

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing #1

Charlotte County Board Of County Commissioners Agenda Item Summary

1 DEPARTMENT MAKING REQUEST

Utilities

2 MEETING DATE

7/22/2014 9:00:00 AM

3 REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION

- a) Conduct a public hearing to consider a proposed Schedule fixing Sewer Utility Rates, Fees and Charges for the Charlotte County Englewood East Sewer District, effective October 1, 2014; and
- b) Approve a Resolution adopting and putting into effect the proposed Schedule fixing Sewer Utility Rates, Fees and Charges for customers within the Charlotte County Englewood East Sewer District, effective with utility bills issued on or after October 1, 2014.

4 AGENDA

TimeRequired

5 IS THIS ITEM BUDGETED (IF APPLICABLE) -

Budget Action

No action is needed. Funding will be in place in the FY15 Budget Process.

Financial Impact Summary Statement

No additional impacts.

Detailed Analysis Attached -

Budget Officer-

6 BACKGROUND (Why is this Action Necessary, and What Action will be accomplished)

On June 24, 2014 the Board of County Commissioners approved an Interlocal Agreement with Englewood Water District, providing that Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) shall provide wastewater and reclaimed water services to the Englewood East area, as well as potable water service. This agenda action establishes the sewer rates, fees and charges for the area, which will be identical to those of Charlotte County Water and Sewer Districts Number 1 and 2, with the exception of the System Development Charges (Connection Fees). The Connection Fees will initially be the same as those charged by Englewood Water District, until CCU can normalize the rates to match those in its other service areas.

ATTACHMENTS:

Name:	Description:	Type:
<input type="checkbox"/> Englewood East Sewer District Rate Resolution 2014.doc	Rate Resolution	Resolution Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Englewood East Sewer District rates Ex A 2014.doc	Ex. "A" to Rate Res.	Exhibit

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2014-_____

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND PUTTING INTO EFFECT A SCHEDULE FIXING SEWER UTILITY RATES, FEES AND CHARGES, FOR CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY ENGLEWOOD EAST SEWER DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2014, the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") established the Englewood East Sewer District in order for Charlotte County utilities (CCU) to provide wastewater services to the residents of the area known as Englewood East; and

WHEREAS, the Board held a public meeting on July 22, 2014, whereby all the owners, tenants and occupants of property to be served by CCU in the Englewood East Sewer District and all other interested parties had an opportunity to be heard concerning proposed rates, fees and charges for CCU customers in Englewood East Sewer District, notice of which public meeting was properly and timely published in a newspaper published in the County; and

WHEREAS, on the advice and recommendation of its technical advisors, and after hearing comments from the public, the Board now desires to establish a new Schedule fixing sewer utility rates, fees and charges for future CCU customers in the Englewood East Sewer District, and finds the adoption of such rates, fees, and charges to be just and equitable and in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida:

1. The Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges for customers within the Charlotte County Englewood East Sewer District, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted, to become effective with utility bills issued on or after October 1, 2014.

2. The rates, fees, and charges adopted under paragraph 1 above shall be automatically increased or decreased without hearing upon the implementation of an increase or decrease in the rates, charges, and fees charged to Charlotte County for sewer utility services, electric power, or the amount of ad valorem taxes assessed against Charlotte County's property, if any. The above approved rates, fees, and charges shall be automatically increased without hearing in the event that costs have been incurred for water quality testing required by regulatory agencies or that costs have been incurred as a result of the promulgation of regulations by other governmental agencies related to treatment procedures for water and sewage.

3. The rates, fees, and charges adopted pursuant to paragraph 1 above shall be further automatically increased or decreased annually as of the first day of the fiscal year, without hearing, based upon an operating cost price index. The initial index shall be the price in effect at the effective date (the "index") determined by the Florida Public Service Commission, pursuant to Section 367.081(4)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-30.420, Florida Administrative Code, as amended from time to time.

4. This Resolution shall become effective on October 1, 2014.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By _____
Kenneth W. Doherty, Chairman

ATTEST:
Barbara T. Scott, Clerk of Circuit
Court and ex-officio Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners

By _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"

SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES AND CHARGES (EFFECTIVE WITH BILLS RENDERED 10/1/2014) CHARLOTTE COUNTY UTILITIES – ENGLEWOOD EAST SEWER DISTRICT

I. DEFINITIONS.

Base Facility Charge: This is the monthly cost of having the system in place and prepared to serve the customer. This charge is designed to recover those capital expenses that are fixed, do not vary with consumption and are not recovered from separate charges.

Bulk Service: For service for all purposes in bulk customers served by a master meter.

Customer Charge: The cost of meter reading, billing and collection. Charged monthly to each metered account or sewer only account.

Gallonge Charge: This is the cost of providing the water, and/or collecting, treating and disposing of sewage, such as chemicals, electricity, labor and other related costs. This cost is variable and depends on consumption, billed in one-thousand gallon increments.

General Service: Service for all purposes for customers who do not qualify for residential or multi-family services. Any commercial, industrial, and institutional enterprise including but not limited to domiciliary houses, resident schools, hotels, motels and all other uses. The term commercial as used herein shall mean an establishment dealing in wholesale or retail trades or services, including, but not limited to, hotels, motels, offices, stores, restaurants, churches, schools and other facilities which hold themselves out to the public as a place of business.

Interest: Interest will be paid on those deposits retained by the Utility. The interest shall be applied yearly, each September, as a credit against the customer account.

Irrigation Meter: A meter set on a property served by water and wastewater, which measures potable water used solely for the purpose of irrigation.

Low Pressure Installation: The calculated costs incurred to install a low pressure sewer tank.

Meter Installation: The calculated costs incurred to install a water meter.

Mobile Home Residential Service: Water and/or Wastewater service for all purposes in mobile home residences located in mobile home parks or mobile home subdivisions that are served by an individual meter, which are rated at 82% of an equivalent single-family residential unit for water and 97% of an equivalent single-family residential unit for wastewater.

I. DEFINITIONS (continued)

Multi-family Residential Service: Water and/or Wastewater service for all purposes in multi-family residences served by a master meter, which are rated at 70% of an equivalent single-family residential unit for water and 80% of an equivalent single-family residential unit for wastewater.

Residential Service: Water and / or Wastewater service for all purposes in single-family homes, and individually metered multi-family units.

Reuse: The provision of reclaimed water for irrigation or other permitted uses.

System Development Charges (Connection Fees) - Wastewater: An equitable and proportionate charge made at the time wastewater service is newly requested to cover the growth related capital cost of construction for master pumping stations, master force mains, treatment and effluent disposal facilities and collection system required to provide service to new connections to the sewer system by new users.

Water Shortage Rates - Emergency – Water Rates: The rates will be implemented upon direction by the Board of County Commissioners that the water shortage warrants the implementation of the Emergency Water Usage Rates.

II. SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES.

A. CONNECTION FEES,

**WASTEWATER
EFFLUENT DISPOSAL**

Plant Capacity
And Transmission System \$ 2,849.94

Collection \$ 5,817.00

ERC CONNECTION FEE \$ 8,666.94

III. RATES

Rates listed herein may be subject to change should Pass Through/Indexing adjustments be appropriate.

A. WASTEWATER

1. RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

	Effective Oct 1, 2014	Effective Oct 1, 2015	Effective Oct 1, 2016
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance):			
All Meter Sizes	\$29.36	\$31.12	\$32.99
Gallonage charge per 1,000 gallons:			
(10,000 gallon maximum)	\$4.09	\$4.34	\$4.60
Customer charge added to each sewer only account:	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

2. MOBILE HOME RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

	Effective Oct 1, 2014	Effective Oct 1, 2015	Effective Oct 1, 2016
Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance):			
All Meter Sizes	\$28.47	\$30.18	\$31.99
Gallonage charge per 1,000 gallons:			
(10,000 gallon maximum)	\$4.09	\$4.34	\$4.60
Customer charge added to each sewer only account:	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

3. MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

	Effective Oct 1, 2014	Effective Oct 1, 2015	Effective Oct 1, 2016
Base Facility Charge times number of units (no gallonage allowance):			
All Meter Sizes	\$23.49	\$24.90	\$26.39
Gallonage charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$4.09	\$4.34	\$4.60
Customer charge added to each sewer only account:	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

4. BULK SERVICE

	Effective Oct 1, 2014	Effective Oct 1, 2015	Effective Oct 1, 2016
Base Facility Charge times number of units (no gallonage allowance):			
All Meter Sizes	\$19.54	\$20.71	\$21.95
Gallonage charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$3.34	\$3.54	\$3.75
Customer charge added to each sewer only account:	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

A. WASTEWATER (continued)

5. GENERAL SERVICE

Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance):

Meter Size	Effective Oct 1, 2014	Effective Oct 1, 2015	Effective Oct 1, 2016
5/8" x 3/4"	\$29.36	\$31.12	\$32.99
1"	\$73.41	\$77.81	\$82.48
1 1/2"	\$146.82	\$155.63	\$164.97
2"	\$234.92	\$249.01	\$263.95
3"	\$469.85	\$498.04	\$527.92
4"	\$734.12	\$778.17	\$824.86
6"	\$1,468.27	\$1,556.37	\$1,649.75
8"	\$2,349.21	\$2,490.17	\$2,639.58
Gallonage charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$4.09	\$4.34	\$4.60
Customer charge added to each sewer only account:	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

6. WASTEWATER ONLY CUSTOMERS

	Effective Oct 1, 2014	Effective Oct 1, 2015	Effective Oct 1, 2016
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A. Individual Residences

Based on a maximum usage Monthly Flat Rate of:	\$70.28	\$74.49	\$78.96
Customer charge added to each sewer only account:	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

	Effective Oct 1, 2014	Effective Oct 1, 2015	Effective Oct 1, 2016
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B. Multi-family

Based on a maximum usage Monthly Flat Rate of:	\$56.22	\$59.60	\$63.18
Customer charge added to each sewer only account:	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

	Effective Oct 1, 2014	Effective Oct 1, 2015	Effective Oct 1, 2016
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C. Bulk

Monthly Flat Rate per unit of:	\$52.93	\$56.10	\$59.47
Customer charge added to each sewer only account:	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

A. WASTEWATER, 6. WASTEWATER ONLY CUSTOMERS, (continued)

A. General Services Effective Oct 1, 2014 Effective Oct 1, 2015 Effective Oct 1, 2016

Based on maximum usage per schedule of daily rated gallonage for various occupancies pursuant to the Utility Uniform Extension Policy.

Base Facility Charge:	\$73.41	\$77.81	\$82.48
Gallonage charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$4.09	\$4.34	\$4.60
Customer charge added to each sewer only account:	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

7. WASTEWATER ONLY CUSTOMERS, WATER SERVED BY ANOTHER UTILITY

a. RESIDENTIAL SERVICE Effective Oct 1, 2014 Effective Oct 1, 2015 Effective Oct 1, 2016

Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance)			
All Meter Sizes:	\$29.36	\$31.12	\$32.99
Gallonage charge per 1,000 gallons: (10,000 gallon maximum)	\$4.09	\$4.34	\$4.60
Customer charge added to each sewer only account:	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

b. MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

	Effective Oct 1, 2014	Effective Oct 1, 2015	Effective Oct 1, 2016
Base Facility Charge times number of units (no gallonage allowance)			
All Meter Sizes:	\$23.49	\$24.90	\$26.39
Gallonage charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$4.09	\$4.34	\$4.60
Customer charge added to each sewer only account:	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

c. BULK SERVICE Effective Oct 1, 2014 Effective Oct 1, 2015 Effective Oct 1, 2016

Base Facility Charge times number of units (no gallonage allowance)			
All Meter Sizes	\$19.54	\$20.71	\$21.95
Gallonage charge per 1,000 gallons:	\$3.34	\$3.54	\$3.75
Customer charge added to each sewer only account:	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

A. SEWER, 7. WASTEWATER ONLY CUSTOMERS, WATER SERVED BY ANOTHER UTILITY(continued)

d. GENERAL SERVICE

Base Facility Charge (no gallonage allowance):

Meter Size	Effective Oct 1, 2014	Effective Oct 1, 2015	Effective Oct 1, 2016
5/8" x 3/4"	\$29.36	\$31.12	\$32.99
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e. PER CONTRACT

**Consumption Charge only – Bulk
Gallonage charge** per 1,000 gallons

	\$3.34	\$3.54	\$3.75
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IV. CUSTOMER DEPOSITS.

	<u>Sewer</u>
A. <u>Residential</u>	
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 120.00
1"	\$ 330.00
1 1/2"	\$ 465.00
2"	\$ 1,010.00
B. <u>Multi-Family</u>	
Per Unit	\$ 96.00
C. <u>General Service</u>	
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 120.00
1"	\$ 445.00
1 1/2"	\$ 2,000.00
2"	\$ 2,250.00
3"	\$ 2,700.00
4" and over	2 month bill

Note: Non-residential customer deposits are non-refundable until service is terminated.
The interest rate paid on the retained deposits will be 1.25%