

**First Reading: Attorney Only**  
**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-71**

**AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO WASTEWATER SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWBERRY; AMENDING THE PRIOR ESTABLISHED RATES AND SECTION 98-155 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWBERRY; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-31; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newberry provides wastewater services to residential and non-residential customers located within its water service territory; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current residential customer and non-residential charges for wastewater services are not adequate to cover the cost of providing such services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission, being fully advised of the facts and circumstances, hereby finds it necessary and in the interest of prudent management of public assets and business affairs to increase the current residential customer and non-residential charges for wastewater in order to equitably and adequately fund the cost of such essential services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF NEWBERRY, FLORIDA, as follows:**

Section One: Section 98-155 of the Newberry Code of Ordinance relating to wastewater service is hereby amended to read as follows (deletions are in ~~strike-through~~ and additions are underlined):

Wastewater rates and charges are hereby amended as set forth below.

- (a) Rates. There is hereby established a schedule of monthly rates and charges for the use of or availability for the use of wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal service which in part is based on the amount of water used from the City water system as measured by the customer water meter. Wastewater service charges shall be billed to and be the responsibility of the customer responsible for paying the water bill at any specific location. These rates will apply to all locations within the corporate City limits.

Wastewater system usage charges.

- (1) Wastewater customer charge. Each customer must pay a wastewater customer charge for each metered (water meter) point of connection to the City water system.

Residential Customer Charge	\$ <del>11.06</del> <u>12.01</u> per month
Non-Residential Customer Charge	\$ <del>16.59</del> <u>18.02</u> per month

- (2) Wastewater usage charge(s). Each customer must pay for wastewater discharged into the City's wastewater collection system based upon customer class:

<b>Residential Service</b>	
Tier 1 (all consumption)	\$ <del>7.21</del> <u>7.83</u> per thousand gallons (capped at 15,000 gallons)

<b>Nonresidential (Commercial and Industrial) Service</b>	
Tier 1 (all consumption)	\$ <del>8.699</del> <u>.43</u> per thousand gallons

- (b) Any users of the sewer system may at their option, request that the City make a determination of whether they qualify to have installed a separate water meter to meter wastewater used that they believe is not discharged into the sewer system. If the City determines that certain water uses (such as uses of water for irrigation, swimming pools, lawn watering and the like) do not discharge into the sewer system, then the City will approve the request of the user for the installation of the separate water meter and such water uses would thereby be excluded from the charge for the sewer services. The initial cost of any and all meter installations shall be paid by the user and no additional deposit will be required.

## **SECTION 2. INCLUSION IN THE CODE**

It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Newberry, Florida, and it is hereby provided that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Newberry, Florida; that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and that the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article” or other appropriate designation to accomplish such intention.

## **SECTION 3. REPEALING CLAUSE**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are, to the extent they conflict with this Ordinance, repealed.

## **SECTION 4. PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY**

It is the declared intent of the Newberry City Commission that, if any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, void, or inoperative by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction, such holding of invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance and the remainder of this Ordinance, after the exclusion of such part or parts, shall be deemed to be valid.

## **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

**DONE THE FIRST READING**, by the City Commission of the City of Newberry, Florida, at a regular meeting, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

**DONE, THE PUBLIC NOTICE**, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Newberry, Florida, by the City Clerk of the City of Newberry, Florida on the \_\_\_\_ day of September\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**DONE THE SECOND READING, AND ADOPTED ON FINAL PASSAGE**, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Commission of the City of Newberry, Florida, at a regular meeting, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2025.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY  
OF NEWBERRY, FLORIDA

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Honorable Timothy R Marden, Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE  
CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
NEWBERRY, FLORIDA:

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Randa K. Paul, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGALITY:

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City Attorney's Office