

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE VILLAGE; SETTING FORTH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SAME; SETTING FEES AND CHARGES TO BE PAID BY USERS OF THE SERVICE; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF ANY SECTION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES DEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR THE PROPER MANAGEMENT OF THE SYSTEM.

Be it, and it is hereby ordained by the Village Council of the Village of Golf, Palm Beach County, Florida that:

Section 1. Water and Sewer service connection, meters, fees, rules and regulations.

a. By law, the financial obligations of the Village Water and Sewer Sytem must be financed by net revenue derived from the operation of the system and by ad valorem Village taxes. In so doing, the Village is authorized to fix rates and to collect fees for such service. Accordingly, connection charges and usage rates are fixed as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Connection Charge</u>	<u>Water Rate</u>
1" Meter (Residential)	\$200.00	Minimum charge of \$30.00 per quarter for 30,000 gallons, plus \$0.50 per thousand gallons or any fraction thereof in excess of 30,000 gallons, payable quarterly, with minimum payable in advance.
Common Meter (Residential)	\$100.00 per subscriber	Minimum charge of \$30.00 per quarter, per dwelling and common property (swimming pool, bath house, etc.) for 30,000 gallons, multiplied by the number of subscribers, plus \$0.50 per thousand gallons, or any fraction thereof in excess of the minimum to be equally divided among the subscribers, payable quarterly, with minimum payable in advance.
2" Meter (Residential)	\$600.00	Minimum charge of \$60.00 per quarter for 60,000 gallons, plus \$0.50 per thousand gallons, or any fraction thereof in excess of 60,000 gallons, payable quarterly, with minimum payable in advance.
2" Meter (Commercial)	\$600.00	Minimum charge of \$75.00 per quarter for 150,000 gallons, plus \$0.50 per thousand gallons, or any fraction thereof in excess of 150,000 gallons, payable quarterly, with minimum payable in advance.

Sewer Usage Rates

100% of water rate, payable quarterly, with minimum payable in advance.

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- b. Contractors preparing housing starts or construction requiring Village water must notify the Village Clerk at least ten (10) days prior to the anticipated need for water, to permit registration and meter installation.
- c. New subscribers shall make application in writing for water and sewer service to the Village Clerk at the Village office, which is located in the Clubhouse of The Country Club of Florida, Village of Golf.
- d. Water meters are installed, serviced and maintained by the Village, and remain the property of the Village.
- e. New subscribers will be charged commencing with the month in which service is provided and the first quarterly billing will include the connection charge.
- f. No contractor, subscriber, or unauthorized person may commence water service to a new subscriber (open the service curb stop) without the approval of the Village Utilities Director.
- g. Village water is issued for normal, potable and household use only, and no Village water is to be used for irrigation, or other non-household uses, except as authorized by the Village Clerk.
- h. Upon failure of any user to pay the water and/or sewer service bill within fifteen (15) days from the billing date, service may be discontinued without the necessity of notice being given thereof, and if service is discontinued, it will not be resumed until all arrearages are paid, including a reconnection charge.
- i. Upon failure of any user to pay for service rendered by the Village system within sixty (60) days, the Village is required to shut off the connection of such user by the terms of the Village Water and Sewer System bond resolution.

Section 2. Connection with other source than municipality, siphonage back when stored.

It shall be unlawful for any person to cause a connection to be made or to allow one to exist for any purpose whatever between the Village water supply system and any other source of supply; except that said Village water supply system may be interconnected with any other water utility system which has been approved by the Florida State Board of Health, or any other municipal water supply system which has the approval of said board of health, and it shall be unlawful for any person to cause a connection to be made into improperly constructed pools, reservoirs, storage tanks, standpipes and unsanitary containers of any kind in which the water therein is stored and is subjected to contamination. Any and all connections to the water system which must discharge into such pools, reservoirs, storage tanks, standpipes must be so connected in a manner to prevent siphoning back of the water therein stored into the Village supply line system in case of the development of a negative pressure in the Village supply lines system.

Section 3. Storage of water; approval of board of health.

The pools, reservoirs, storage tanks, standpipes or any containers in which water from the water supply system is stored and from which the water therein stored is circulated through pipes connected to the Village supply lines system must be approved by the state board of health as to the sanitary conditions and ability to adequately protect the water therein stored from contamination before final approval of their use is given by the municipality.

Section 4. Separate source; storage; statement of no cross connections.

Any person, whose premises are supplied with water from the Village water supply system and who also have on such premises a separate source of supply or who store water in unsanitary pools, storage tanks, standpipes, or other unsanitary containers from which the water therein stored is circulated through a piping system shall file with the Village Clerk a statement of the non-existence of cross connections.

Section 5. Application for service; agreement.

All applications for water and/or sewer services are to be made on blank forms furnished for that purpose, and are to be signed by the property owner or his authorized agent, or by the non-property owner occupying the premises who desires the services.

Section 6. Ordinance constitutes agreement.

The provisions of this ordinance and the rules and regulations concerning the water and sewer system and rates shall be considered as part of the contract for services between the Village and the property owning patrons, as well as, non-property owning patrons of the system.

Section 7. Waste; misuse.

All water consumers are expected and required to keep their pipes and fixtures in good repair and free from leaks; and the premises of any water customer may be entered at any reasonable time by any duly authorized Village official for the purpose of examining piping, fixtures, etc., and repairs shall be promptly made by the owner after notice therefrom. Water is not to be supplied by patrons for use on other premises, except by special permission from the Utilities Director.

Section 8. Suspension of service.

All reasonable efforts will be made to notify affected customers whenever it shall become necessary to temporarily shut off the water supply in any section or sections, except in the case of accident or emergency, in which cases the water may be shut off without notice. No claim shall be made against the Village, nor against any employee thereof, on account of the shutting off of the water supply, either with or without notice therefor.

Section 9. Meter tampering; other equipment.

It is hereby declared to be unlawful for any person, except employees of the Village and members of the fire department in the discharge of their recognized duties, to open, close, operate or interfere in any manner with any water meter, curb cock, service box, fire line valve, street valve, fire hydrant or any other system property except by special permission from the Utilities Director separately secured in each instance. It is further declared to be unlawful for any person to break any seal placed upon a service by the Village after the discontinuance of water service or otherwise.

Section 10. Violations.

Any person, who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished as provided by applicable law. The continued violation of any provision of this chapter shall constitute a separate offense for each day that such violation shall continue. In addition, water services shall be discontinued upon any premises upon which there is found to be a connection between the municipal water supply system and another source of water supply, and upon any premises which there is found to be a connection between the municipal water supply system and any piping system transporting water from any source of supply whatsoever which has been subjected to contamination by storage in an unsanitary container such as uncovered and improperly constructed pools, reservoirs, storage tanks, standpipes, and such service shall not be restored until such cross connections have been discontinued.

Section 11. Penalties.

Whenever in this chapter any act is prohibited, or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense, or whenever in this chapter the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, the violation of any such provision of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500.00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 60 days. Each day any violation of any provision of this chapter shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

In addition to the penalties hereinabove provided, any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any provisions of this chapter shall be deemed a public nuisance and may be, by the Village abated as provided by law, and each day that such condition continues shall be regarded as a new and separate offense.

Section 12. There shall be no free services rendered by the waterworks system and, except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, all users receiving service from the waterworks system shall pay therefor at the established rate and charge.

Section 13. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 14. That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phase of this ordinance, for any reason, is held unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 15. Effective date.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED on first reading this 23rd day of November, 1971.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on second and final reading this 16th day of December, 1971.

APPROVED:

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