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ORDINANCE 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2009-04 TO PROVIDE AN AMENDED SCHEDULE FOR WATER SERVICE CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida municipalities are granted authority to provide water service in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 180, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Highland Park provides municipal water services and rates and charges for water services are set via action of the Village Commission of the Village of Highland Park, most recently by Ordinance 2008-06 (prior to the consideration of the rates set forth herein); and

WHEREAS, the Florida Rural Water Association provided the Village with a water rate scenario report evaluating water revenue requirements and provided proposed rate adjustments for the upcoming fiscal year through 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Village Commission of the Village of Highland Park has determined that it is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the public to amend Ordinance 2008-06 by providing for a rate increase for water services to meet the costs of public water system maintenance and repair based on recommendations in the report provided by Florida Rural Water Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as legislative findings of the Village Commission of the Village of Highland Park.

SECTION 2. Revision of Water Service Rates and Charges. The schedule of rates and charges for water service is hereby revised in accordance with the schedule set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. Underlined words constitute additions and ~~strikethrough words~~ constitute deletions from the original Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 3. Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, phrase, word or portion of this Ordinance is determined to be invalid, unlawful or unconstitutional, said determination shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section, sentence, phrase, word or portion of this Ordinance not otherwise determined to be invalid, unlawful or unconstitutional.

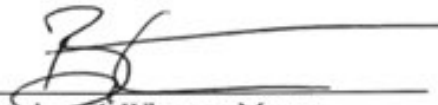
46 **SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption,
47 however the rates set forth in Exhibit "A" shall not take effect until October 1, 2025.

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49 **INTRODUCED AND PASSED** on first reading at a special meeting of the Village of Highland
50 Park Commission held on the 27th day of August 2025.

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52 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** on second reading and adoption public hearing at a regular meeting
53 of the Village of Highland Park Commission duly assembled on the 24th day of September 2025.
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VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK

57 (Village Seal)

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60 Brandon McWhorter, Mayor

61 ATTEST:

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64 By: _____
65 Blair Updike, Village Clerk
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70 Approved as to form:
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74 By: /s Andrew J. Hand _____
75 Andrew Hand, City Attorney
76 Village of Highland Park
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EXHIBIT "A"
SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE

GALLONS ————— **CHARGE PER THOUSAND GALLONS OR PART THEREOF**

Base Fee	40.00
0-4	\$3.00
5-10	\$3.25
11-20	\$2.50
21-30	\$1.50
31-40	\$1.00
41-50	\$1.75
51+	\$2.00

	2026	2027	2028	2029
Drinking Water				
Residential Single Family				
Base Charges Inside City				
1-inch	\$50.00	\$51.50	\$53.05	\$54.64
Usage Charges Inside City (per 1,000 gallons)				
0 to 4,999 gallons	\$3.75	\$3.86	\$3.98	\$4.10
5,000 to 10,999 gallons	\$4.06	\$4.18	\$4.31	\$4.44
11,000 to 30,999 gallons	\$4.38	\$4.51	\$4.64	\$4.78
31,000 gallons or more	\$5.00	\$5.15	\$5.30	\$5.46