

## RESOLUTION NO. 22-021

### A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE USE RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES, THE CONNECTION FEES FOR WATER SERVICE AND THE CONNECTION/CAPACITY FEES FOR SEWER SERVICE

**WHEREAS**, the City of Flowery Branch is authorized by Art. IX, §II, ¶ III of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 and Art. VI, § 6.6 of the Charter of the City of Flowery Branch to assess and collect fees, charges and tolls for sewer, sanitary, health services or any other services within and without the corporate limits of the city for the total cost to the city of providing such services; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 50-1 of the Code of Ordinances authorizes the City Council of the City of Flowery Branch to set the rates for water and sewer services, connection fees for water service and connection/capacity fees for sewer service by resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Flowery Branch that the rates for water and sewer services, the connection/capacity fees for water service and the connection/capacity fees for sewer service shall be as follows:

### Section 1 - Water and Sewer Services Rates

**Section 1.1 Within the Corporate Limits** – Customers whose service address is within the city limits of Flowery Branch will be charged the inside city rates, fees, and charges.

**Section 1.2 Water System Monthly Charges** – Customers shall pay a monthly base charge for maintenance and renewal of capacity of the water system. Additionally, an account servicing shall be charged for meter reading, billing, and customer service costs regardless of meter size. The following table provides the monthly charges based on meter size and customer class. Tax-exempt properties shall be set at the customer class appropriate for their intended use. *The account servicing fee is only charged once for customers with both water and wastewater services.* Fees are effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year shown unless otherwise noted below.

#### Inside City Residential Water Monthly Charges

Account Servicing Fee							
Meter Size	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
All	\$2.00	\$2.17	\$2.36	\$2.57	\$2.79	\$3.04	\$3.30
Base Charge							
Meter Size	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
3/4"	\$7.21	\$7.84	\$8.52	\$9.26	\$10.07	\$10.94	\$11.89
1"	\$18.03	\$19.60	\$21.30	\$23.16	\$25.17	\$27.36	\$29.74
1 1/2"	\$36.05	\$39.19	\$42.60	\$46.30	\$50.33	\$54.71	\$59.47
2"	\$57.68	\$62.70	\$68.15	\$74.08	\$80.53	\$87.53	\$95.15
3"	\$115.36	\$125.40	\$136.31	\$148.16	\$161.05	\$175.07	\$190.30
4"	\$180.25	\$195.93	\$212.98	\$231.51	\$251.65	\$273.54	\$297.34
6"	\$360.50	\$391.86	\$425.96	\$463.01	\$503.30	\$547.08	\$594.68
8"	\$576.80	\$626.98	\$681.53	\$740.82	\$805.27	\$875.33	\$951.49

**Inside City Non-Residential Monthly Water Charges**

Account Servicing Fee							
Meter Size	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
All	\$2.00	\$2.17	\$2.36	\$2.57	\$2.79	\$3.04	\$3.30
Base Charge							
Meter Size	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
3/4"	\$14.42	\$15.68	\$17.04	\$18.52	\$20.13	\$21.88	\$23.79
1"	\$36.05	\$39.19	\$42.60	\$46.30	\$50.33	\$54.71	\$59.47
1 1/2"	\$72.10	\$78.37	\$85.19	\$92.60	\$100.66	\$109.42	\$118.94
2"	\$115.36	\$125.40	\$136.31	\$148.16	\$161.05	\$175.07	\$190.30
3"	\$230.72	\$250.79	\$272.61	\$296.33	\$322.11	\$350.13	\$380.59
4"	\$360.50	\$391.86	\$425.96	\$463.01	\$503.30	\$547.08	\$594.68
6"	\$721.00	\$783.73	\$851.91	\$926.03	\$1,006.59	\$1,094.17	\$1,189.36
8"	\$1,153.60	\$1,253.96	\$1,363.06	\$1,481.64	\$1,610.55	\$1,750.66	\$1,902.97

**Section 1.3 Multi-unit development monthly charges** - Water customers in multi-unit developments shall pay the above base charge and account servicing fee for each meter individually read and billed by Flowery Branch or if applicable the property management or owner of the multi-unit development shall pay the base charge and account servicing fee for each master meter read and billed by Flowery Branch. Property management or owner of multi-unit developments served by master meters are responsible for billing the individual units per State law requirements.

**Section 1.4 Water System Commodity Charges** – Customers shall pay for all water metered using an increasing block rate structure (conservation-based rate structure) based on the following customer classes. Tax-exempt properties shall be set at the customer class appropriate for their intended use. Fees are effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year shown unless otherwise noted below.

**Section 1.4.1 Single-Family Residential (SFR) Water Users** – Customers that primary water use is for a single-family detached home.

**SFR Inside City Water Volume Charges**

Unit Charge per 1,000 Gallons								
Tier	Gallons	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
			1/1/23	7/1/23				
Tier 1	0 - 2,500	\$5.77	\$6.27	\$6.82	\$7.41	\$8.06	\$8.76	\$9.52
Tier 2	2,501 - 4,500	\$7.21	\$7.72	\$8.39	\$9.12	\$9.91	\$10.77	\$11.71
Tier 3	Above 4,500	\$11.54	\$12.54	\$13.64	\$14.82	\$16.11	\$17.51	\$19.04

**Section 1.4.2 Multi-Family Residential (MFR) Water Users** – Customers that primary water use is for a single unit of a multi-unit residential complex and is read directly by Flowery Branch staff.

**MFR Inside City Water Volume Charges**

Unit Charge per 1,000 Gallons								
Tier	Gallons	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
			1/1/23	7/1/23				
Tier 1	0 - 2,500	\$5.77	\$6.27	\$6.82	\$7.41	\$8.06	\$8.76	\$9.52
Tier 2	2,501 - 4,500	\$7.21	\$7.72	\$8.39	\$9.12	\$9.91	\$10.77	\$11.71
Tier 3	Above 4,500	\$11.54	\$12.54	\$13.64	\$14.82	\$16.11	\$17.51	\$19.04

**Section 1.4.3 Multi-Family Residential Water Users (master-metered)** – Customers that primary water use is for a multi-unit residential complex served by a master meter. Flowery Branch shall bill the master meter only with the invoice allocated to the individual units by the property management per State law requirements. The Tier volume range will be the SFR Tier ranges multiplied by the number of units served by the master meter.

**MFR Inside City Water Volume Charges (Master-metered)**

Unit Charge per 1,000 Gallons								
Tier	Gallons*	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
			1/1/23	7/1/23				
Tier 1	0 - 2,500	\$5.77	\$6.27	\$6.82	\$7.41	\$8.06	\$8.76	\$9.52
Tier 2	2,501 - 4,500	\$7.21	\$7.72	\$8.39	\$9.12	\$9.91	\$10.77	\$11.71
Tier 3	Above 4,500	\$11.54	\$12.54	\$13.64	\$14.82	\$16.11	\$17.51	\$19.04

**\*Volume range per tier is multiplied by the number of units. Thus, a multifamily residence with 10 units would have a Tier 1 range of 0 to 25,000 gallons, Tier 2 range of 25,001 to 45,000 gallons and Tier 3 above 45,000 gallons per month.**

**Section 1.4.4 Non-Residential (NR) Water Users** – All other uses not provided above and typically includes industrial, commercial, office, hotels and motels, religious institutions and other uses not dedicated for long-term residential domicile.

**NR Inside City Water Volume Charges**

Unit Charge per 1,000 Gallons								
Tier	Gallons	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
			1/1/23	7/1/23				
Tier 1	0-4,500	\$5.10	\$5.54	\$6.03	\$6.55	\$7.12	\$7.74	\$8.41
Tier 2	4,501-60,000	\$6.38	\$6.94	\$7.54	\$8.19	\$8.91	\$9.68	\$10.52
Tier 3	60,001 and above	\$7.65	\$8.32	\$9.04	\$9.83	\$10.68	\$11.61	\$12.62

**Section 1.5 Wastewater System Monthly Charges** – Customers shall pay a monthly base charge for maintenance and renewal of capacity of the wastewater system. Additionally, an account servicing shall be charged for meter reading, billing, and customer service costs regardless of meter size. The following table provides the monthly charges based on meter size and customer class. Tax-exempt properties shall be set at the customer class appropriate for their intended use. *The account servicing fee is only charged once for customers with both water and wastewater services.* Fees are effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year shown unless otherwise noted below.

**Inside City Residential Wastewater Monthly Charges**

Account Servicing Fee							
Meter Size	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
All	\$2.00	\$2.17	\$2.36	\$2.57	\$2.79	\$3.04	\$3.30
Base Charge							
Meter Size	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
3/4"	\$7.21	\$7.84	\$8.52	\$9.26	\$10.07	\$10.94	\$11.89
1"	\$18.03	\$19.60	\$21.30	\$23.16	\$25.17	\$27.36	\$29.74
1 1/2"	\$36.05	\$39.19	\$42.60	\$46.30	\$50.33	\$54.71	\$59.47
2"	\$57.68	\$62.70	\$68.15	\$74.08	\$80.53	\$87.53	\$95.15
3"	\$115.36	\$125.40	\$136.31	\$148.16	\$161.05	\$175.07	\$190.30
4"	\$180.25	\$195.93	\$212.98	\$231.51	\$251.65	\$273.54	\$297.34
6"	\$360.50	\$391.86	\$425.96	\$463.01	\$503.30	\$547.08	\$594.68
8"	\$576.80	\$626.98	\$681.53	\$740.82	\$805.27	\$875.33	\$951.49

**Inside City Non-Residential Wastewater Monthly Charges**

Account Servicing Fee							
Meter Size	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
All	\$2.00	\$2.17	\$2.36	\$2.57	\$2.79	\$3.04	\$3.30
Base Charge							
Meter Size	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
3/4"	\$14.42	\$15.68	\$17.04	\$18.52	\$20.13	\$21.88	\$23.79
1"	\$36.05	\$39.19	\$42.60	\$46.30	\$50.33	\$54.71	\$59.47
1 1/2"	\$72.10	\$78.37	\$85.19	\$92.60	\$100.66	\$109.42	\$118.94
2"	\$115.36	\$125.40	\$136.31	\$148.16	\$161.05	\$175.07	\$190.30
3"	\$230.72	\$250.79	\$272.61	\$296.33	\$322.11	\$350.13	\$380.59
4"	\$360.50	\$391.86	\$425.96	\$463.01	\$503.30	\$547.08	\$594.68
6"	\$721.00	\$783.73	\$851.91	\$926.03	\$1,006.59	\$1,094.17	\$1,189.36
8"	\$1,153.60	\$1,253.96	\$1,363.06	\$1,481.64	\$1,610.55	\$1,750.66	\$1,902.97

**Section 1.6 Multi-unit development monthly charges** - Wastewater customers in multi-unit developments shall pay the above base charge and account servicing fee for each water meter individually read and billed by Flowery Branch or if applicable the property management or owner of the multi-unit development shall pay the base charge and account servicing fee for

each master meter read and billed by Flowery Branch. Property management or owner of multi-unit developments served by master meters are responsible for billing the individual units per State law requirements.

**Section 1.7 Wastewater System Commodity Charges** – Customers shall pay for all wastewater based on water metered using a uniform rate structure for all customers. Fees are effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year shown unless otherwise noted below.

Wastewater Unit Charge							
Unit Charge per 1,000 Gallons							
Class	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
Residential	\$9.20	\$10.00	\$10.87	\$11.82	\$12.84	\$13.96	\$15.18
Multi-Family	\$7.47	\$8.12	\$8.83	\$9.59	\$10.43	\$11.34	\$12.32
Non-Residential	\$6.29	\$6.84	\$7.43	\$8.08	\$8.78	\$9.55	\$10.38

**Section 1.8 Outside the Corporate Limits** – Customers whose service address is outside the city limits of Flowery Branch will be charged the outside city rates, fees, and charges. The outside city rates reflect the additional cost in serving outside customer including additional pumping cost, travel, and risks associated with serving outside jurisdictional customers.

**Section 1.9 Water System Monthly Charges** – Outside city customers shall pay a monthly base charge for maintenance and renewal of capacity of the water system. Additionally, an account servicing shall be charged for meter reading, billing, and customer service costs regardless of meter size. The following table provides the monthly charges based on meter size and customer class. Tax-exempt properties shall be set at the customer class appropriate for their intended use. *The account servicing fee is only charged once for customers with both water and wastewater services.* Fees are effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year shown unless otherwise noted below.

Outside City Residential Water Monthly Charges							
Account Servicing Fee							
Meter Size	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
All	\$2.00	\$2.17	\$2.36	\$2.57	\$2.79	\$3.04	\$3.30
Base Charge							
Meter Size	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
3/4"	\$9.01	\$9.79	\$10.65	\$11.57	\$12.58	\$13.67	\$14.86
1"	\$22.54	\$24.50	\$26.63	\$28.95	\$31.47	\$34.21	\$37.18
1 1/2"	\$45.05	\$48.97	\$53.23	\$57.86	\$62.89	\$68.37	\$74.31
2"	\$72.08	\$78.35	\$85.17	\$92.58	\$100.63	\$109.39	\$118.90
3"	\$144.16	\$156.70	\$170.33	\$185.15	\$201.26	\$218.77	\$237.81
4"	\$225.25	\$244.85	\$266.15	\$289.30	\$314.47	\$341.83	\$371.57
6"	\$450.50	\$489.69	\$532.30	\$578.61	\$628.95	\$683.66	\$743.14
8"	\$720.80	\$783.51	\$851.67	\$925.77	\$1,006.31	\$1,093.86	\$1,189.03

**Outside City Non-Residential Water Monthly Charges**

Account Servicing Fee							
Meter Size	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
All	\$2.00	\$2.17	\$2.36	\$2.57	\$2.79	\$3.04	\$3.30
Base Charge							
Meter Size	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
3/4"	\$18.02	\$19.59	\$21.29	\$23.14	\$25.16	\$27.35	\$29.73
1"	\$45.05	\$48.97	\$53.23	\$57.86	\$62.89	\$68.37	\$74.31
1 1/2"	\$90.10	\$97.94	\$106.46	\$115.72	\$125.79	\$136.73	\$148.63
2"	\$144.16	\$156.70	\$170.33	\$185.15	\$201.26	\$218.77	\$237.81
3"	\$288.32	\$313.40	\$340.67	\$370.31	\$402.53	\$437.54	\$475.61
4"	\$450.50	\$489.69	\$532.30	\$578.61	\$628.95	\$683.66	\$743.14
6"	\$901.00	\$979.39	\$1,064.59	\$1,157.21	\$1,257.89	\$1,367.33	\$1,486.28
8"	\$1,441.60	\$1,567.02	\$1,703.35	\$1,851.54	\$2,012.63	\$2,187.72	\$2,378.06

**Section 1.10 Multi-unit Development Monthly Charges** - Water customers in multi-unit developments shall pay the above base charge and account servicing fee for each meter individually read and billed by Flowery Branch or if applicable the property management or owner of the multi-unit development shall pay the base charge and account servicing fee for each master meter read and billed by Flowery Branch. Property management or owner of multi-unit developments served by master meters are responsible for billing the individual units per State law requirements.

**Section 1.11 Water System Commodity Charges** – Customers shall pay for all water metered using an increasing block rate structure (conservation-based rate structure) based on the following customer classes. Tax-exempt properties shall be set at the customer class appropriate for their intended use. Fees are effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year shown unless otherwise noted below.

**Section 1.11.1 Single- Family Residential (SFR) Water Users** – Customers that primary water use is for a single-family detached home.

**SFR Outside City Water Volume Charges**

Unit Charge per 1,000 Gallons								
Tier	Gallons	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
			1/1/23	7/1/23				
Tier 1	0 - 2,500	\$7.21	\$7.84	\$8.52	\$9.26	\$10.07	\$10.94	\$11.89
Tier 2	2,501 - 4,500	\$9.01	\$9.79	\$10.65	\$11.57	\$12.58	\$13.67	\$14.86
Tier 3	Above 4,500	\$14.42	\$15.67	\$17.04	\$18.52	\$20.13	\$21.88	\$23.79

**Section 1.11.2 Multi-Family Residential (MFR) Water Users** – Customers that primary water use is for a single unit of a multi-unit residential complex and is read directly by Flowery Branch staff.

**MFR Outside City Water Volume Charges**

Unit Charge per 1,000 Gallons								
Tier	Gallons	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
			1/1/23	7/1/23				
Tier 1	0 - 2,500	\$7.21	\$7.84	\$8.52	\$9.26	\$10.07	\$10.94	\$11.89
Tier 2	2,501 - 4,500	\$9.01	\$9.79	\$10.65	\$11.57	\$12.58	\$13.67	\$14.86
Tier 3	Above 4,500	\$14.42	\$15.67	\$17.04	\$18.52	\$20.13	\$21.88	\$23.79

**Section 1.11.3 Multi-Family Residential Water Users** – Customers that primary water use is for a multi-unit residential complex served by a master meter. Flowery Branch shall bill the master meter only with the invoice allocated to the individual units by the property management per State law requirements. The Tier volume range will be the SFR Tier ranges multiplied by the number of units served by the master meter.

**MFR Outside City Water Volume Charges (Master-metered)**

Unit Charge per 1,000 Gallons								
Tier	Gallons*	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
			1/1/23	7/1/23				
Tier 1	0 - 2,500	\$7.21	\$7.84	\$8.52	\$9.26	\$10.07	\$10.94	\$11.89
Tier 2	2,501 - 4,500	\$9.01	\$9.79	\$10.65	\$11.57	\$12.58	\$13.67	\$14.86
Tier 3	Above 4,500	\$14.42	\$15.67	\$17.04	\$18.52	\$20.13	\$21.88	\$23.79

**\*Volume range per tier is multiplied by the number of units. Thus, a multifamily residence with 10 units would have a Tier 1 range of 0 to 25,000 gallons, Tier 2 range of 25,001 to 45,000 gallons and Tier 3 above 45,000 gallons per month.**

**Section 1.11.4 Non-Residential (NR) Water Users** – All other uses not provided above and typically includes industrial, commercial, office, hotels and motels and other uses not dedicated for long-term residential domicile.

**NR Outside City Volume Charges**

Unit Charge per 1,000 Gallons								
Tier	Gallons	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
			1/1/23	7/1/23				
Tier 1	0-4,500	\$6.38	\$6.38	\$7.54	\$8.19	\$8.91	\$9.68	\$10.52
Tier 2	4,501-60,000	\$7.98	\$8.67	\$9.43	\$10.25	\$11.14	\$12.11	\$13.16
Tier 3	60,001 and above	\$9.57	\$10.40	\$11.31	\$12.29	\$13.36	\$14.52	\$15.79

**Section 1.12 Wastewater System Monthly Charges** – Customers shall pay a monthly base charge for maintenance and renewal of capacity of the wastewater system. Additionally, an account servicing shall be charged for meter reading, billing, and customer service costs regardless of meter size. The following table provides the monthly charges based on meter size. *The account servicing fee is only charged once for customers with both water and wastewater services.* Fees are effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year shown unless otherwise noted below.

**Outside City Residential Wastewater Monthly Charges**

Account Servicing Fee							
Meter Size	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
All	\$2.00	\$2.17	\$2.36	\$2.57	\$2.79	\$3.04	\$3.30
Base Charge							
3/4"	\$9.01	\$9.79	\$10.65	\$11.57	\$12.58	\$13.67	\$14.86
1"	\$22.53	\$24.50	\$26.63	\$28.95	\$31.47	\$34.21	\$37.18
1 1/2"	\$45.05	\$48.97	\$53.23	\$57.86	\$62.89	\$68.37	\$74.31
2"	\$72.08	\$78.35	\$85.17	\$92.58	\$100.63	\$109.39	\$118.90
3"	\$144.16	\$156.70	\$170.33	\$185.15	\$201.26	\$218.77	\$237.81
4"	\$225.25	\$244.85	\$266.15	\$289.30	\$314.47	\$341.83	\$371.57
6"	\$450.50	\$489.69	\$532.30	\$578.61	\$628.95	\$683.66	\$743.14
8"	\$720.80	\$783.51	\$851.67	\$925.77	\$1,006.31	\$1,093.86	\$1,189.03

**Outside City Non-Residential Wastewater Monthly Charges**

Account Servicing Fee							
Meter Size	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
All	\$2.00	\$2.17	\$2.36	\$2.57	\$2.79	\$3.04	\$3.30
Base Charge							
3/4"	\$18.02	\$19.59	\$21.29	\$23.14	\$25.16	\$27.35	\$29.73
1"	\$45.05	\$48.97	\$53.23	\$57.86	\$62.89	\$68.37	\$74.31
1 1/2"	\$90.10	\$97.94	\$106.46	\$115.72	\$125.79	\$136.73	\$148.63
2"	\$144.16	\$156.70	\$170.33	\$185.15	\$201.26	\$218.77	\$237.81
3"	\$288.32	\$313.40	\$340.67	\$370.31	\$402.53	\$437.54	\$475.61
4"	\$450.50	\$489.69	\$532.30	\$578.61	\$628.95	\$683.66	\$743.14
6"	\$901.00	\$979.39	\$1,064.59	\$1,157.21	\$1,257.89	\$1,367.33	\$1,486.28
8"	\$1,441.60	\$1,567.02	\$1,703.35	\$1,851.54	\$2,012.63	\$2,187.72	\$2,378.06

**Section 1.13 Multi-unit development monthly charges** - Wastewater customers in multi-unit developments shall pay the above base charge and account servicing fee for each water meter individually read and billed by Flowery Branch or if applicable the property management or owner of the multi-unit development shall pay the base charge and account servicing fee for each master meter read and billed by Flowery Branch. Property management or owner of multi-unit developments served by master meters are responsible for billing the individual units per State law requirements.



**Section 1.14 Wastewater System Commodity Charges** – Customers shall pay wastewater volume based on water metered using a uniform rate structure for all customers. Fees are effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year shown unless otherwise noted below.

**Outside City Wastewater System Commodity Charges**

Unit Charge per 1,000 Gallons							
Class	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
Residential	\$11.50	\$12.50	\$13.59	\$14.77	\$16.06	\$17.45	\$18.97
Multi-Family	\$9.33	\$10.14	\$11.02	\$11.98	\$13.03	\$14.16	\$15.39
Non-Residential	\$7.86	\$8.54	\$9.29	\$10.10	\$10.97	\$11.93	\$12.97

**Section 1.15 Irrigation Meters Unit Charges** – Inside City Customers shall pay the Inside City SFR Tier 3 volume rate for all water metered through an irrigation meter. Outside City Customers shall pay the Outside City SFR Tier 3 volume rate for all water metered through an irrigation meter.

**Section 2 Gainesville Water System Customers Wastewater Charges**

Customers utilizing the Flower Branch sewer system but receiving water service from the City of Gainesville shall be billed directly by the City of Gainesville using the following schedule. The Base Charge is applied monthly. The unit charge for sewage is billed based on the water meter readings and are per 1000 gallons metered. The City of Gainesville bills its customers monthly. Fees are effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year shown unless otherwise noted below.

**Gainesville Water System Customers on Flowery Branch Sewer  
Sewer Base and Unit Charges**

Inside City							
Item	Current	FY23		FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
		1/1/23	7/1/23				
Base Charge	\$8.24	\$8.96	\$9.74	\$10.58	\$11.50	\$12.50	\$13.59
Unit Charge (All volume)	\$9.30	\$10.11	\$10.99	\$11.94	\$12.98	\$14.11	\$15.34
Outside City							
Base Charge	\$10.30	\$11.20	\$12.17	\$13.23	\$14.38	\$15.63	\$16.99
Unit Charge (All volume)	\$11.63	\$12.64	\$13.74	\$14.94	\$16.24	\$17.65	\$19.18

**Section 3 Hardship Rates**

**SENIOR CITIZENS:** Upon making written application on such forms as provided by the City Manager, customers billed directly by Flowery Branch may receive a discount of \$5.00 for water service and \$5.00 for wastewater service provided by Flowery Branch applied monthly to residential accounts in which the head of the household is 65 years of age or older. The applicant must also verify through their latest tax return that total household income is less than 125% of the City's Poverty Rate as determined by the US Census Bureau. The discount will be applied for up to two years for accounts that remain in good standing. Prior to expiration an account holder may apply for a two-year extension.

This discount may be provided to multi-family properties billed by Flowery Branch on a per

unit basis provided each eligible owner/renter submits and maintains an application and that the discount is provided directly to eligible participants by the property management.

**DISABLED:** Upon making written application on such forms as provided by the City Manager, customers billed directly by Flowery Branch may receive a discount of \$5.00 for water service and \$5.00 for wastewater service provided by Flowery Branch applied monthly to residential accounts in which the head of the household has been declared disabled by the US Social Security Administration or the US Department of Veterans Affairs. The applicant must also verify through their latest tax return that total household income is less than 125% of the City's Poverty Rate as determined by the US Census Bureau. The discount will be applied for up to two years for accounts that remain in good standing. Prior to expiration an account holder may apply for a two-year extension.

This discount may be provided to multi-family properties billed by Flowery Branch on a per unit basis provided each eligible owner/renter submits and maintains an application and that the discount is provided directly to eligible participants by the property management.

## **Section 4 One-Time Water Leak Adjustment**

Upon repairing a leak, a customer may receive an adjustment to the water bill or bills (two consecutive months) that covered the time of the leak. The customer remains responsible for their regular bills reduced by the leak amount. The leak amount will be calculated by subtracting the average month usage of the last 3 months (or less if 3-month data unavailable) from the impacted bills (2 months maximum). It is important that the customer understands that the onetime leak adjustment is available for an account holder only one time. The customer must provide either a copy of the plumber bill or copies of receipts for the repair to be given the one-time water leak adjustment.

Only Single-Family Residential customers are eligible for the One Time Leak Adjustment Policy. It does not apply to Commercial accounts.

It is important to note that the one-time water leak adjustment limit **does not** apply to sewer billings for a leak that did **not go into the sewer**. If the water leaked prior to entering the sewer line, you can give the customer an adjustment for the sewer portion of the bill. You may adjust the bill back to the customer's normal sewer billing. A sewer credit can be issued once a year for a maximum of three consecutive months (this is to encourage the customer to make the necessary repairs). The type of customer (residential or commercial) is not relevant to determine if the customer is eligible for the sewer adjustment. All classes of customers are eligible for the sewer credit.

## **Section 5 Tampering and Disconnection Fees**

Service that has been scheduled for disconnection or has been disconnected for non-payment of a utility bill or evidence of meter tampering will be restored only after the past month and current month bill is paid in full and a \$30.00 (disconnection fee) service charge paid. A lock will be placed on the meter until the account is paid in full. Additionally, if the meter is damaged due to tampering, the cost of installing a new meter will be charged (See meter set fee later in ordinance).

Evidence of removing or damaging a lock that has been placed on a meter for non-payment of service will require the City of Flowery Branch to remove the meter from the service address. Service will be restored only after the past month and current month bill is paid in full, a

\$50.00 tampering fee is paid in full, a \$20.00 lock replacement fee is paid in full and a \$ 30.00 (disconnection fee) service charge paid in full. Additionally, if the meter is damaged due to tampering, the cost of installing a new meter will be charged (See meter set fee later in ordinance).

**Section 6 Water Connection Fees.**

The Water Connection Fee includes four components as follow:

- 1) Tap Fee - the cost of tapping into the water main and providing a service main and meter box,
- 2) Meter Set Fee - the meter installation cost including backflow protection and data transmitter,
- 3) System Development Charge (SDC) – the fair share cost of infrastructure including system pipe size, elevated storage, water supply/treatment and pumping to provide peak day water capacity based on requested water capacity or by meter size, and
- 4) Administrative fee – to recover cost for customer service and tracking information related to the service connection.

**Section 6.1 Tapping and Meter Set Fees** - The water connection installation fee recovers the cost of labor, materials, and equipment for providing a connection from the water main to the property boundary including the cost of the meter box/vault. **This differs from the SDC in the next section which recovers the fair share cost of the distribution and treatment facilities based on requested capacity.** The meter set fee recovers the cost of labor, materials, and equipment for providing the meter, backflow, and data transmitter. Tapping Fees and Meter Set Fees apply to all connections performed by Flowery Branch staff including the installation of master meters, direct service to individual units, and irrigation meters. Developers that install the tap and meter box to Flowery Branch specifications shall only pay the meter set fee. Developers that purchase meters/backflow and transmitter from Flowery Branch and install meter shall only pay the cost of materials.

**Water Connection Installation Fee**

Descriptions	Tap Fee	Meter Set Fee	Total
3/4" Short	\$693	\$580	\$1,273
1" Short	\$593	\$750	\$1,343
2" and larger	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost

**Section 6.2 System Development Charge and Admin Fee** - The System Development Charge for water service recovers the fair share value of system capacity being requested. The total gallons needed shall be based on typical peak day capacity needed to serve the development. The following schedule can be used for the Water SDC and Administration Fee. Attached multi-unit developments typically use less water than detached units. A 70% factor is applied to the SDC to account for this reduced water use and vacancy rates. This is already included in the chart below under the capacity ratios column. The capacity ratio is a factor applied to a typical 3/4" meter based on the American Water Works Association (AWWA) flow capacity. Based on the latest connection fee study, a single-family home using a 3/4" meter will use 231.2 gallons for a typical peak day. Therefore, an equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) is considered to require 231.2 gallons of capacity from the water distribution and treatment plant.

An administrative fee to recover the cost of application/plan review, customer service, data collection/tracking and SDC calculation is added per dwelling unit or business unit. The admin fee is **\$50** for multi-family attached developments for each unit, **\$50** for ¾" detached developments and multi-unit commercial developments and **\$100** for developments (detached or attached) requiring a meter 1" or larger. The SDC and admin fee is charged for each unit in the development.

**Water Connection System Development Charge and Admin Fee**

Meter Size (in inches)	Capacity Ratios	Water SDC	Admin	Total
¾" Meters used in Multiunit Attached Developments	0.7	\$773	\$50	\$796
¾" Detached Single Family and individual businesses	1	\$1,104	\$50	\$1,154
1"	2.5	\$2,760	\$100	\$2,860
1 1/2"	5	\$5,520	\$100	\$5,620
2"	8	\$8,832	\$100	\$8,932
3"	16	\$17,664	\$100	\$17,764
4"	25	\$27,600	\$100	\$27,700
6"	50	\$55,200	\$100	\$55,300
8"	80	\$88,320	\$100	\$88,420

**Section 6.3 Irrigation Meters** - A ¾" irrigation meter will use approximately 600 gallons per application assuming 30 minutes and 20 gallons per minute (¾" meter) or over twice the single-family home domestic meter, as such, an irrigation meter shall be charged an SDC two times the SDC rate of a non-irrigation meter of equivalent size. i.e. the SDC for a ¾" irrigation meter would be **2 X \$1,104 = \$2,208** plus any installation costs (labor, equipment and materials). No administrative fee would be applied to an irrigation meter for existing or new non-irrigation customer connections. To encourage water conservation, residential units are prohibited to have an irrigation meter with all water metered being charged the appropriate water Tiered rate plus if applicable sewer unit charges.

**Water Irrigation Meter System Development Charge**

Irrigation Meter Size (in inches)	Capacity Ratio	Water SDC	Total
¾"	2	\$1,104 x 2	\$2,208
1"	5	\$2,760 x 2	\$5,520
1 1/2"	10	\$5,520 x 2	\$11,040
2"	16	\$8,832 x 2	\$17,664
3"	32	\$17,664 x 2	\$35,328
4"	50	\$27,600 x 2	\$55,200
6"	100	\$55,200 x 2	\$110,400
8"	160	\$88,320 x 2	\$176,640

**Section 6.4 Multi-unit Development served by a master-meter** - Multi-unit developments that install sub-metering<sup>1</sup> to individual units shall provide connection to the Flowery Branch water system and meter boxes per Flowery Branch specification for each master meter required to serve the development. Developer shall only pay the meter set fees for the master meters, and SDC and admin fees for each sub-metered unit. The meter set fee will be based on meter size of the master meters installed by Flowery Branch and include labor, materials and equipment associated with the meter, backflow protection and data transmitter as applicable (see Section 6.1). The SDC and Admin fee will be based on the sub-meter size based on the following table.

**Water System Development Charge and Admin Fee (Master-metered)**

Sub-meter Size	Meter Equivalency Ratios	SDC	Admin	Total
3/4" or smaller Attached Units	0.7	\$773	\$50	\$823 x # of units
3/4" Single Family/Business Detached	1	\$1,104	\$50	\$1,154 x # of units
1"	2.5	\$2,760	\$100	\$2,860 x # of units
1 1/2"	5	\$5,520	\$100	\$5,620 x # of units
2"	8	\$8,832	\$100	\$8,932 x # of units
3"	16	\$17,664	\$100	\$17,764 x # of units
4"	25	\$27,600	\$100	\$27,700 x # of units
6"	50	\$55,200	\$100	\$55,300 x # of units
8"	80	\$88,320	\$100	\$88,420 x # of units

**Section 6.5 Mixed Use/Special Developments** - Each use in a development that has a mixture of attached and detached units and/or residential and non-residential uses and/or use of master-metering shall identify the number of units by type and apply the appropriate schedules. In the event that the developer requires a different capacity other than provided in the SDC tables, the typical peak day gallons shall be provided by a Professional Engineer or Architect registered in Georgia. This capacity needs calculation and methodology shall be approved by Flowery Branch engineering staff or consultant for reasonableness. The cost for capacity (SDC) is **\$4.78** per peak day gallon plus the appropriate admin fees by meter size for each unit. **The service main and/or meter size capacity to the Flowery Branch water system shall not exceed the requested capacity.**

**Section 6.6 Connections for Fire Suppression** – Any building requiring fire suppression/sprinklers shall pay for the capacity (SDC) based on the pipe diameter size using the meter capacity ratios in section 6.2 and multiplying by the 1" water system development charge. Currently, a 3" diameter fire main would currently be  $\$1,104 * 16 = \$17,664$ . There is no fee for public access fire hydrants within a development that is dedicated to the City of Flowery Branch.

<sup>1</sup> Georgia state law now requires all new multi-unit developments to individually meter each unit within the development. Water charges based on the master meter are to be fairly allocated to the individual units based on usage. Flowery Branch shall only be responsible for billing at the master meter level.

## **Section 6.7 Example Situation**

### **Section 6.7.1 Single Family ¾" water meter installed by Flowery Branch staff**

The owner/developer will pay \$1,273 for the Tap and Meter Set fees and \$1,154 for the SDC and admin fee or a total of \$2,427.

Section 6.7.2 Single Family detached Subdivision with ¾" water meter installed by Flowery Branch staff and developer providing water tap and meter box for 25 homes. Also, a 1" irrigation meter is requested to be installed by Flowery Branch for a common area to be the responsibility of a homeowners association.

The owner/developer will pay \$580 in Meter Set fees and \$1,154 in SDC and admin fees for each home or 25 x 1,734 a total of \$43,350. The irrigation meter would be \$2,208 plus any installation costs performed by Flowery Branch. Please note; irrigation meters are prohibited to single family dwellings to promote water conservation but are available for non-residential entities that would be responsible for billing.

Section 6.7.3 Multiunit development served by two 2" master meters for two 5-unit condo buildings with each unit sub-metered. Also, an addition 1" meter is installed by the developer for a clubhouse to be the responsibility of a homeowner's association.

The owner/developer will pay Meter Set fees for each master meter at cost. The owner/developer will also pay \$823 in SDC and admin fees for each unit or 10 x \$823 for a total of \$8,230. The 1" clubhouse meter installed by the developer purchased at-cost from Flowery Branch will add \$2,860 to the total fee.

## Section 7 Sewer Connection/Capacity Fees

The Wastewater Connection Fee includes two components as follows:

- 1) System Development Charge (SDC) – the fair share cost of infrastructure including system pipe size, lift stations and treatment to provide peak day sewer capacity based on requested flow capacity or water meter size, and
- 2) Administrative fee – to recover cost for customer service and tracking information related to the service connection.

The cost of installation of the sewer connection is the responsibility of the developer/owner.

**Section 7.1 System Development Charge and Admin Fee** - The System Development Charge for wastewater service recovers the fair share value of system capacity being requested. The total gallons needed shall be based on typical peak day capacity needed to serve the development. The following schedule can be used for the Wastewater SDC and Administration Fee. Attached multiunit developments typically use less water than detached units. A 90% factor is applied to the SDC to account for this reduced water use and vacancy rates. This is already included in the chart below under the capacity ratios column. The capacity ratio is a factor applied to a typical 3/4" meter based on the American Water Works Association (AWWA) flow capacity. Based on the latest connection fee study, a single-family home using a 3/4" meter will return 180.3 gallons of wastewater to Flowery Branch for a typical peak day. Therefore, an equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) is considered to require 180.3 gallons of capacity from the wastewater collection and treatment plant.

An administrative fee to recover the cost of application/plan review, customer service, data collection/tracking and SDC calculation is added per dwelling unit or business unit. The admin fee is \$50 for multi-family attached developments for each unit, \$50 for 3/4" detached developments and multi-unit non-residential developments and \$100 for developments (detached or attached) requiring a meter 1" or larger. The SDC and admin fee is charged for each unit in the development

**Wastewater Connection System Development Charge and Admin Fee**

Water Meter Size* (in inches)	Meter Equivalency Ratios	Wastewater SDC	Admin	Total
3/4" Meters used in Multiunit Attached Developments	0.7	\$3,186	\$50	\$3,236
3/4" Detached Single Family and individual businesses	1	\$4,551	\$50	\$4,601
1"	2.5	\$11,378	\$100	\$11,578
1 1/2"	5	\$22,755	\$100	\$22,855
2"	8	\$36,408	\$100	\$36,508
3"	16	\$72,816	\$100	\$72,916
4"	25	\$113,775	\$100	\$113,875
6"	50	\$227,550	\$100	\$227,650
8"	80	\$364,080	\$100	\$364,180

\*Irrigation meters should be excluded from capacity requests and system development charges.

**Section 7.2 Mixed Use/Special Developments** - Each use in a development that has a mixture of attached and detached units and/or residential and non-residential uses and/or use of master-metering shall identify the number of units by type and apply the appropriate SDC schedule. In the event that the developer requires a different capacity other than provided in the SDC schedules, the typical peak day gallons shall be provided by a Professional Engineer or Architect registered in Georgia. This capacity needs calculation and methodology shall be approved by Flowery Branch engineering staff and/or consultant for reasonableness. The cost for wastewater capacity (SDC) is **\$25.24** per peak day gallon plus the appropriate admin fees by meter size for each unit.

**Section 8. Oakwood Sewer.** Gainesville water customers with City of Oakwood sewer service with treatment provided by Flowery Branch shall be billed for wastewater at 100% of water metered. The billed volume is provided by the Gainesville Department of Water Resources at \$1.00 per month per account. The billed amount is collected by Flowery Branch and a share is provided to the City of Oakwood for sewer service. Customers seeking Oakwood sewer service will pay any connection related fees directly to the City of Oakwood. Customers should contact the City of Oakwood for latest rates, fees and charges related to this sewer service.

**Section 9. Moratoriums.** If new development is estimated to exceed the capacity of water supply or distribution system capacity or wastewater collection or treatment, the City of Flowery Branch may place a temporary moratorium on new development until such capacity is added. Such moratorium may be system-wide or to specific geographic locations of the service area depending on the situation. A separate ordinance will be voted on by City Council at the recommendation of the City Manager as to the time and scope of the moratorium.

**Section 10. Landlord Agreement.** Landlords may request continuous water service for newly unoccupied rental units by using the latest landlord agreement form provided by the Water/Wastewater Department. A turn-on fee of **\$30** will be charged each time when the account is re-established in the Landlord's name at the time that a tenant requests service disconnection OR tenant account is closed for non-payment and service is transferred to the landlord. The landlord will be responsible for all billed water volume and monthly fees of the unoccupied rental unit during this time. A **\$60** administration fee and refundable deposit of **\$120** per rental unit shall be required for the duration of the landlord agreement. The maximum deposit shall not exceed **\$1,080**.

Each time a new tenant applies for service for any of the service addresses listed on the landlord agreement form said account will be final billed. However, should the landlord for any reason, request that the water service be disconnected once the agreement is established and no tenant has applied for water/sewer service, the appropriate charges will be billed, and this agreement will be null and void.

Landlord's requesting to participate in this agreement must have a good payment history. The Landlord's deposit will remain on the account until the Landlord requests the account be taken off of Landlord status and the account is closed. If any accounts on this agreement fall into delinquent status, this agreement will be considered null and void.

**Section 12. Miscellaneous Fees.** The following are additional fees for specific services provided by Flowery Branch.

- **\$120 for Water and Sewer Deposit Fee** – This is charged for new application for water and sewer service. The deposit will be used for the final bill and any



- potential balance refunded to a customer.
- \$65 for Sewer Only Deposit Fee – This is charged for new application for sewer only service. The deposit will be used for the final bill and any potential balance refunded to a customer.
  - \$60 admin fee for new service applications – The administrative cost of establishing an account and turning on the water meter.
  - \$60 cut off fee – The administrative cost of closing an account and turning off the water meter. This applies to all accounts past due.
  - \$180 Snowbird Fee – This fee is charged for customers vacating a property for an extended period of time that desire a final bill but intend to restart service in the future. Fee covers final meter read, locking meter, final bill submission and unlocking meter upon customers return/request.
  - \$30.00 Return Check Fee – A fee will be charged on checks or bank drafts returned for any reason, and water service may be subject to disconnect.
  - \$30 turn-on fee – This fee is charged to turn the water service on for existing connections.
  - \$15 FOG Fee – The fee to cover cost related to the Fats, Oils and Grease program. This fee is applied to each trap to reimburse Flowery Branch for monitoring and administrative costs.
  - Sewer Inspection Fee – TBD
  - Water Inspection Fee – TBD

**Section 13. Debt Collections.** Accounts that are not fully paid after 90 days shall be turned over to a collection agency for processing. An additional service fee of may be applied to cover the cost of collection agency.


**Section 13. Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions.** Any part of any prior resolutions in conflict with the terms of this Resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict; but it is hereby provided, that any resolution, ordinance or law which may be applicable hereto and aid in carrying out and making effective the intent, purpose and provisions hereof, is hereby adopted as a part hereof and shall be legally construed to be in favor of upholding this Resolution on behalf of the City of Flowery Branch.

**Section 14. Severability.** If any paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase or any portion of this Resolution shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction or if the provisions of any part of this Resolution as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect the portions of this Resolution not so held to be invalid, or the application of the Resolution to other circumstances no so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the City Council of the City of Flowery Branch to provide for separate and divisible parts, and it does hereby adopt all parts hereof as may not be held invalid for any reason.

**Section 15. Brochure and Other Guides Conflicts.** The City of Flowery Branch provides brochures and guides to assist customers on the rates, fees and charges of the Flowery Branch water and wastewater systems. If any information from these documents conflict with the latest Council approved ordinance, the ordinance shall prevail.

**Section 15. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective the date of January 1, 2023. once it is adopted by the Council of the City of Flowery Branch.

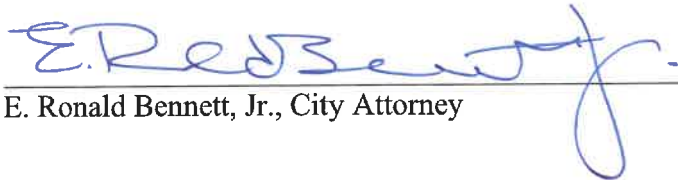
SO, RESOLVED this 3rd day of November 2022.

  
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Edward R. Asbridge, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Shelia Cooper, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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E. Ronald Bennett, Jr., City Attorney

