

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 60**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF COLLIER COUNTY AND EX OFFICIO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE COLLIER COUNTY WATER SEWER DISTRICT, REPEALING AND REPLACING SCHEDULES ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR AND FIVE OF APPENDIX A TO SECTION FOUR OF COLLIER COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2001-73, AS AMENDED, TITLED THE COLLIER COUNTY WATER-SEWER DISTRICT UNIFORM BILLING, OPERATING AND REGULATORY STANDARDS ORDINANCE; AMENDING PROPOSED RATES FOR WATER, WASTEWATER, IRRIGATION QUALITY WATER, WHOLESALE POTABLE WATER AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES; WITH EFFECTIVE DATES OF OCTOBER 1, 2026, OCTOBER 1, 2027, OCTOBER 1, 2028.**

**WHEREAS**, Collier County uses water and sewer user rates to recover system operation, maintenance, renewal, enhancement, replacement and debt service costs from system users within the boundaries of the Collier County Water-Sewer District (the "District"); and

**WHEREAS**, on December 12, 2023, the District approved Resolution No. 2023-227 establishing a scheduled adjustment to the District's user rates to maintain alignment with increasing commodity and operation costs based upon the recommendation of the County's retained expert, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, examples of the inflationary increases impacting the District's operations include the following: (1) electricity increased by 15 percent and is anticipated to increase another 10.1 percent in FY 23, (2) chemicals necessary to produce water, treat wastewater, and treat irrigation quality water have increased between 10 percent and 150 percent, (3) critical utility-related meters, parts and devices have increased up to 25 percent, (4) the costs for labor and service-related repairs have increased by 20 percent, and (5) essential operating equipment costs have had costs increases in excess of 100 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, County staff retained Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. (the "Consultant") to review the existing water user rates and to recommend appropriate changes to those rates, the Consultant has recommended an increase of 4.5 percent to potable water rates, 6.5 percent to wastewater rates and 9.5 percent to Irrigation Quality water rates effective October 1, 2026; an increase of 4.5 percent to potable water rates, 6.5 percent to wastewater rates and 9.5 percent to Irrigation Quality Water rates effective October 1, 2027; and an increase of 4.5 percent to potable water rates, 5.0 percent to wastewater rates and 9.5 percent to Irrigation Quality Water Rates effective October 1, 2028; and

**WHEREAS**, staff also recommends changes to Schedule Three for meter tapping charges and cross connection control devices to reflect the actual contracted material costs of meters and backflows in effect on October 1, 2026; and changes to Schedule Four to reflect actual labor rates for certain classes of staff effective with those implemented in pay period 3 of fiscal 2026; and changes to Schedule Five to the Temporary Meter Deposit to reflect the actual material cost of those devices in effect as of October 1, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the District's users to accept staff's recommendation to implement the Consultant's recommendation as a proposed user rate increase to the existing rates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF COLLIER COUNTY AND EX OFFICIO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE COLLIER COUNTY WATER SEWER DISTRICT, that:**

The Board of County Commissioners, after an advertised public hearing:

1. Accepts the Consultant's recommendation for updated District-wide Water and Wastewater rates, Irrigation Quality Water rates, and Wholesale Water rates. Accordingly, the Board hereby approves the attached Schedules One and Two to Appendix A of Ordinance No. 2001-73, as amended, titled the Collier County Water-Sewer District Uniform Billing, Operating and Regulatory Standards Ordinance. The revised rates on the attached Schedules One and Two will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2026, October 1, 2027 and October 1, 2028 until revised.

2. Accepts staff's recommendation for updates to Schedules Three, Four and Five to Appendix A of Ordinance No. 2001-173, as amended, titled the Collier County Water-Sewer District Uniform Billing, Operating and Regulatory Standards Ordinance. The revised rates on the attached Schedules Three, Four and Five will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2026 until repealed and revised.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED after motion, second, and majority vote favoring adoption this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

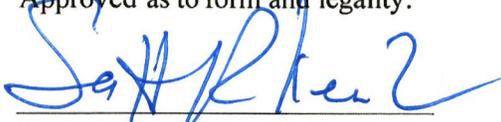
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CRYSTAL K. KINZEL, CLERK

By:   
Attest as to Chairman's  
signature only, Deputy Clerk

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS THE  
GOVERNING BODY OF COLLIER COUNTY  
AND AS EX OFFICIO THE GOVERNING  
BOARD OF THE COLLIER COUNTY WATER  
SEWER DISTRICT**

By:   
Dan Kowal, Chairman

Approved as to form and legality:



Scott R. Teach,  
Deputy County Attorney



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Table ES-1

Collier County Water-Sewer District  
 Fiscal Year 2026 Water, Wastewater, Irrigation Quality (IQ) Water, and Wholesale Potable Water User Rate and Fee Study  
 Water System

Summary of Existing and Proposed Monthly Water User Rates

Line No.	Existing Monthly Rates Effective 10/1/2025	Proposed Monthly Rates			
		Effective 10/1/2026	Effective 10/1/2027	Effective 10/1/2028	
<b>WATER SERVICE BASE CHARGES</b> (Residential, Multifamily, Commercial, and Irrigation-Only)					
	<u>Meter Size:</u>				
1	5/8"	\$32.84	\$34.32	\$35.86	\$37.47
2	3/4"	32.84	34.32	35.86	37.47
3	1"	51.76	54.09	56.52	59.06
4	1-1/4"	66.74	69.74	72.88	76.16
5	1-1/2"	98.67	103.11	107.75	112.60
6	2"	155.15	162.13	169.43	177.05
7	3"	428.29	447.56	467.70	488.75
8	4"	946.04	988.61	1,033.10	1,079.59
9	6"	1,887.75	1,972.70	2,061.47	2,154.24
10	8"	3,300.07	3,448.57	3,603.76	3,765.93
11	10"	5,977.49	6,246.48	6,527.57	6,821.31
12	12"	8,861.14	9,259.89	9,676.59	10,112.04

<b>VOLUMETRIC CHARGE PER 1,000 GALLONS [1]</b> (Residential, Multifamily, Commercial, and Irrigation-Only)					
13	Block 1	\$4.44	\$4.64	\$4.85	\$5.07
14	Block 2	6.70	7.00	7.32	7.65
15	Block 3	8.89	9.29	9.71	10.15
16	Block 4	11.11	11.61	12.13	12.68
17	Block 5	13.33	13.93	14.56	15.22
18	Block 6	17.74	18.54	19.37	20.24
19	Wholesale Water Rate Per 1,000 Gallons (All Usage)	\$ 6.63	\$ 6.63	\$ 6.63	\$ 6.63

<b>EXISTING BLOCK RATE STRUCTURE</b> (Residential, Multifamily, Commercial, and Irrigation-Only)		<u>Consumption Block (Thousands of Gallons)</u>					
		<u>Block 1</u>	<u>Block 2</u>	<u>Block 3</u>	<u>Block 4</u>	<u>Block 5</u>	<u>Block 6</u>
20	5/8"	0 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 20	21 - 30	31 - 50	Over 50
21	3/4"	0 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 20	21 - 30	31 - 50	Over 50
22	1"	0 - 8	9 - 16	17 - 32	33 - 48	49 - 80	Over 80
23	1-1/4"	0 - 11	12 - 22	23 - 44	45 - 66	67 - 110	Over 110
24	1-1/2"	0 - 17	18 - 34	35 - 68	69 - 102	103 - 170	Over 170
25	2"	0 - 27	28 - 54	55 - 108	109 - 162	163 - 270	Over 270
26	3"	0 - 75	76 - 150	151 - 300	301 - 450	451 - 750	Over 750
27	4"	0 - 167	168 - 334	335 - 668	669 - 1,002	1,003 - 1,670	Over 1,670
28	6"	0 - 333	334 - 666	667 - 1,332	1,333 - 1,998	1,999 - 3,330	Over 3,330
29	8"	0 - 583	584 - 1,166	1,167 - 2,332	2,333 - 3,498	3,499 - 5,830	Over 5,830
30	10"	0 - 1,057	1,058 - 2,114	2,115 - 4,228	4,229 - 6,342	6,343 - 10,570	Over 10,570
31	12"	0 - 1,568	1,569 - 3,136	3,137 - 6,272	6,273 - 9,408	9,409 - 15,680	Over 15,680

Footnotes:  
 [1] All water is billed based on water consumption per block based on the size of meter in service.



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Collier County Water-Sewer District  
 Fiscal Year 2026 Water, Wastewater, Irrigation Quality (IQ) Water, and Wholesale Potable Water User Rate and Fee Study  
 Wastewater System

Summary of Existing and Proposed Monthly Wastewater User Rates

Line No.	Description	Existing	Proposed Monthly Rates		
		Monthly Rates Effective 10/1/2025	Effective 10/1/2026	Effective 10/1/2027	Effective 10/1/2028
WASTEWATER SERVICE BASE CHARGES (Residential, Multifamily, and Commercial)					
<u>Meter Size:</u>					
1	5/8"	\$53.06	\$56.51	\$60.18	\$63.19
2	3/4"	53.06	56.51	60.18	63.19
3	1"	85.33	90.88	96.79	101.63
4	1-1/4"	110.83	118.03	125.70	131.99
5	1-1/2"	165.26	176.00	187.44	196.81
6	2"	261.55	278.55	296.66	311.49
7	3"	727.15	774.41	824.75	865.99
8	4"	1,609.75	1,714.38	1,825.81	1,917.10
9	6"	3,215.07	3,424.05	3,646.61	3,828.94
10	8"	5,622.55	5,988.02	6,377.24	6,696.10
11	10"	10,186.67	10,848.80	11,553.97	12,131.67
12	12"	15,102.30	16,083.95	17,129.41	17,985.88
VOLUMETRIC RATE PER 1,000 GALLONS (Residential, Multifamily, and Commercial)					
13	All Usage [2]	\$ 7.46	\$7.94	\$8.46	\$8.88

Footnotes:

[1] Monthly individually metered residential usage charges are capped at 15,000 gallons.

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Collier County Water-Sewer District  
 Fiscal Year 2026 Water, Wastewater, Irrigation Quality (IQ) Water, and Wholesale Potable Water User Rate and Fee Study  
 IQ Water System

Summary of Existing and Proposed Monthly IQ Water User Rates

Line No.	Description	Existing	Proposed Monthly Rates		
		Monthly Rates Effective 10/1/2025	Effective 10/1/2026	Effective 10/1/2027	Effective 10/1/2028
<b>SERVICE BASE CHARGES</b>					
<u>Meter Size:</u>					
1	5/8"	\$14.06	\$15.40	\$16.86	\$18.46
2	3/4"	14.06	15.40	16.86	18.46
3	1"	23.49	25.72	28.16	30.84
4	1-1/2"	46.83	51.28	56.15	61.48
5	2"	74.95	82.07	89.87	98.41
6	3"	210.95	230.99	252.93	276.96
7	4"	468.75	513.28	562.04	615.43
8	6"	937.67	1,026.75	1,124.29	1,231.10
9	8"	1,640.89	1,796.77	1,967.46	2,154.37
10	10"	2,974.01	3,256.54	3,565.91	3,904.67
11	12"	4,409.87	4,828.81	5,287.55	5,789.87
<b>VOLUMETRIC CHARGE PER 1,000 GALLONS</b>					
<u>Customer Type:</u>					
12	Bulk	\$0.81	\$0.89	\$0.97	\$1.06
13	Pressurized	1.08	1.18	1.29	1.41
14	Pressurized and Distributed	2.10	2.30	2.52	2.76

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Collier County  
 Fiscal Year 2026 Water, Wastewater, Irrigation Quality (IQ) Water, and Wholesale Potable Water User Rate and Fee Study

Summary of Existing and Proposed Miscellaneous Service Charges

Line No.	Description	Existing	Proposed
<i>Meter and Cross-Connection Control Device Installation Charges:</i>			
<u>With Service Line Installation</u>			
1	3/4" Meter	\$1,839.00	\$2,245.00
2	1" Meter	2,148.00	2,498.00
3	1-1/2" Meter	2,960.00	3,388.00
4	2" Meter	3,344.00	3,879.00
<u>Without Service Line Installation (Drop-In or Hang)</u>			
5	3/4" Meter	\$778.00	\$783.00
6	1" Meter	1,007.00	999.00
7	1-1/2" Meter	1,671.00	1,695.00
8	2" Meter	1,991.00	2,073.00
<i>Meter Installation Charges:</i>			
<u>With Service Line Installation</u>			
9	3/4" Meter	Actual time and material cost	Actual time and material cost
10	1" Meter	Actual time and material cost	Actual time and material cost
11	1-1/2" Meter	Actual time and material cost	Actual time and material cost
12	2" Meter	Actual time and material cost	Actual time and material cost
<u>Without Service Line Installation (Drop-In or Hang)</u>			
13	3/4" Meter	Actual time and material cost	Actual time and material cost
14	1" Meter	Actual time and material cost	Actual time and material cost
15	1-1/2" Meter	Actual time and material cost	Actual time and material cost
16	2" Meter	Actual time and material cost	Actual time and material cost
<i>Cross-Connection Control Device Charge - Meter Already Installed:                      (formerly known as Backflow Device)</i>			
17	3/4" Meter	Actual time and material cost	Actual time and material cost
18	1" Meter	Actual time and material cost	Actual time and material cost
19	1-1/2" Meter	Actual time and material cost	Actual time and material cost
20	2" Meter	Actual time and material cost	Actual time and material cost

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 Fiscal Year 2026 Water, Wastewater, Irrigation Quality (IQ) Water, and Wholesale Potable Water User Rate and Fee Study

Summary of Existing and Proposed Miscellaneous Service Charges

Line No.	Description	Existing	Proposed
<i>Equipment (Per Hour Rates):</i>			
21	Backhoe	\$47.00	\$69.00
22	Boom Truck	45.00	57.00
23	Bucket Truck	21.00	32.00
24	Camera Truck	61.00	61.00
25	Compactor	29.00	12.00
26	Crew Truck (1 1/2 ton)	25.00	28.00
27	Dewatering System	16.00	10.00
28	Generator	47.00	41.00
29	Large Dump Truck	86.00	104.00
30	Mudhog	8.00	11.00
31	Portable By-Pass Pump (Large)	37.00	19.00
32	Portable By-Pass Pump (Small)	21.00	10.00
33	Portable Lights	Actual Cost	9.00
34	Pumper Truck	92.00	123.00
35	Rehab Electricians Truck /Utility Truck	27.00	29.00
36	Road Saw	9.00	14.00
37	Track Hoe	21.00	21.00
38	Trailer	18.00	16.00
39	Trash Pump	10.00	11.00
40	Vactor Truck	92.00	92.00
41	Pickup Truck (1/2 ton)	14.00	19.00
42	Small Loader	N/A	11.00
43	Large Loader	N/A	37.00
44	Soft Dig Truck	81.00	81.00
45	Signs, Barricades and/or Traffic Board	Actual Cost	25.00
46	Small Dump Truck	62.00	56.00
<i>Labor (Per Hour Rates):</i>			
47	Inventory Specialist II	\$37.00	\$43.00
48	Operations Support Specialist I	40.00	43.00
49	Utility Specialist I	41.00	43.00
50	Utility Specialist II	42.00	45.00
51	Equipment Operator II	49.00	51.00
52	GIS Technician I	44.00	47.00
53	Odor Control Specialist	47.00	50.00
54	Laboratory Technician	44.00	47.00
55	Operations Support Specialist II	N/A	52.00
56	Pretreatment Inspector	38.00	54.00
57	Crew Leader I	47.00	50.00
58	Crew Leader II	49.00	56.00
59	Heavy Equipment Operator	N/A	52.00
60	Chemist	51.00	53.00
61	Supervisor - Field I	N/A	57.00
62	Supervisor - Field II	58.00	62.00
63	Environmental Specialist III	56.00	65.00

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Collier County  
Fiscal Year 2026 Water, Wastewater, Irrigation Quality (IQ) Water, and Wholesale Potable Water User Rate and Fee Study

Summary of Existing and Proposed Miscellaneous Service Charges

Line No.	Description	Existing	Proposed
<i>Labor (Per Hour Rates) (cont.):</i>			
64	Chief Operator	N/A	\$63.00
65	Manager - Meter Services	N/A	78.00
66	Manager - Wastewater Collections	N/A	91.00
67	Manager - Distribution	N/A	94.00
68	Accounting Technician I	N/A	42.00
69	Accounting Technician II	N/A	45.00
70	Customer Service Specialist II	N/A	41.00
71	Investigator	N/A	44.00
<i>Miscellaneous Charges:</i>			
72	Administration (Per Incident)	5% or \$100; whichever is greater	5% or \$125; whichever is greater
73	Parts	Actual Invoice Cost	Actual Invoice Cost
74	Sub-contractors	Actual Invoice Cost	Actual Invoice Cost
75	Right of Way Permits	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
76	Laboratory Tests (Per Test)	\$63.00	\$89.00
77	New Accounts - Change of Ownership	23.00	31.00
78	Service Turn On or Turn Off at Owner's Request	43.00	50.00
79	Meter Re-Read (if different - charge is \$0)	39.00	39.00
80	Meter Data Log Analysis	53.00	52.00
Meter Test:			
81	Utility Meter Testing Facility (more than 3% error - charge is \$0)	\$211.00	\$192.00
82	Independent Meter Testing Facility (more than 3% error - charge is \$0)	289.00	270.00
83	Meter Lock and Unlock, 1st Event During Calendar Year	66.00	82.00
84	Meter Lock and Unlock, 2nd Event During Calendar Year	99.00	123.00
85	Meter Lock and Unlock, 3rd and Subsequent Events During Calendar Year	132.00	163.00
86	Meter Unlock After Normal Business Hours	74.00	74.00
87	Meter Pull	136.00	153.00
88	Meter Removal	Actual time and material cost	Actual time and material cost
89	Discontinuance of Service - Meter Removal	Actual time and material cost	Actual time and material cost
90	Illegal Connection, Unlawful Connection, and Tampering	Actual time and material cost, plus consumption*, plus other applicable fees as provided for in Section 2-2044(b) of the Collier County Code of Laws and Ordinances	Actual time and material cost, plus consumption*, plus other applicable fees as provided for in Section 2-2044(b) of the Collier County Code of Laws and Ordinances

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Collier County

Fiscal Year 2026 Water, Wastewater, Irrigation Quality (IQ) Water, and Wholesale Potable Water User Rate and Fee Study

Summary of Existing and Proposed Miscellaneous Service Charges

Line No.	Description	Existing	Proposed
<i>Miscellaneous Charges (cont.):</i>			
91	Temporary Meter Account Deposit	\$2,486.00	\$2,625.00
92	Temporary Meter Failure to Provide Read	N/A	79.00
93	Temporary Meter Out of District First Collection	N/A	121.00
94	Temporary Meter Out of District Second Collection	N/A	182.00
95	Temporary Meter Out of District Third Collection and Subsequent Events During Calendar Year	N/A	242.00
96	Duplicate Bill Processing Fee	1.00	2.00
97	Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) Processing Charge	per Florida Statute 832.07: \$0 to \$50 is a \$25 charge; \$50.01 to \$300 is a \$30 charge; over \$300 is \$40 or 5% of check amount, whichever is greater	per Florida Statute 832.07: \$0 to \$50 is a \$25 charge; \$50.01 to \$300 is a \$30 charge; over \$300 is \$40 or 5% of check amount, whichever is greater
98	Late Payment Penalty	5% of current charges	5% of current charges
99	Lien Searches/Estoppel Requests	N/A	\$25.00
100	Removal of Landscaping to Access Utility Assets	Actual time and material cost	Actual time and material cost
101	New Customer Enrollment Incentive Program		New customers who: 1. Register for the online customer portal, and 2. Enroll in paperless (e-bill) billing, and 3. Enroll in automatic payment (AutoPay) will receive a one-time New Account Fee Credit applied to their utility account.

\* Consumption charges to be based on meter size, calculated by time connected, or average consumption, or 100,000 gallons

\*\* On an emergency basis only