

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS; DECREASING THE WATER RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 (OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; DECREASING THE SEWER RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 (OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; DECREASING THE RECLAIMED WATER RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 (OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City’s current 10-year water and sewer utility rate plan is set to expire at the end of Fiscal Year 2028 (September 30, 2028); and

WHEREAS, the City of Tarpon Springs has completed a water and sewer rate study to include a comprehensive review of water and sewer enterprise fund operational and capital needs and associated revenue sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tarpon Springs has reviewed proposed changes to the rates with the public, City advisory committees, and the Board of Commissioners and has responded with a revised plan; and

WHEREAS, such rate study indicates that the previously approved Fiscal Year 2022 rate increase can be reduced from a 2.75% increase to a 2.20% reduction for water, sewer and reclaimed, and previously approved FY 2023 and FY 2024 rate increases can be reduced from a 2.75% increase to 0% increase for water, sewer and reclaimed, and successive annual increases can be sustained as previously approved at an inflationary level to reflect the rising costs of goods and services; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. That Section 20-2 (c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tarpon Springs shall be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

- (c) For fiscal years 204922 through 2028, the water rates set forth in subparagraph (a) of this section shall be automatically adjusted to ~~increase~~ on October 1 over/under the previous year’s rates by the following percentages defined in the column “Annual Rate ~~Increase~~ Change”.

Fiscal Year	Annual Rate Increase <u>Change</u>
2022	-2.20% 2.75%
2023	0% 2.75%
2024	0% 2.75%

2025	2.75%
2026	2.75%
2027	2.75%
2028	2.75%

(d)

Section 2. That Section 20-4 (d) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tarpon Springs shall be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

(d) For fiscal years 2019~~22~~ through 2028, the sewer and reclaimed water rates set forth in subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section shall be automatically adjusted to ~~increase~~ on October 1 over/under the previous year's rates by the following percentages defined in the column "Annual Rate ~~Increase~~ Change".

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2024	0% -2.75%
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Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.