

ORDINANCE NO. 454

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, REPEALING SECTION 70-190, SEWER RATE SCHEDULE, CODE OF ORDINANCES, ESTABLISHING WASTEWATER CLASSIFICATIONS, ESTABLISH A BASE RATE AND A VOLUME CHARGE, 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 wastewater treatment facility that serves the city and surrounding areas; and

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

WHEREAS, the rate study found that the current rate structure is inadequate to meet the future needs of the City and the surrounding area;

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

| Monthly Base Rate Schedule | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <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 | \$ 24.16 | \$ 25.61 | \$ 28.94 | \$ 29.88 | \$ 30.85 |
| Commercial I | \$ 36.64 | \$ 38.84 | \$ 43.89 | \$ 45.32 | \$ 46.79 |
| Commercial II | \$ 2.48 | \$ 76.83 | \$ 86.82 | \$ 89.64 | \$ 92.55 |

Usage Charge Volume Charge Rate Schedule

(per 1,000
gallons or
portion thereof)

| | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Effective Date:</i> | 10/1/2010 | 10/1/2011 | 10/1/2012 | 10/1/2013 | 10/1/2014 |
| <u>All Customer Classifications</u> | | | | | |
| All Use | \$ 5.26 | \$ 5.58 | \$ 6.31 | \$ 6.52 | \$ 6.73 |

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 21st day of September, 2010.

The City of Port St. Joe



Mel C. Magidson, Jr.
Mayor Commissioner

ATTEST:



Jim Anderson
Clerk