OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES AND CHARGES
PROPOSED AT BOARD MEETING ON 02/17/25, RESOLUTION 26-01
EFFECTIVE DATE: MARCH 1, 2026
RATE SCHEDULE 26-01

			Effective 03.01.26 FY26
A	**WATER RATES, FEES & CHARGES**		
1	**Meter Installation Fees (service line installed by OUA)**		
a	Residential Meter Size: (includes check value)	5/8" X 3/4"	$1,399
		1"	$1,584
b	Non Residential Meter Size: (includes backflow prevention)	5/8" X 3/4"	$1,878
		1"	$2,221
		1-1/2"	$6,455
		2"	$7,063
		3"	$11,148
		4"	$12,946
		Larger than 4" - Cost determined by OUA Exec Dir or designee	
c	Meter Size (service line, meter box and check valve installed by Developer or re-install fee)		
		5/8" X 3/4"	$204
		1"	$301
		Larger than 1' - Cost determined by OUA Exec Dir or designee	
d	Inspection of Water Service		$54
2	**Water System Capital Connection Charge (any meter size)**		
	Per Equivalent Residential Connection (ERC); minimum one (1) ERC (beginning 10/1/24)		$1,988
3	**Water Base Facility Charge**		
a	Residential Meter (single meter per family or detached dwelling unit)		
	Minimum 0.33 ERC *	5/8" X 3/4"	$24.93
	Minimum 0.80 ERC *	5/8" X 3/4"	$24.93
	Minimum 1.00 ERC	5/8" X 3/4"	$24.93
	Minimum 2.50 ERC	1"	$62.32
	Minimum 5.00 ERC	1-1/2"	$124.62
	Minimum 8.00 ERC	2"	$199.40
	* These categories meet the requirements specified in the latest OUA Resolution for General Policies & Procedures for reduced ERC on residential meters		
b	Non Residential Meter (minimum per meter size includes hotels, motels & single unit)		
	Minimum 1.00 ERC	5/8" X 3/4"	$30.82
	Minimum 2.50 ERC	1"	$77.10
	Minimum 5.00 ERC	1-1/2"	$154.18
	Minimum 8.00 ERC	2"	$246.69
	Minimum 16.00 ERC	3"	$493.36
	Minimum 25.00 ERC	4"	$770.88
	Minimum 50.00 ERC	6"	$1,541.75
	Minimum 80.00 ERC	8"	$2,466.79
c	Master Meter (any size; charge per unit connected to meter)	Equivalency Factor	
	< 400 square feet	.33 ERC	$8.23
	≥ 400 and < 900 square feet	.80 ERC	$19.96
	>900 square feet	Minimum 1.00 ERC	$24.93
d	Large users*	per ERC	$11.97
4	**Gallonage Rates (residential, non residential, master meter)**	**Block 1**	$5.39
	(per 1,000 gallon)	**Block 2**	$8.11

a All except master meter	Block Allowances Block 1	Block 2
Meter Size	**Monthly Gallons**	**Monthly Gallons**
5/8" X 3/4"	0 - 3,000	Above 3,000
1"	0 - 8,000	Above 8,000
1 1/2"	0 - 15,000	Above 15,000
2"	0 - 24,000	Above 24,000
3"	0 - 48,000	Above 48,000
4"	0 - 75,000	Above 75,000
6"	0 - 150,000	Above 150,000
8"	0 - 240,000	Above 240,000
b Master Meter (unit based per ERI	0 - 3,000	Above 3,000

c. Large Users* Master Meter - Monthly Gallons		$7.39

5 Irrigation meter (water only; no sewer)
Base & consumption billed at non residential rate per meter size

6 Fire Hydrant Fund Fee ($.62 per residential meter per month)			$0.62
Fire Hydrant Fund Fee ($.62 per ERC per master meter per month)		(calculate)	0.62 per ERC
Fire Hydrant Fund Fee ($1.98 per nonresidential meter per month)			$1.98

B WASTEWATER RATES, FEES & CHARGES

1 Wastewater Line Fees

Service line installed by OUA (existing gravity service line at property line)

a Connection to an existing service lateral

	4"	$2,457
	6"	$2,801
Larger than 6"	Cost determined by OUA Exec Dir or designee	

Connection to Existing Gravity Main Line

b Installation of new service lateral Cost determined by OUA Exec Dir or designee

c Inspection of Service line 4" or 6" $54

d Installation of Valve Pit on Vacuum Sewer System: Cost determined by OUA Exec Dir or designee

e Service Line connected to Vacuum Sewer System

	4"	$3,250
	6"	$3,500

f Connection to Force Main Cost determined by OUA Exec Dir or designee

2 Wastewater System Capital Connection Charge (any meter size) $3,863
Per Equivalent Residential Connection (ERC); minimum one (1) ERC

3 Wastewater Base Facility Charge

a Residential Meter (single meter per family or detached dwelling unit)

Minimum 0.33 ERC *	5/8" X 3/4"	$28.59
Minimum 0.80 ERC *	5/8" X 3/4"	$28.59
Minimum 1.00 ERC	5/8" X 3/4"	$28.59
Minimum 2.50 ERC	1"	$71.43
Minimum 5.00 ERC	1-1/2"	$142.84
Minimum 8.00 ERC	2"	$228.57

* These categories must also meet the requirements specified in the latest OUA Resolution for General Policies & Procedures for reduced ERC on residential meters

b Non Residential Meter (minimum per meter size includes hotels, motels & single unit)

Minimum 1.00 ERC	5/8" X 3/4"	$36.56
Minimum 2.50 ERC	1"	$91.44
Minimum 5.00 ERC	1-1/2"	$182.86
Minimum 8.00 ERC	2"	$292.58
Minimum 16.00 ERC	3"	$585.17
Minimum 25.00 ERC	4"	$914.33
Minimum 50.00 ERC	6"	$1,828.65
Minimum 80.00 ERC	8"	$2,925.82

c Master Meter (any size; charge per unit connected to meter)

	Equivalency Factor	
< 400 square feet	.33 ERC	$9.43
≥ 400 and < 900 square feet	.80 ERC	$22.86
>900 square feet	Minimum 1.00 ERC	$28.59

d	Large users*	per ERC	$18.30

4 Gallonage Rates (per 1,000 gallons)

a	Residential	$8.89
b	Non Residential	$9.19
c	Master Meter - General	$8.89
d.	Large users* - Monthly Gallons	$9.42

5 Reclaimed Water

Volumetric charges for reclaimed water based upon meter consumption per 1,000 gallons and billed monthly determined and approved by OUA Board

6 Septage

Septage charges per 1,000 gallons Cost Determined by OUA Board N/A

*** Large users are defined as customers with a minimum of 250,000 GPD(ADF) for water and/or wastewater.**

7 Industrial Wastewater

To be determined and approved by OUA Board on an individual basis according to volume and characteristics of wastewater by special agreement.

8 High Strength Industrial Wastewater Surcharge

To be determined and approved by OUA Board on an individual basis according to volume and characteristics of wastewater by special agreement.

C FIRE LINE CHARGES

1 Sole Proprietary Fire Protection Systems (Sprinkler Systems); based on size of line

Fire line charges are approximately 1/12 of the water meter charges.

2"	$20.54
3"	$41.11
4"	$63.90
6"	$127.76
8"	$205.49
10"	$338.00

2 Hydrant Meters (charges for temporary water service delivered via a fire hydrant)

a Set-up Charge $99

b Monthly Service Charge

5/8 X 3/4" Meter	$39.61
1" Meter	$79.22
2" Meter	$237.65
3" Meter	$475.31

c Consumption Rate per 1,000 gallons (see A 6 (a) for block allowances by meter size)

Block 1	$6.67
Block 2	$10.00

d Meter relocation (per move) $66

e Removal of meter by other than OUA $204

f Deposit required based on hydrant meter size and appropriate non residential meter rates referenced in D-3

g Fire Flow Test (per test) $111

D DEPOSITS FOR SERVICE (MINIMUM)

The required deposit listed below may be reduced by one half of the value shown if the customer elects to pay the monthly bill through the direct debit payment method.

1 Residential (Property Owner as Occupant)

a	Water Service Only	3/4"	$123
b	Wastewater Service Only	3/4"	$138
c	Water & Wastewater Service	3/4"	$262
d	Water Service Only	1"	$14
e	Wastewater Service Only	1"	$194
f	Water & Wastewater Service	1"	$368

2 Residential (Non Owner)

a	Water Service Only	3/4"	$194
b	Wastewater Service Only	3/4"	$194
c	Water & Wastewater Service	3/4"	$388
d	Water Service Only	1"	$274
e	Wastewater Service Only	1"	$297
f	Water & Wastewater Service	1"	$571

3 Non-Residential and Master Meters

Deposit to equal three highest months in last 12 months Utility Bills for service with the following as minimum:

Deposit to equal 3 times the average of last 12 months Utility Bills for service with the following as a minimum:

Meter Size	
5/8" X 3/4"	$194
1"	$312
1-1/2"	$588
2"	$934
3"	$1,859
4"	$2,900
6"	$5,801
8"	$9,276

D DEPOSITS FOR SERVICE (MINIMUM) -

Meter Size	
5/8" X 3/4"	$194
1"	$344
1-1/2"	$664
2"	$1,064
3"	$2,127
4"	$3,322
6"	$6,625
8"	$10,605

D DEPOSITS FOR SERVICE (MINIMUM) - (continued)

Meter Size	
5/8" X 3/4"	$389
1"	$658
1-1/2"	$1,252
2"	$1,993
3"	$3,986
4"	$6,222
6"	$12,426
8"	$19,681

E SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES, PER OCCURRENCE

1	Turn-on fee, except for new meter installations	$19
2	Performance of service after regular office hours.	$72

3 Reconnection Fee

After a meter has been removed, a meter can be reinstalled to establish service if the meter is reinstalled within 120 months of being pulled. For the first twelve months, Tier 1 base rates apply. For all remaining months, utilize Tier 2 base rates. Included in this calculation will be the type of utility service (water, wastewater or both), the classification (residential, non-residential or master meter), meter size, number of ERC's, the reinstallation fee and inspection fee. In the case of a master meter, the calculation will use the ERC equivalency factors. Regardless of the number of months that the meter was pulled, the current water and wastewater charges will apply for all months utilized in the calculation.

Tier 1 - Inactive Account for months 1 through 12:
Inactive Account Charges accrue at the monthly base facility charges on a per ERC basis as follows:

	Water
1 ERC	$24.93
0.33 ERC	$8.23
0.8 ERC	$19.96
	Wastewater
1 ERC	$28.59
0.33 ERC	$9.43
0.8 ERC	$22.86

Tier 2 - Inactive Account for months 13 through 120:
Inactive Account Charges accrue at the monthly base facility charges on a per ERC basis as follows:

33.4% per Water ERC

	Water
1 ERC	$8.31
0.33 ERC	$2.50
0.8 ERC	$6.66

46.6% per Wastewater ERC

	Wastewater
1 ERC	$13.31
0.33 ERC	$4.40
0.8 ERC	$10.66

The 33.4% & 46.6% values were provided in a Raftelis, formerly PRMG Study from September 9, 2014.

If a meter is not reinstalled within 120 months (10 years) from the date of being pulled, the capacity reservation along with any fees or charges paid will be forfeited, all accrued charges will be waived and any liens will be released. Any future application for service will be treated as a new connection and subject to all fees and applicable charges.

The following example of a calculation to determine the reconnection fee for a typical 5/8" x 3/4" Residential Meter is shown for illustrative purposes only:

Example: Assume 14 months disconnected: Calculation based upon: number of months, appropriate reconnection fee (both Tier 1 & 2), fire hydrant fund fee, reinstall fee and water inspection fee.

Residential & Non-Residential

Water (only) : 12 * ($24.93 + $0.62) + 2 * ($8.23 + $0.62) + $204+ $54 = $582.30

Calculation based upon: number of months, appropriate reconnection fee, fire hydrant fund fee and wastewater inspection fee.

Wastewater (only) : (12 * $28.59) + (2 * $9.43) + $54 = $415.94

Calculation based upon: number of months, combined reconnection fees, fire hydrant fund fee, water re-install fee, water inspection fee and wastewater inspection fee.

Combined (Water & Wastewater) : 12*($24.93+$0.62+$28.59)+2*($8.23+$0.62+$9.43)+$204+$54+$54 = $998.24

Residential Master Meter (Example uses 10 units & 14 months)

Water (only) :

0.33 ERC :	**10 * (12 * ($8.23 + $0.62) + 2 * ($2.72 + $0.62)) + $204 + $54 =**	$1,387.40
0.80 ERC :	**10 * (12 * ($19.96 + $0.62) + 2 * ($6.66 + $0.62)) + $204 + $54 =**	$2,873.20
1.00 ERC :	**10 * (12 * ($24.93 + $0.62) + 2 * ($8.31 + $0.62)) + $204 + $54 =**	$3,502.60

Wastewater (only) :

0.33 ERC :	**10 * (12 * ($9.43 + $0.62) + 2 * ($4.40 + $0.62)) + $54 =**	$1,360.40
0.80 ERC :	**10 * (12 * ($22.86 + $0.62) + 2 * ($10.66 + $0.62)) + $54 =**	$3,097.20
1.00 ERC :	**10 * (12 * ($28.59 + $0.62) + 2 * ($13.31 + $0.62)) + $54 =**	$3,837.80

Combined (Water & Wastewater) :

0.33 ERC :	**10*(12*($8.23+$9.43+$0.62)+2*($2.75+$4.40+$0.62))+$204+$54+$54=**	$2,661.00
0.80 ERC :	**10*(12*($19.96+$22.86+$0.62)+2*($6.66+$10.66+$0.62))+$204+$54+$54=**	$5,883.60
1.00 ERC :	**10*(12*($24.93+$28.59+$0.62)+2*($8.31+$13.31+$0.62))+$204+$54+$54 =**	$7,253.60

4 At the customer's request, the maximum reconnection charge will be based on the lower of the amount as computed in Section E 3 Reconnection Fee immediately above or the total cost of a new water and/or wastewater service installation as computed in Sections A & B.

5 Testing Meter at Customer's Request

a Test result showing meter reads high — No Charge

b Test result showing meter reads correctly or reads slow.

5/8" X 3/4"		$49
1"		$62
1-1/2"		$93
2"		$128
Above 2" Meter	Cost determined by OUA Exec Dir or designee	

6 Damaging, tampering with OUA property or unauthorized procedure(s)

a	Tampering 1 - See detailed description as shown in Resolution 24-02, or latest edition	$31
b	Tampering 2 - See detailed description as shown in Resolution 24-02, or latest edition	$126
c	Tampering 3 - See detailed description as shown in Resolution 24-02, or latest edition	$169
d	Tampering 4 - See detailed description as shown in Resolution 24-02, or latest edition	$738

7 Developer/owner changing meter from one location to another without OUA's permission; per occurrence, per meter. $157

8 Destruction of meter and or related equipment

Charge based upon actual replacement cost (labor, equipment and materials) plus a 15% administrative charge, per occurrence

9 Returned check

Prevailing amount per Florida Statute Section 832.07 as follows:

Amount of check up to		$25.00
Amount of check over $50.00 up to $300.00,		$30.00
Amount of check over	OR	$40.00

An amount equal to 5% of the face value of the check, whichever is greater.

Plus other applicable fees in the event service is discontinued.

10 Account record history, requested by customer

a	Certified/Notarized Copy (per page)	$2.60
b	One-sided copy (per page)	$0.50
c	Two-sided copy (per page)	$0.70
d	Research of Records (per 1/4 hr. or fraction thereof with a minimum of $8.00 per request)	$8.30

11 Recording easements, annexation agreements, etc. (per page) $15.65

12 Project plan review

The Okeechobee Utility Authority will review all plans and specifications of all proposed water and/or sewer facilities and the owner or developer will pay a one-time fee of $75.00 per page of drawing. Project plans will not be approved until full payment of fee is received.

13 Project Inspection

All projects must be inspected by OUA and the owner or developer shall pay fees at the rate of $50.00 per hour during regular office hours and 1-1/2 times that rate after regular office hours billed monthly and paid before Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.) is approved.

14 Miscellaneous charges for services not included above.

Charge based upon actual replacement cost (materials, labor and equipment hours used) required for the service plus an administrative charge of 15% to be determined by OUA personnel.

15 Fee on delinquent accounts

10% per month on delinquent amount due to date account is closed, or meter removed.

16 Interest charged on closed accounts

After the account is closed, simple interest is applied to the unpaid balance at the rate of 1-1/2% per month for a period not to exceed one (1) year.

17 Laboratory testing

Laboratory testing for a developer or individual at the following prices:

B.O.D.	$71
Suspended Solids	$41
Chlorine residual	$22
Fecal Coliform	$27
Total Coliform	$27
Chloride	$32
Fluoride	$32
pH	$22
Total dissolved solids	$41
Dissolved oxygen	$22
Turbidity	$22

The above testing may be done in OUA's laboratory. Any other testing will be sent to a certified lab and the developer or individual will be billed for the cost of the testing plus a 15% administrative charge. All samples must be delivered to the OUA laboratory in approved containers. If the OUA collects samples or performs testing in the field, then actual cost of labor plus a 15% administrative charge will be added to the above fees.

18 Adjustment(s) to customer accounts

Credit or debit adjustments on customer accounts may occur when the customer or OUA, has knowingly or unknowingly, caused an account to be inaccurate. Credit or debit adjustments may be made up to three (3) months from the date of notice to the customer.

19 Guaranteed Revenue Charges (GRC)

During the period that a residential, non-residential or master meter account is off for billing purposes (inactive status), it will still be accruing the monthly base facility charge usually billed prior to inactive status. The GRC fees due will be included in the Reconnection Fee calculation defined above.

20 Meter Treated As Removed (MTAR)

When an account has been off and reached an inactive status, rather than actually pulling the meter, the meter may be turned off, left in place and treated as removed for billing purposes. Reconnection calculation will not include a cost for reinstall of the meter.

21 Accrued Guaranteed Revenue Charges (AGRC)

In order to ensure that both current and future customers utilizing or reserving capacity are treated equally with respect to the cost of reserving capacity in the future, an Accrued Guaranteed Revenue Charge (AGRC) will be assessed to both new water and/or wastewater connections on a per equivalent residential connection (ERC) basis.

22 Glades County Franchise Fee

The above rates, fees and charges do not reflect franchise fee which may be imposed on customers residing within Glades County.

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