Resolution No. 2024-04

A RESOLUTION
OF THE HOMOSASSA SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT (DISTRICT), RELATING TO WATER RATES; AMENDING RATE SCHEDULE TO REVISE FEES; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, at the duly noticed regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Homosassa Special Water District (the District), held on September 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the Homosassa Special Water District Office, with a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Rodney MacRae, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Rural Water Association conducted Rate Studies in 2018, 2022, 2023 and 2024 of the District's Water System, which projected that the District needs to raise the water rates in order to cover the normal annual operational costs, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Rural Water Association presented a Drinking Water Asset Management and Fiscal Sustainability Plan, dated May 1, 2019, to the Board of Commissioners and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for consideration as part of the District's application for State Revolving Fund Loan assistance for the replacement of water lines throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2019, the District Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 2019-04, consistent with the Drinking Water Asset and Fiscal Sustainability Plan and the State Revolving Fund Loan Contract entered into between the District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, providing for an automatic annual rate increase equal to the Consumer Price Index or 2%, whichever is greater; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest and in the general welfare of the citizens that water rates be increased to offset expenses, and to comply with the terms of the State Revolving Fund Loan Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners find that passage of this Resolution to update the Water Rates and Charges by increase of three point four percent (3.4%) uniformly across the board is in the interest of the public health, safety and general welfare of the customers of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Homosassa Special Water District Schedule of Water Rates and Charges is hereby amended as indicated by underlining and strike through, as shown hereinbelow:

Meter Size	EMF	Meter Charge	Service Line Charge	Base Rate
5/8"	1	~~$11.69~~ $12.09	~~$14.52~~ $15.01	~~$26.21~~ $27.10
1"	2.5	~~$29.21~~ $30.20	~~$14.52~~ $15.01	~~$43.73~~ $45.21
1 ½"	5	~~$58.30~~ $60.28	~~$14.52~~ $15.01	~~$72.82~~ $75.29
2"	8	~~$93.49~~ $96.67	~~$14.52~~ $15.01	~~$108.00~~ $111.68
3"	16	~~$186.96~~ $193.32	~~$14.52~~ $15.01	~~$201.48~~ $208.33
4"	25	~~$292.09~~ $302.02	~~$14.52~~ $15.01	~~$306.61~~ $317.03
6"	50	~~$584.21~~ $604.07	~~$14.52~~ $15.01	~~$598.73~~ $619.08

Residential Water Use Rates (Block System)

Block	Usage	Price Per Thousand
Base Facility Charge up to 999 gallons Meter Size 5/8"		~~$26.21~~ $27.10
1	1,000-4,999	~~$3.22~~ $3.33
2	5,000-9,999	~~$3.85~~ $3.98
3	10,000-19,999	~~$4.48~~ $4.63
4	20,000-29,999	~~$5.13~~ $5.30
5	30,000 and up	~~$5.78~~ $5.98

Commercial Water Use Rates (Block System)

Block	Usage	Price Per Thousand
Base Facility Charge up to 999 gallons Meter Size 5/8"		~~$26.21~~ $27.10
1	1,000-4,999	~~$4.13~~ $4.27
2	5,000-9,999	~~$4.76~~ $4.92
3	10,000-19,999	~~$5.42~~ $5.60
4	20,000-29,999	~~$6.06~~ $6.27
5	30,000 and up	~~$6.69~~ $6.92

Section 2. Repealer. All measures in conflict hereof are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Severability. If any word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph or section of this Resolution is held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect any other word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph or section of this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect October 1, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED, that the Chairman, or Vice Chair in the Chairman's absence, is designated as the Authorized Representative to execute this Resolution.

DONE AND RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Homosassa Special Water District at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on September 16, 2024.

Heidi Miller, Secretary/Treasurer

Rodney MacRae, Chairman