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**RESOLUTION NO. 10-069**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SITTING AS THE COMMISSION OF THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF WATER, WASTEWATER, AND REUSE UTILITY CONNECTION CHARGES FOR CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance No. 04-023, (the "District Ordinance") the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners ("Commission") created the St. Lucie County Water and Sewer District ("District") for the purpose of providing water, wastewater, and reclaimed water service within the boundaries of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 23, 2008, in Resolution No. 08-286, the Commission, sitting as the Board of the St. Lucie County Water and Sewer District ("Board") established the existing water, wastewater and reuse utility connection charges for customers within the District ("2008 Resolution"); and

**WHEREAS**, in Section 2 of the Uniform Extension Policy, as adopted under Resolution No. 05-277, provides:

"Connection Fees shall be indexed annually for cost of living increases at an amount of 6% per year, provided such indexing shall no longer apply once a Connection Fee has been paid to the District.";

and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter of the District, Section 4.03(E), provides:

(E) The rates, fees and charges of the District shall be automatically increased without further action of the District Commission based upon the application of the Florida Public Service Commission utility price indices, as established from time to time by the Florida Public Service Commission pursuant to Florida Statute section 367.081(4)(a), as amended, to the then existing rates, fees and charges of the

District. Prior to application of this automatic cost escalation provision, the District Utility Director shall submit to the Commission at a Commission meeting a report detailing the amount of the escalation and the new rates as revised. Unless the Commission votes to withhold the automatic cost escalation, the District's rates, fees, and charges tariff shall be adjusted pursuant to this section as required effective as of the first billing cycle after the Commission's meeting. The rates, fees and charges of the District shall further be automatically increased without further action of the Commission based upon the implementation of a rate increase to the Commission by any utility which provides utility service to the Commission, or upon implementation or increase of any taxes or PILOT levied by a governmental authority against the Commission, or upon an increase of costs incurred for water quality or wastewater quality testing required by the Department of Environmental Protection. Prior to application of this automatic cost escalation provision, the District Utility Director shall submit to the Commission at a Commission meeting a report detailing the amount of the escalation and the new rates as revised. Unless the Commission votes to withhold the automatic cost escalation, the District's rates, fees, and charges tariff shall be adjusted pursuant to this section as required effective as of the first billing cycle after the Commission's meeting. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4.03(C) hereof, no public hearing shall be required for the automatic adjustments set forth in this section (E);

and

**WHEREAS**, the District receives water and wastewater utility service from the Ft. Pierce Utility Authority ("FPUA"), and the FPUA has implemented increases in the connection fees and charges levied against the District for such utility service, which pursuant to Section 4.03(E) of the District Charter are to be passed through to the developer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission, on the advice and recommendations of its Utility staff and technical advisors, finds that the adjusted Connection Fees for future customers of the District set forth in the attached Exhibit "1" ("2010 Schedule of Connection Fees"), Exhibit "2" ("2011 Schedule of Connection Fees"), Exhibit "3" ("2012 Schedule of Connection Fees"), correctly implements the provisions of Section 2 of the District Uniform Extension Policy to incorporate the Annual Indexing Adjustments and the pass-through provisions of Section 4.03(E) of the District Charter, and finds that such adjusted

2010, 2011 and 2012 Connection Fee Schedules are just and equitable and in the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission provided for advertising of the proposed Schedules of Connection Fees for the District; the notice set forth the date, time and place of the meeting of the Commission at which such proposal would be considered and whereby interested parties had an opportunity to be heard concerning the 2010, 2011, and 2012 Schedules of Connection Fees.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida, sitting as the Board of the St. Lucie County Water and Sewer District:

**Section 1. ADOPTION OF 2010, 2011 and 2012 SCHEDULES OF CONNECTION FEES FOR THE DISTRICT.** The Report from the District Utility Director detailing the amount of the increase in the Connection Fee Schedules are accepted. The 2010, 2011, and 2012 Schedules of Connection Fees are hereby approved. The 2010 Schedule of Connection Fees shall be effective April 1, 2010. The 2011 Schedule of Connection Fees shall be effective October 1, 2011. The 2012 Schedule of Connection Fees shall be effective October 1, 2012.

**Section 2. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of their Resolution is for any reason held by a court to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Resolution.

**Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption (the "Effective Date").

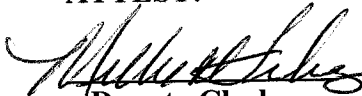
**Section 4. ADOPTION.** After motion and second, the vote on this Resolution was as follows:

Chairman Charles Grande	AYE
Vice Chairman Doug Coward	AYE
Commissioner Chris Dzadoovsky	AYE
Commissioner Paula A. Lewis	AYE
Commissioner Chris Craft	AYE

**PASSED AND DULY ENACTED** this 9<sup>TH</sup> day of March 2010.

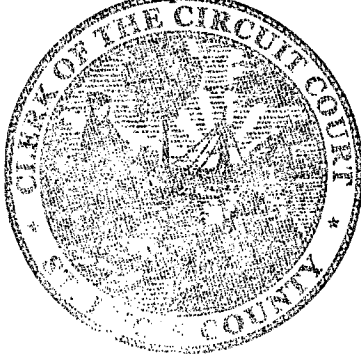
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ATTEST:**

  
Deputy Clerk

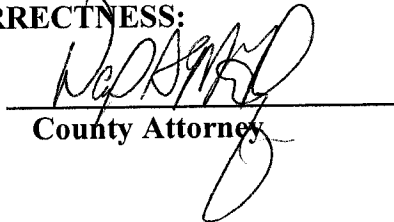
**BY:**

  
Chairman



**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
CORRECTNESS:**

**BY:**

  
County Attorney

**EXHIBIT "1"**

**SCHEDULE OF CONNECTION FEES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2010**

**EXHIBIT "2"**

**SCHEDULE OF CONNECTION FEES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011**

**EXHIBIT "3"**

**SCHEDULE OF CONNECTION FEES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012**

**EXHIBIT I  
SCHEDULE OF CONNECTION FEES  
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2010**

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
OTHER FEES AND CHARGES RATE SCHEDULE  
WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE**

**AVAILABILITY** – Available throughout the St. Lucie County Water and Sewer District for all areas served by the District including but not limited to North Hutchinson Island, North County, Indian River Estates, HEW, and the Airport Systems.

**APPLICABILITY** – Applicable to all water and wastewater customers who require service from the plant and line capacity.

**CONNECTION FEES**

**RATES: Residential and Commercial (At time of connection)**

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
Line Charge (per ERC)	\$ 884.00	\$ 745.00
Plant Charge (per ERC)	\$ 2,474.00	\$ 2,424.00
Reclaim Lines (per ERC)		\$ 505.00
Reclaim Plant (per ERC)		\$ 75.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,358.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,749.00</u></b>

ERC for water equals 300 gpd  
ERC for wastewater equals 240 gpd

**Multi-Family**

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
Line Charge (per unit)	\$ 656.00	\$ 555.00
Plant Charge (per unit)	\$ 1,831.00	\$ 1,792.00
Reclaim Lines (per unit)		\$ 372.00
Reclaim Plant (per unit)		\$ 57.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,487.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,776.00</u></b>

**Meter Installation Fees**

Meter Size	
5/8"	\$ 386.00
1"	\$ 506.00
1 1/2"	\$ 884.00
2"	\$ 1,516.00
3"	\$ 3,535.00
4"	Actual cost plus 15%

**Lateral Fees**

Short (same side of street)	Actual Cost
Long (opposite side of street)	Actual Cost

**Note:** Currently the amount a developer would pay for connecting to the Utility system includes an additional pass-through connection charge from Fort Pierce Utility Authority (FPUA) of \$236.00 for new water service and \$1,368.00 for new wastewater service for those properties to be serviced through the FPUA bulk agreement. This amount can change based on revised FPUA connection charges.

**EXHIBIT 2  
SCHEDULE OF CONNECTION FEES  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011**

ST. LUCIE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
OTHER FEES AND CHARGES RATE SCHEDULE  
WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE

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APPLICABILITY – Applicable to all water and wastewater customers who require service from the plant and line capacity.

**CONNECTION FEES**

RATES: **Residential and Commercial (At time of connection)**

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
Line Charge (per ERC)	\$ 937.00	\$ 790.00
Plant Charge (per ERC)	\$ 2,622.00	\$ 2,570.00
Reclaim Lines (per ERC)		\$ 535.00
Reclaim Plant (per ERC)		\$ 80.00
Total:	<u>\$ 3,559.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,975.00</u>

ERC for water equals 300 gpd  
ERC for wastewater equals 240 gpd

**Multi-Family**

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
Line Charge (per unit)	\$ 696.00	\$ 589.00
Plant Charge (per unit)	\$ 1,940.00	\$ 1,900.00
Reclaim Lines (per unit)		\$ 394.00
Reclaim Plant (per unit)		\$ 61.00
Total:	<u>\$ 2,636.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,944.00</u>

**Meter Installation Fees**

Meter Size	
5/8"	\$ 409.00
1"	\$ 536.00
1 1/2"	\$ 937.00
2"	\$ 1,607.00
3"	\$ 3,747.00
4"	Actual cost plus 15%

**Lateral Fees**

Short (same side of street)	Actual Cost
Long (opposite side of street)	Actual Cost

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**EXHIBIT 3  
SCHEDULE OF CONNECTION FEES  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012**

ST. LUCIE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
OTHER FEES AND CHARGES RATE SCHEDULE  
WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE

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**CONNECTION FEES**

RATES: **Residential and Commercial (At time of connection)**

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
Line Charge (per ERC)	\$ 993.00	\$ 837.00
Plant Charge (per ERC)	\$ 2,780.00	\$ 2,724.00
Reclaim Lines (per ERC)		\$ 567.00
Reclaim Plant (per ERC)		\$ 85.00
Total:	<u>\$ 3,773.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,213.00</u>

ERC for water equals 300 gpd  
ERC for wastewater equals 240 gpd

**Multi-Family**

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
Line Charge (per unit)	\$ 737.00	\$ 624.00
Plant Charge (per unit)	\$ 2,057.00	\$ 2,014.00
Reclaim Lines (per unit)		\$ 418.00
Reclaim Plant (per unit)		\$ 64.00
Total:	<u>\$ 2,794.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,120.00</u>

**Meter Installation Fees**

Meter Size	
5/8"	\$ 434.00
1"	\$ 568.00
1 1/2"	\$ 993.00
2"	\$ 1,703.00
3"	\$ 3,972.00
4"	Actual cost plus 15%

**Lateral Fees**

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