

ORDINANCE NO. 389

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 THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, 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 the Florida Rural Water Association a rate study of the City water rates; and,

WHEREAS, the rate study found the current water rates charged by the City to be inadequate to meet for long term water needs of the City and 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 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 greater than 376 gallons per day average.

2. Rates

<u>Customer Classification</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Volume Charge</u> (per 1000 gallons or portion thereof used)	
a. Residential	\$5.00 effective 10/1/07	0-3,000	= \$2.85
	10.00 effective 10/1/08	3001-6000	= 2.90
	15.00 effective 10/1/09	6001-9000	= 2.95
		9000 +	= 3.00
b. Commercial 1	7.25 effective 10/1/07	0-3000	= 2.85

	14.50 effective 10/1/08	3001-6000	= 2.90
	21.75 effective 10/1/09	6001-9000	= 2.95
		9000 +	= 3.00
c.	Commercial 2	0-3000	= 2.85
	43.00 effective 10/1/07	3001-6000	= 2.90
	86.00 effective 10/1/08	6001-9000	= 2.95
	129.00 effective 10/1/09	9001 +	= 3.00

3. The base rate and the volume charge shall be adjusted each year on October 1, to reflect the increase or decrease in consumer price index, as published by U.S. Department of Labor; except that on October 1, 2010, the adjustment shall reflect the combined CPI adjustments for 2008 and 2009 and 2010.

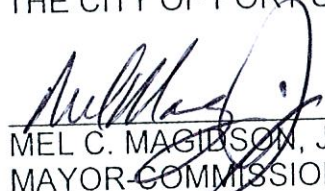
4. Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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 October 1, 2007.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of City Commissioners of Port St. Joe, Florida this 18th day of September, 2007.

THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE


MEL C. MAGIDSON, JR.
MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


PAULINE PENDARVIS
City Clerk