

ORDINANCE NO. 9854-25

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER,
FLORIDA, AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES,
APPENDIX A – SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES AND
CHARGES, ARTICLE XXIV PUBLIC WORKS – FEES,
RATES AND CHARGES; AMENDING SECTION 3 RATES
FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

WHEREAS, Appendix A, Article XXIV sets forth the schedule of fees, rates, and charges to be paid by customers of the City's water, wastewater collection, and reclaimed water systems;

WHEREAS, in July 2025, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. completed a Water and Sewer Rate Study Analysis ("Study"), which evaluated the sufficiency of the revenues provided by existing water, wastewater collection, and reclaimed water rates;

WHEREAS, the Study recommended an 8% increase to domestic water rates, lawn water rates, wastewater collection rates, and reclaimed water rates.

WHEREAS, the Study noted that while the previously adopted 3% annual increase was sufficient for previous fiscal years, recent increases in capital costs, borrowing levels, and operating costs necessitates an increase in rates;

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Department conducted an internal review of the Study and recommends increases to these rates in order to sustainably fund the identified infrastructure needs to maintain safe and reliable drinking and wastewater services;

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance 9841-25 on September 18, 2025, which implemented the 8% increase as recommended by the Study; however, there was a scrivener's error regarding the Wastewater Collection Rates;

WHEREAS, after a properly noticed public hearing, the City Council determines that the adoption of this Ordinance correcting the scrivener's error is in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: Appendix A, Article XXIV, Section 3 (b) 1 of the City of Clearwater Code of Ordinances, is amended with the following underlined language to be added and the strikethrough language to be deleted as written below:

"(b) Wastewater collection utility rates.

1. There is hereby established a uniform schedule of rates and charges for the availability of use of the wastewater collection system. The wastewater collection utility rate shall be a monthly fee, as provided in the table below, based on the meter size and volume allowance of domestic water, with an additional charge per 1,000 gallons of water consumed over the

allowance per the table below. Such rates shall take effect for bills issued on or after the dates as shown in the following table, and shall remain in effect thereafter unless amended:

Base Monthly Charge With or Without Consumption						
Size of Meter	October 1, 2025	October 1, 2026	October 1, 2027	October 1, 2028	October 1, 2029	Allowance (gallons)
Under 1-inch	Effective	\$44.01 \$37.51	\$47.52 \$40.51	\$51.33 \$43.75	\$55.44 \$47.25	3,000 or less
	December 1, 2025					
	\$40.74 \$34.73					

SECTION 2: Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections, or parts of this Ordinance be deemed invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of law or administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter, such action shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall become effective November 20, 2025.

PASSED ON FIRST READING

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL
READING AND ADOPTED

Bruce Rector
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Jerrod Simpson
Senior Assistant City Attorney

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk