ORDINANCE NO. 388

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 the Florida Rural Water Association; and

WHEREAS, 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 1 is defined as any business or commercial establishment whose water usage does not exceed 1.25 ERC which equals 375 gallons per day average.
- c. Commercial II is defined as any business or commercial establishment whose water usage exceeds 1.25 ERC which is equals 376 gallons per day average.

2. Rates

Custo	omer Classification	Base Rate	Volume Charge (per 1000 gallons or portion thereof used)
a.	Residential	\$10.00 effective 10/1/07 20.00 effective 10/1/08 30.00 effective 10/1/09	\$ 3.50 per 1000 gallons
b.	Commercial 1	14.75 effective 10/1/07 29.50 effective 10/1/08 44.25 effective 10/1/09	\$3.50 per 1000 gallons

c. Commercial 2

87.50 effective 10/1/07 175.00 effective 10/1/08 263.25 effective 10/1/09 \$3.50 per 1000 gallons

- 3. The base rate and the volume charge shall be adjusted annually on October 1, to reflect changes in the consumer price index, except that in the year 2010, the adjustment shall reflect the combined consumer price index adjustments for 2008 and 2009 and 2010.
- 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 All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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 <u>18th</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2007.

THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE

MEL C. MACHOSON JR. MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

PAULINE PENDARVIS

City Clerk