reconnection (per connection) \$15

Premises visit (per connection) \$15

Plan review (by staff) \$100 per review or resubmittal

Engineer/Consultant cost - actual cost

Extra expenses – actual cost

Inspection fees (minimum 1-hour) \$30 per hour – Normal business hours

\$40 per hour – After normal business hours

Water conservation penalties:

First-time violation – door tag

Second-time violation - \$50 fine

Each succeeding violation - \$100 fine

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approve Resolution No. 484-08.

RESOLUTION NO. 484-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A REVISED MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES PROVIDED BY ORANGE CITY UTILITIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Orange City adopted Resolution No. 369-06 on September 26, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange City now finds it necessary to revise the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Florida and the City Code empower the City Council to operate water utilities, and to establish and/or revise such charges as are necessary in the operation of same; and

WHEREAS, Section 17.3-24 of the Orange City Code provides that the City Council may review and update the rates and charges by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to revise and update the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule for Orange City Utilities' services as set forth in Exhibit "A" of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Orange City adopts the miscellaneous fee schedule set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein for all intents and purposes.

SECTION 2. The fees described in Section 1 shall become effective with all billings rendered after August 1, 2008.

SECTION 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any section, part of a section, paragraph, clause, phrase or word of this resolution is declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this resolution shall not be affected.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida, and approval as provided by law.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Jim Mahoney	_____	Donald C. Sherrill	_____
Tom Abraham	_____	Tom Luputka	_____
Donald Sandford	_____	Jeff Allebach, Vice Mayor	_____
Harley Strickland, Mayor	_____		

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008.

ATTEST:

AUTHENTICATED:

Deborah J. Renner, CMC, City Clerk

Harley Strickland, Mayor

This Resolution approved
as to form and legal sufficiency:

W. E. Reischmann, City Attorney

Amendments to Resolution No. 369-06, effective for all billings generated after August 1, 2008

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	<u>Water</u>	<u>Irrigation</u>
<u>Meter Installation:</u>		
3/4"	\$375	\$375
1.00"	450	450
1.50"	750	750
2.00"	900	900
3.00"	2,500	2,500
4.00"	3,000	3,000
6.00"	8,000	8,000
<u>Deposits:</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
3/4" – owner	\$100	\$150
3/4" – renter	100	150
3/4" – insufficient I.D.	300	150
3/4" – new construction	100	150
3/4" – commercial	Greater of 3 times ERU or \$100	Greater of 3 times ERU or \$100
1" to 6" commercial	Greater of 3 times ERU or \$100	Greater of 3 times ERU or \$100
Bulk Meter – new const.	\$1,000	0
<u>Fees:</u>		
Initial fee		\$15 plus turn on fee
Turn on – w/5 days notice	\$30	
Turn on – less than 5 days notice	40	
Turn on – after hours, emergency	35	
Turn on – after hours, non emergency	70	
Turn off – w/5 days notice	30	
Turn off – less than 5 days notice	40	
Turn off – after hours, emergency	35	
Turn off – after hours, non emergency	70	

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Transfer account	\$15
Name change	5
Penalty (10 days past due/yellow tag)	15*
Delinquent (15 days past due)	40
Returned check	As per Florida Statutes **
Meter tampering – cut lock	100
Lien filing	Two times cost
Lien satisfaction filing	Two times cost
Lien (open) refile, every 3 years	Two times cost
Title company search	15
Comparison test	50
Hydrant rental	100
<u>Hydrant maintenance fee (annual)</u>	<u>100</u>
Wastewater tap	190
Wastewater inspection	75
Backflow testing	40
<u>Violation reconnection (per connection)</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Premises visit (per connection)</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Plan review (by staff)</u>	<u>100 per review or resubmittal</u>
<u>Engineer/Consultant costs</u>	<u>actual costs</u>
<u>Extra expenses</u>	<u>actual costs</u>
<u>Inspection fees (minimum one-hour)</u>	<u>30/hour</u>
	<u>45/hour overtime</u>
<u>Annual Fire Line Charges:</u>	
<u>Line Size</u>	<u>Annual Charges</u>
<u>4"</u>	<u>\$800.00/yr</u>
<u>6"</u>	<u>1,600.00/yr</u>
<u>8"</u>	<u>2,700.00/yr</u>
<u>10"</u>	<u>4,200.00/yr</u>
<u>12"</u>	<u>6,800.00/yr</u>
<u>Water conservation penalties</u>	<u>First-time violation – door tag</u>
	<u>Second-time violation - \$50.00 fine</u>
	<u>Each succeeding violation - \$100 fine</u>

* Except for accounts with an amount due less than the water base rate.

** Florida Statutes
 \$25 -- If face value does not exceed \$50
 \$30 – If face value is more than \$50 by does not exceed \$300
 \$40 – If face value is more than \$300