

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES AND CHARGES
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD ON 9/9/19, RESOLUTION 19-05
EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
RATE SCHEDULE 20-01

A WATER RATES, FEES & CHARGES**1 Meter Installation Fees (service line installed by OUA)**

a Residential Meter Size:		
(includes check value)	5/8" X 3/4"	250.00
	1"	287.50
b Non Residential Meter Size:		
(includes backflow prevention)	5/8" X 3/4"	350.00
	1"	400.00
	1-1/2"	1,084.50
	2"	1,132.25
	3"	2,300.00
	4"	2,675.00
	Larger than 4" - Cost determined by OUA Exec Dir or designee	
c Meter Size (service line, meter box and check valve installed by Developer or re-install fee)		
	5/8" X 3/4"	160.00
	1"	235.00
	Larger than 1' - Cost determined by OUA Exec Dir or designee	
d Inspection of Water Service		42.00

2 Water System Capital Connection Charge (any meter size)

Per Equivalent Residential Connection (ERC); minimum one (1) ERC 378.00

3 Accrued Guaranteed Revenue Charge (AGRC) capped at \$250 per ERC, effective 10-1-18

250.00

4 Water Base Facility Charge

a Residential Meter (single meter per family or detached dwelling unit)		
Minimum 0.33 ERC *	5/8" X 3/4"	19.51
Minimum 0.80 ERC *	5/8" X 3/4"	19.51
Minimum 1.00 ERC	5/8" X 3/4"	19.51
Minimum 2.50 ERC	1"	48.77
Minimum 5.00 ERC	1-1/2"	97.54
Minimum 8.00 ERC	2"	156.07

* These categories meet the requirements specified in the latest OUA Resolution for General Policies & Procedures for reduced ERC on residential meters

b Non Residential Meter (minimum per meter size includes hotels, motels & single unit)		
Minimum 1.00 ERC	5/8" X 3/4"	24.13
Minimum 2.50 ERC	1"	60.34
Minimum 5.00 ERC	1-1/2"	120.66
Minimum 8.00 ERC	2"	193.06
Minimum 16.00 ERC	3"	386.13
Minimum 25.00 ERC	4"	603.32
Minimum 50.00 ERC	6"	1,206.65
Minimum 80.00 ERC	8"	1,930.63

c Master Meter (any size; charge per unit connected to meter)	<u>Equivalency Factor</u>	
< 400 square feet	.33 ERC	6.44
≥ 400 and < 900 square feet	.80 ERC	15.60
>900 square feet	Minimum 1.00 ERC	19.51

5 Gallonage Rates (residential, non residential, master meter)**Block 1** 4.22(per 1,000 gallon) **Block 2** 6.34

a All except master meter	Block Allowances	
	Block 1	Block 2
<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Gallons</u>	<u>Monthly Gallons</u>
5/8" X 3/4"	0 - 3,000	Above 3,000
1"	0 - 8,000	Above 8,000
1 1/2"	0 - 15,000	Above 15,000
2"	0 - 24,000	Above 24,000
3"	0 - 48,000	Above 48,000
4"	0 - 75,000	Above 75,000
6"	0 - 150,000	Above 150,000
8"	0 - 240,000	Above 240,000
b Master Meter (unit based per ERC)	0 - 3,000	Above 3,000

6 Irrigation meter (water only; no sewer)

Base & consumption billed at non residential rate per meter size

7 Fire Hydrant Fund Fee (\$.50 per residential meter per month)		
Fire Hydrant Fund Fee (\$.50 per ERC per master meter per month)	<u>calculate</u>	
Fire Hydrant Fund Fee (\$1.50 per nonresidential meter per month)		

B WASTEWATER RATES, FEES & CHARGES

1 Wastewater Line Fees

Service line installed by OUA (existing gravity service line at property line)

a	Connection to an existing service lateral		
		4"	500.00
		6"	638.00
	Larger than 6"	Cost determined by OUA Exec Dir or designee	
	Connection to Existing Gravity Main Line		
b	Installation of new service lateral	Cost determined by OUA Exec Dir or designee	
c	Inspection of Service line	4" or 6"	42.00
d	Installation of Valve Pit on Vacuum Sewer System		
		Cost determined by OUA Exec Dir or designee	
e	Service Line connected to Vacuum Sewer System		
		4"	518.00
		6"	656.00
f	Connection to Force Main	Cost determined by OUA Exec Dir or designee	

2 Wastewater System Capital Connection Charge (any meter size)

Per Equivalent Residential Connection (ERC); minimum one (1) ERC (beginning 1/1/10) 734.00

3 Accrued Guaranteed Revenue Charge (AGRC) capped at \$500 per ERC, effective 10-1-18 500.00

4 Wastewater Base Facility Charge

a	Residential Meter (single meter per family or detached dwelling unit)		
	Minimum 0.33 ERC *	5/8" X 3/4"	22.36
	Minimum 0.80 ERC *	5/8" X 3/4"	22.36
	Minimum 1.00 ERC	5/8" X 3/4"	22.36
	Minimum 2.50 ERC	1"	55.90
	Minimum 5.00 ERC	1-1/2"	111.80
	Minimum 8.00 ERC	2"	178.89

* These categories must also meet the requirements specified in the latest OUA Resolution for General Policies & Procedures for reduced ERC on residential meters

b	Non Residential Meter (minimum per meter size includes hotels, motels & single unit)		
	Minimum 1.00 ERC	5/8" X 3/4"	28.62
	Minimum 2.50 ERC	1"	71.56
	Minimum 5.00 ERC	1-1/2"	143.12
	Minimum 8.00 ERC	2"	228.99
	Minimum 16.00 ERC	3"	457.98
	Minimum 25.00 ERC	4"	715.59
	Minimum 50.00 ERC	6"	1,431.19
	Minimum 80.00 ERC	8"	2,289.90

c	Master Meter (any size; charge per unit connected to meter)	<u>Equivalency Factor</u>	
	< 400 square feet	.33 ERC	7.37
	≥ 400 and < 900 square feet	.80 ERC	17.88
	>900 square feet	Minimum 1.00 ERC	22.35

5 Gallonage Rates (per 1,000 gallons)

a	Residential	6.96
b	Non Residential	7.20
c	Master Meter	6.96

6 Reclaimed Water

Volumetric charges for reclaimed water based upon meter consumption per 1,000 gallons and billed monthly determined and approved by OUA Board

7 Septage

Septage charges per 1,000 gallons Cost Determined by OUA Board **N/A**

8 Industrial Wastewater

To be determined and approved by OUA Board on an individual basis according to volume and characteristics of wastewater by special agreement.

9 High Strength Industrial Wastewater Surcharge

To be determined and approved by OUA Board on an individual basis according to volume and characteristics of wastewater by special agreement.

C FIRE LINE CHARGES**1 Sole Proprietary Fire Protection Systems (Sprinkler Systems); based on size of line**
Fire line charges are based on 1/12 of the water meter charges.

2"	16.08
3"	32.17
4"	50.00
6"	100.00
8"	160.83
10"	264.53

2 Hydrant Meters (charges for temporary water service delivered via a fire hydrant)

a Set-up Charge		77.25
b Monthly Service Charge		
	5/8 X 3/4" Meter	31.00
	1" Meter	62.00
	2" Meter	186.00
	3" Meter	372.00
c Consumption Rate per 1,000 gallons (see A 6 (a) for block allowances by meter size)	Block 1	5.22
	Block 2	7.84
d Meter relocation (per move)		52.00
e Removal of meter by other than OUA		160.00
f Deposit required based on hydrant meter size and appropriate non residential meter rates referenced in D-3		
g Fire Flow Test (per test)		87.00

D DEPOSITS FOR SERVICE (MINIMUM)

The required deposit listed below may be reduced by one half of the value shown if the customer elects to pay the monthly bill through the direct debit payment method.

1 Residential (Property Owner as Occupant)

a Water Service Only	3/4"	97.00
b Wastewater Service Only	3/4"	108.00
c Water & Wastewater Service	3/4"	205.00
d Water Service Only	1"	136.00
e Wastewater Service Only	1"	152.00
f Water & Wastewater Service	1"	288.00

2 Residential (Non Owner)

a Water Service Only	3/4"	152.00
b Wastewater Service Only	3/4"	152.00
c Water & Wastewater Service	3/4"	305.00
d Water Service Only	1"	215.00
e Wastewater Service Only	1"	232.00
f Water & Wastewater Service	1"	447.00

3 Non-Residential and Master Meters

Deposit to equal 3 times the average of last 12 months Utility Bills for service with the following as a minimum:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Water</u>
5/8" X 3/4"	152.00
1"	244.00
1-1/2"	460.00
2"	730.00
3"	1,455.00
4"	2,270.00
6"	4,540.00
8"	7,260.00

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
5/8" X 3/4"	152.00
1"	270.00
1-1/2"	520.00
2"	832.00
3"	1,665.00
4"	2,600.00
6"	5,185.00
8"	8,300.00

D DEPOSITS FOR SERVICE (MINIMUM) - (continued)**Meter Size****Water &
Wastewater**

5/8" X 3/4"	305.00
1"	515.00
1-1/2"	980.00
2"	1,560.00
3"	3,120.00
4"	4,870.00
6"	9,725.00
8"	15,560.00

E SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES, PER OCCURRENCE

1	Turn-on fee, except for new meter installations	13.00
2	Turn-off fee	13.00
3	Performance of any of the above services after regular office hours.	56.00

4 Reconnection Fee

After a meter has been removed, a meter can be re-installed to re-establish service. In general, fees will be calculated based upon the number of months the service was disconnected since December 1, 2006, type of utility service (water, wastewater or both), the classification (residential, non-residential or master meter), meter size, number of ERC's, the re-installation fee (**if not a meter treated as removed MTAR status**) and inspection fee. In the case of a master meter, use ERC equivalency factors. Regardless of classification, the water and wastewater base facility charge will be set by the current rate in effect at the time of calculation and in all instances using the residential rate **and Inactive Account Fees in effect at the time such reconnection fee is calculated.**

The following example of a calculation to determine the reconnection fee for a typical 5/8" x 3/4" Residential Meter is shown for illustrative purposes only:

Example: Assume 14 months disconnected:

Calculation based upon: number of months, base facility charge, **inactive account fee**, hydrant fee, re-install fee and inspection fee.

$$\text{Water (only)} : 12 * (\$19.51 + \$0.50) + 2 * (\$6.51 + \$0.50) + \$160.00 + \$42 = \$456.14 \quad 456.14$$

Calculation based upon: number of months base facility charge, **inactive account fee** and inspection fee.

$$\text{Wastewater (only)} : (12 * \$22.36) + (2 * \$10.42) + \$42.00 = \$331.16 \quad 331.16$$

Calculation based upon: number of months, combined base facility charges, **combined inactive account fees**, hydrant fee, water re-install fee, water inspection fee and wastewater inspection fee.

$$\text{Combined} : 12 * (\$19.51 + \$0.50 + \$22.36) + 2 * (\$6.51 + \$0.50 + \$10.42) + \$160 + \$42 + \$42 = \$787.30 \quad 787.30$$

- 5** At the customer's request, the maximum reconnection charge will be based on the lower of the amount as computed in Section E, 4 above or the total cost of a new water and/or wastewater service installation as computed in Sections A & B.

6 Meter re-read at customer's request

a	Trip Charge	13.00
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7 Testing Meter at Customer's Request

- a** No charge for test result showing high meter reads.
b Test result showing correct meter reads or slow.

5/8" X 3/4"	38.00
1"	48.00
1-1/2"	73.00
2"	100.00
Above 2" Meter	

Cost determined by OUA Exec Dir or designee

8 Damaging, tampering with OUA property or unauthorized procedure(s)

a	Tampering 1 - See detailed description as shown in Resolution 15-01	25.00
b	Tampering 2 - See detailed description as shown in Resolution 15-01	100.00
c	Tampering 3 - See detailed description as shown in Resolution 15-01	135.00
d	Tampering 4 - See detailed description as shown in Resolution 15-01	589.00

9 Developer/owner changing meter from one location to another without OUA's permission; per occurrence.

\$100.00 plus consumption, if applicable.	125.00
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10 Destruction of meter and or related equipment

Charge based upon actual replacement cost (labor and materials) plus a 15% administrative charge, per occurrence

11 Returned check

Prevailing amount per Florida Statute Section 832.07 as follows:

Amount of check up to \$50.00,	25.00
Amount of check over \$50.00 up to \$300.00,	30.00
Amount of check over \$300.00,	40.00

or

An amount equal to 5% on the face value of the check, whichever is greater. **calculate**

Plus other applicable fees in the event service is discontinued.

12 Account record history, requested by customer

a Certified/Notarized Copy (per page)	2.25
b One-sided copy (per page)	0.45
c Two-sided copy (per page)	0.60
d Research of Records (per 1/4 hr or fraction thereof with a minimum of \$6.60 per request)	6.80

13 Recording easements, annexation agreements, etc (per page) 12.50

14 Project plan review

The Okeechobee Utility Authority will review all plans and specifications of all proposed water and/or sewer facilities and the owner or developer will pay a one-time fee of \$75.00 per page of drawing. Project plans will not be approved until full payment of fee is received.

15 Project inspection

All projects must be inspected by OUA and the owner or developer shall pay fees at the rate of \$50.00 per hour during regular office hours and 1-1/2 times that rate after regular office hours billed monthly and paid before Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.) is approved.

16 Miscellaneous charges for services not included above.

Actual cost of material and labor required plus an administrative charge of 15% to be determined by OUA personnel.

17 Fee on delinquent accounts

10% per month on delinquent amount due to date account is closed, or meter removed.

18 Interest on closed accounts

Interest computed at the rate of 1-1/2% per month for a period not to exceed one (1) year.

19 Laboratory testing by OUA

OUA may perform laboratory testing for a developer or individual at the following prices:

B.O.D.	17.00
Suspended Solids	10.00
Chlorine residual	12.50
Fecal Coliform	23.50
Total Coliform	23.50
Chloride	10.50
Fluoride	15.50
pH	12.50
Total dissolved solids	10.50
Dissolved oxygen	7.50
Turbidity	19.50

The above testing will be done in the OUA's laboratory. Any other testing will be sent to a certified lab and the developer or individual will be billed for the cost of the testing plus a 15% administrative charge. All samples must be delivered to the OUA laboratory in approved containers. If the OUA collects samples or performs testing in the field, then actual cost of labor plus a 15% administrative charge will be added to the above fees.

20 Adjustment(s) to customer accounts

Credit or debit adjustments on customer accounts may occur when the customer or OUA, has knowingly or unknowingly, caused an account to be inaccurate. Credit or debit adjustments may be made up to three (3) months from the date of notice to the customer.

21 Guaranteed Revenue Charges (GRC)

In order to reflect the cost of reserving capacity, a Guaranteed Revenue Charge (GRC) will be assessed to new water and/or wastewater connections as reserved by a Developer Agreement. This charge will be assessed on a monthly basis until the service has been connected to the OUA system. The basis for the charge will be the number of equivalent residential connection(s) (ERC) reserved by the Developer Agreement multiplied by the monthly base facility charge(s) for the corresponding meter type and size.

Additionally, the GRC may be applied as allowed in the Rate Schedule to other applications such as calculating the fees to re-install a meter. Use of GRC in these instances are as stated above: the cost of reserving or having capacity available to serve the applicant as required. The calculation will be based upon the ERC's, the number of months service has been disconnected from December 1, 2006, and the current water and/or wastewater base facility charge(s) for the corresponding meter type and size.

22 Inactive Account Charges (MTAR)

In order to recognize service level changes that occur during Meter Treated As Removed status (MTAR), a two (2) tiered approach to inactive account charges will be assessed as follows:

Level 1 - MTAR status: Inactive Account Charges for months 1 through 12:

Inactive Account Charges accrue at the rates in effect for monthly base facility charges on a per ERC basis as follows:

Water	19.51
Wastewater	22.36

Level 2 - MTAR status: Inactive Account Charges for months 13 through 120:

Inactive Account Charges will continue to accrue at the following rates on a per ERC basis as follows:

33.4% of Water base facility charge per ERC	6.51
46.6% of Wastewater base facility charge per ERC	10.42

If a meter is not reconnected to the system within 120 months (10 years) from the date of MTAR Status, the capacity reservation along with any fees or charges paid will be forfeited, all accrued charges will be waived and any liens will be released. Any future application for service will be treated as a new connection and subject to all fees and applicable charges.

23 Accrued Guaranteed Revenue Charges (AGRC)

In order to ensure that both current and future customers utilizing or reserving capacity are treated equally with respect to the cost of reserving capacity in the future, an Accrued Guaranteed Revenue Charge (AGRC) will be assessed to both new water and/or wastewater connections on a per equivalent residential connection (ERC) basis.

Water AGRC will be calculated for the months from December 1, 2006 through the date of application for service.

Wastewater AGRC will be calculated for the months from January 1, 2010 through the date of application for service.

The charge will be calculated by taking the # of ERC times the monthly AGRC amount (as shown in either Section A, 4 for water or in Section B, 3 for wastewater) times the # of months as specified above (a partial month will be calculated as a full month).

24 Glades County Franchise Fee

The above rates, fees and charges do not reflect the franchise fee (currently set at 6%) which is imposed on customers residing within Glades County.