

ORDINANCE NO. 453

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 70-189, CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ESTABLISHING BASE RATES BY CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION; ESTABLISHING A VOLUME CHARGE, ESTABLISHING ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BASE RATES AND VOLUME CHARGES BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Joe owns and operates a water treatment facility that provides potable water to the city and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Joe has caused to be conducted by Burton and Associates, Inc., a rate study of the city water rates; and,

WHEREAS, the rate study found that the current water rates charged by the city to be inadequate to meet the long term water needs of the City and the surrounding areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, as follows:

1. Definition:

a. Residential is defined as 1 Equivalent Residential Connection (ERC) which equals water usage of 300 gallons per day for the average household,

b. Commercial I is defined as any business or commercial establishment whose water usage does not exceed 1.50 ERC which equals 450 gallons per day and up to 13,500 gallons for 30 days.

c. Commercial II is defined as any business or commercial establishment whose water usage exceeds 1.50 ERC which is greater than 450 gallons per day average.

2. Rates

<b>Monthly Base Rate Schedule</b>						
<i>Effective Date:</i>	<i>10/1/2010</i>	<i>10/1/2011</i>	<i>10/1/2012</i>	<i>10/1/2013</i>	<i>10/1/2014</i>	
<u>Customer Classification</u>						
Residential	\$ 20.84	\$ 22.51	\$ 24.31	\$ 26.25	\$ 28.35	
Commercial I	\$ 31.26	\$ 33.76	\$ 36.46	\$ 39.38	\$ 42.53	
Commercial II	\$ 62.52	\$ 67.52	\$ 72.92	\$ 78.75	\$ 85.05	
Irrigation Only Meter	\$ 20.84	\$ 22.51	\$ 24.31	\$ 26.25	\$ 28.35	
Hydrants	\$ 16.67	\$ 18.00	\$ 19.44	\$ 21.00	\$ 22.68	

<b>Usage Charge Volume Charge Rate Schedule</b>						
(per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof)						
<i>Effective Date:</i>	<i>10/1/2010</i>	<i>10/1/2011</i>	<i>10/1/2012</i>	<i>10/1/2013</i>	<i>10/1/2014</i>	
<u>Residential</u>						
0 - 3,000	\$ 3.14	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.66	\$ 3.95	\$ 4.27	
3,001 - 6,000	\$ 3.95	\$ 4.27	\$ 4.61	\$ 4.98	\$ 5.38	
6,001 - 9,000	\$ 6.16	\$ 6.65	\$ 7.18	\$ 7.75	\$ 8.37	
9,000 +	\$ 9.61	\$ 10.38	\$ 11.21	\$ 12.11	\$ 13.08	
<u>Commercial I, Commercial II &amp; Hydrants</u>						
All Use	\$ 3.95	\$ 4.27	\$ 4.61	\$ 4.98	\$ 5.38	
<u>Irrigation Only Meter</u>						
0 - 9,000	\$ 6.16	\$ 6.65	\$ 7.18	\$ 7.75	\$ 8.37	
9,000 +	\$ 9.61	\$ 10.38	\$ 11.21	\$ 12.11	\$ 13.08	

3. Beginning 2015 the base rate and the volume charge shall be adjusted each year on October 1 to reflect the changes in the consumer price index, as published by U.S. Department of Labor.

4. Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.


6. Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of City Commissioners of Port  
St. Joe, Florida, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2010.

The City of Port St. Joe

  
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Mel C. Magidson, Jr.  
Mayor Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Jim Anderson  
Clerk