

ORDINANCE NO. 581

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX B – FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR TO REFLECT AN INCREASE IN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WATER RATES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, Town staff has completed a review and analysis of the Town’s water rates and concluded that the rates presently being charged by the Town do not provide sufficient revenues to offset the costs incurred and has recommended those rates to be increased; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Belleair Finance Board has reviewed and recommended approval of a water rate increase to its residential and commercial customers; and

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed rate increases have been provided to each water customer through the Town’s billing process pursuant to F.S 180.136; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission has held two (2) public hearings on the proposed water rates increase and found the recommended increase to be meritorious.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Commission of the Town of Belleair, Florida, that:

Section 1. The water rate structure set forth in Appendix B – Fee Schedule of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Belleair, is hereby amended as attached on **Exhibit A** hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. The new water rates will take effect on October 1, 2024.

Section 4. For purposes of codification of any existing section of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Belleair, herein amended, words **underlined** represent additions to original text, words **~~stricken~~** are deletions from the original text, and words neither underlined nor stricken remain unchanged.

Section 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, provision, or word of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or otherwise legally invalid, same shall be severable and the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity, such that any remainder of the Ordinance shall withstand any severed provision, as the Town Commission would have adopted the Ordinance and its regulatory scheme even absent the invalid part.

Section 6. The Codifier shall codify the substantive amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Town of Belleair, contained in Section 1 of this Ordinance as provided for therein, and shall not codify the exordial clauses nor any other sections not designated for codification.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING by the Town Commission of the Town of Belleair, Florida, at the meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2024.

PUBLISHED on the ____ day of _____, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING by the Town Commission of the Town of Belleair, Florida, at the meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2024.

Michael Wilkinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Nicole, CPM, MMC, Town Clerk