

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX CHAPTER A198 FEES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO RATES AND CHARGES FOR SEWAGE USAGE; TO INCREASE THE BASE MINIMUM MONTHLY SEWER RATES AND SEWER FLOW CHARGE RATE BY 16.6%; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to gradually adjust rates to cover the cumulative effects of the increases in sewer processing rates and any new annual processing charges; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg increased processing fees by 8.28% in fiscal 2023 and has proposed a 5.05% increase in sewer processing fees for fiscal 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wt. Petersburg sewer processing charges for fiscal 2023 increased by an estimated \$93,185 based on projected annual volume of 173.4 million gallons; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Pasadena did not change or increase Sewer Fees in fiscal 2023, and

WHEREAS, the St. Petersburg processing charge for 2024 will increase sewer processing costs by an estimated \$61,888 (to \$1,287,225) based on expected processing volumes of 174.33 million gallons; and

WHEREAS, no change in Sewer Fees for fiscal 2024 would result in an estimated \$249,320 cash flow deficit, and

WHEREAS, The City Commission desires to have the Sewer Enterprise Fund at a breakeven cash flow, and

WHEREAS, a recommended 16.6% increase in variable and fixed charges is expected to generate \$1,757,160 or an additional \$250,160 in Sewer Fee Revenue resulting in a breakeven budget; and

WHEREAS, in order to cover the increased sewer processing charges and produce a breakeven budget for fiscal 2024, it is imperative that revenue from sewer fees be raised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of South Pasadena, Florida as follows:

Section 1. FINDINGS AND USAGE RATE INCREASE. As a result of the findings of the City Commission set forth above, that effective December 1, 2023, the Base and Minimum monthly charge and Flow Charge rates for sewer service shall be increased by 16.6%. Subsection 169-22A of Appendix Chapter A198 of the Code of

Ordinances, the schedule of base and flow rates for sewer service, is amended to read as follows:

Base and minimum monthly charge of:

Single family and multi-family units, including mobile homes \$ 7.29 per unit

Commercial, institutional, public and all others	
5/8" meter	\$ 7.29
1" meter	\$ 18.71
1 1/2" meter	\$ 42.13
2" meter	\$ 74.85
3" meter	\$ 168.43
4" meter	\$ 299.43
6" meter	\$ 673.68
8" meter	\$1,197.62

In addition to the base rates set above, all accounts shall pay an additional flow charge of \$8.86 per 1,000 gallons, based on potable water use.

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. The amended sewer usage rates established hereunder shall be utilized for the November 2023 meter readings to calculate billings beginning December 1, 2023.



Arthur Penny, Mayor

ATTEST:

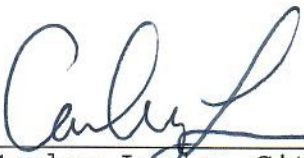


Carley Lewis, City Clerk

PASSED ON FIRST READING _____ OCTOBER 10TH _____, 2023.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING _____ NOVEMBER 14TH _____, 2023.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I, the undersigned City Clerk did cause the noticing of the above ordinance in accordance with Chapter 166.041 of the Florida Statutes.



Carley Lewis, City Clerk

THIS ORDINANCE HAS BEEN APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.



City Attorney