

RESOLUTION 2018-14

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND AUTHORIZING UTILITY RATES AND FEES FOR THE CITY OF MONROE

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee meet on May 31, 2018 and conducted a public hearing prior to deliberating, discussing and approved a budget recommending that the water base rate and the sewer rates not be increased and that the base rate for storm water be increased by \$2.00; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee has reviewed the resources and the needs to address significant community water operational and storm water system needs including capital expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the recommendations from the Budget Committee and has conducted a public hearing regarding the Budget Committee approved budget with an increase in the base storm water rate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe completed a Storm Water Master Plan in December of 2015 which outlined \$1.4M in priority projects for the City's storm water system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe is having to address new federally mandated storm water issues including annual Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reports outlining storm water system improvements and public education related to storm water issues; and

WHEREAS, the level of projected costs for storm water related requirements and programs is projected to significantly increase; and

WHEREAS, the Water Fund has seen a total base rate increase of \$1.12 in the last 9 years and yet has about a 9% annual increase in costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe still has not achieved a permanent operating permitted water source for the water treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, the base rate for minimum water users should allow for a little more usage without significant increase of costs which can be obtained by a slight increase of the allowable usable water for the base rate to increase from 3,750 to 4,000 gallons; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to submit a Water Management and Conservation Plan every six years as a condition to it's state water permits and the last one completed was December 2010 and there will be an additional estimated \$20,000 expense within the 2018-2019 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure needs and water operations costs exceed the revenue for the Water Fund; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Monroe, as follows:

SECTION 1. BASE WATER RATES. Maintain the base water rate at \$26.48.

SECTION 2. BASE WASTE WATER (SEWER) RATES. No change from existing rates as of **July 1, 2012.**

Establishment of written policy based upon past practices being done internally by staff since at least 2014.

Waste Water Rates for 12 existing commercial accounts and soon to be 2 more (Dollar General and Brew Pub) is determined by how much water consumption they are using. The total water consumption for the year is added up and averaged. It is then determined how many EDU's is being used (with 1 EDU=4,000 gallons). The new base rate for these soon to be 14 accounts is the base rate times the number of the EDU's (Equivalent Dwelling Units). If the business uses less than 1 EDU they are charged the base rate. New accounts are configured based upon cumulative average until they have completed a full fiscal year at which time their monthly rate will be consistent based upon the previous fiscal year. Any commercial account that uses more than 4,000 gallons for three consecutive months will be added to the commercial sewer rate calculations. All commercial accounts under the commercial rate for sewer are reconfigured in July of every year.

SECTION 3. BASE STORM WATER RATES. The base rate for residential customers is increased from \$4 per customer (water hook up) per month and \$6 per nonresidential customer per month to \$6 per customer (water hook up) per month and \$8 per nonresidential customer per month.

SECTION 4. Clarify and rate for water above and beyond the 3,750 gallons included in the base rate to the following sliding scale:

Current:

Each additional 1,000 gallons between 4000 and 10,000 is \$10.27

Each additional 1,000 gallons above 10,000 \$14.37

NEWLY ADOPTED-- ABOVE AND IN ADDITION TO BASE RATE

4,000 Gallons to 5,000 Gallons	11.50
5,001 Gallons to 6,000 Gallons	21.50
6,001 Gallons to 7,000 Gallons	32.50
7,001 Gallons to 8,000 Gallons	44.00
8,001 Gallons AND ABOVE	15.00 per 1,000 gallons

SECTION 5. ADDITIONAL FEE FOR HAND READ METER REQUESTS: Any requests to not have installed radio read meters currently being installed throughout the City will be honored with an additional \$10.00 base rate added fee.

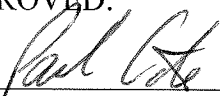
SECTION 6. BULK RATE WATER SALE OF NON-POTABLE WATER: Non-potable water purchased from the water treatment plant and transported off site will have an established fee of \$20 per 3,000 or any portion of 3,000 gallons.

SECTION 7. INCREASE OF LIEN FEES: The current lien fee is \$10.00. The standard fee is \$25. The adoption of a new Lien Search fee for the City of Monroe to be \$25.00 effective August 1, 2018

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. The rates and charges herein provided to be paid and collected shall be effective for all collection periods beginning on August 1, 2018.

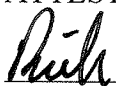
ADOPTED by the City Council this 25th day of June, 2018.

APPROVED:



Paul Canter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rick Hohnbaum, City Recorder