

RESOLUTION 2025-09

A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING THE CHAPTER II RULE OF THE NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER USER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES AND OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITY.

WHEREAS, North Sumter County Utility Dependent District (District) has advertised its intent to amend and restate the Chapter II Rule providing for water and wastewater user rates, fees and charges and operating policies and procedures for the Central Sumter Utility (CSU) and has held the public hearing for such adoption in compliance with all applicable statutes and rules; and

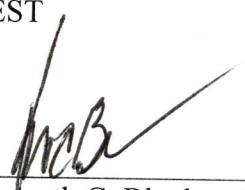
WHEREAS, the Governing Board, in a Public Hearing on June 9, 2025, has considered input of staff and the public and has determined it is in the best interests of all persons and entities to be served by the District to amend and restate the rule establishing water and wastewater fees and charges and operating policies and procedures for Central Sumter Utility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT, as follows:

1. The Chapter II Rule providing for water and wastewater user rates, fees and charges and operating policies and procedures for the Central Sumter Utility is hereby amended and restated.
2. The Rule, upon adoption, shall become effective July 1, 2025.

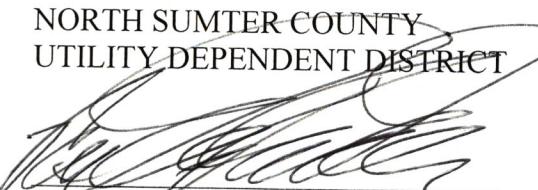
DONE AND RESOLVED at The Villages, Sumter County, Florida this 9th day of June, 2025.

ATTEST

By: 

Kenneth C. Blocker, Secretary

NORTH SUMTER COUNTY
UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT


Richard Rademacher, Chairman

**RULES OF THE
NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT
CHAPTER II
ESTABLISHING WATER AND WASTEWATER CHARGES
AND
OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
FOR
CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITY WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NORTH
SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT WATER AND WASTEWATER
SYSTEMS FOR CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITY.**

SECTION 1: Utility Operations shall be provided by the North Sumter County Utility Dependent District (District) in accordance with the operating policy of the District which is attached hereto and made a part hereof and the following rates shall be applicable to the services provided for water treatment and distribution, and wastewater collection and disposal.

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SECTION 3: PURPOSE: The purpose of this Rule is to establish certain rates, fees, charges, and operating policies and procedures for the Central Sumter Utility (CSU) to provide water, and wastewater service to generate sufficient revenues from users benefiting from said water and wastewater service to pay operating expenses, debt service requirements of the water and wastewater systems, and other improvements of the District; to provide an effective date.

SECTION 4: NECESSITY: To establish uniform and comprehensive rates, fees, charges and operating policies and procedures pertaining to water and wastewater service within the CSU service area.

SECTION 5: DEFINITIONS: The following terms and phrases, when used herein, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. Words used in the present terms shall include the future, and the singular number includes the plural, and the plural the singular.

5.1 **CONNECTION CHARGES:** Those charges of the District required to be paid by a consumer as a condition precedent to the interconnection of District's utility system with a consumer's property.

5.2 CONSUMER: Any person, firm, association, corporation, governmental agency or similar organization supplied with the availability of water and wastewater service by District which term shall also include developer, bulk, and golf course users.

5.3 CONSUMER INSTALLATION: All pipes, fixtures, meters, appurtenances of any kind and nature used in connection with or forming a part of an installation for utilizing water and wastewater services for any purpose, located on the consumer's side of "point of delivery", whether such installation is owned outright by a consumer or by contract, lease or otherwise.

5.4 DEVELOPER: Any person, corporation, or other legally recognized entity who engages in the business of making improvements to or upon real property located within or without the District service area as owner or legally constituted agent for the owner of such real property.

5.5 DISTRICT: The North Sumter County Utility Dependent District as defined in section 5.20.

5.6 EASEMENTS: Rights of ingress, egress, dedications, rights of way, conveyances or other property interests necessary or incidental to the installation, extension, repair, maintenance, construction or re-construction of District's utility system or any components thereof, over or upon consumer's property.

5.7 ENGINEER: The appointed head of the Engineering Department of the District or the authorized representatives or consultant.

5.8 FINANCE DIRECTOR: The appointed head of the Finance Department of the District, or the authorized representative.

5.9 MAIN: Shall refer to pipe, conduit or other facility installed to convey water and wastewater service from individual laterals or to other mains.

5.10 OFF SITE FACILITIES: Those components of water distribution and wastewater collection facilities located outside consumer's property connected with facilities of the District, in accordance with the size required by the District.

5.11 ON SITE FACILITIES: Those components of water distribution and wastewater collection facilities located upon consumer's "property".

5.12 POINT OF DELIVERY: The point where the District pipes are connected with the pipes of the consumer. Unless otherwise indicated, point of delivery for water shall be at the discharge side of the water meter. Unless otherwise indicated, point of delivery for wastewater service shall be at the upstream connection of the clean-out which is placed at

or about public right of way or utility easement. In the absence of a clean-out the point of delivery is at the wastewater lateral connection to the wastewater main of the District.

5.13 PROPERTY: The land or improvements upon land of which the consumer is owner or over which consumer has control either by contract or possessory interest sufficient to authorize consumer to make application for service, or adjacent right of way which services the land or site being developed. District may require proof of such interest prior to the furnishing of service by copy of instrument of conveyance, warranty deed, contract or appropriate verified statement contained in the application for service.

5.14 RATE SCHEDULE: The schedule or schedules of rates or charges for the particular classification of service.

5.15 SERVICE: Shall be construed to include, in addition to all water and/or wastewater service required by the consumer, the readiness and ability on the part of the District to furnish water and/or wastewater services.

5.16 SERVICE OR LATERAL LINES: Those pipes of the District that connect to consumer's lines.

5.17 TERMS "SHALL" AND "MAY": As used herein, the word "may" is permissive, and the word "shall" is mandatory.

5.18 UTILITIES DIRECTOR: The District Manager of the District or authorized representative.

5.19 UTILITY SYSTEM: As used herein, refers to the District's water treatment and distribution systems and wastewater collection and treatment systems, and any component parts thereof.

5.20 NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT: A governmental agency of the State of Florida created pursuant to Chapter 189, Florida Statutes.

5.21 CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITY: The service area within the counties of Sumter and Lake that provide water and wastewater services through Interlocal Agreements between the District and Sumter County government, the District and the City of Wildwood, and between the District and the City of Fruitland Park.

SECTION 6 GENERAL: In the absence of specific written agreement to the contrary entered into prior to the effective date of this Rule, these regulations apply without modification or change to each and every consumer to whom the District renders service.

SECTION 7 APPLICATION FOR SERVICE: Service shall be furnished only upon signed application accepted by District and the conditions of such application are binding upon the consumer as well as upon the District. To obtain service, application shall be made at the District in the place or places designated by the Finance Director. Applications are accepted by the District with the understanding that there is no obligation on the part of the District to render service other than that which is then available from its existing water production and distribution equipment and service lines, and from its existing sewage treatment collection, transmission and treatment facilities. The applicant shall furnish to the District at the time of making application the name of the applicant, the ownership or other interest in or to the property or location and the legal description or street address at which service is to be rendered. Application for service required by firms, partnerships, associations, corporations and others, shall be tendered only by duly authorized parties, and shall require the applicant to complete a Commercial Consumer Water, Wastewater, and Trash Application Permit form. When service is rendered under agreement or agreements entered into between the District and an agent of the principal, the use of such service by the principal shall constitute full and complete ratification by the principal of the agreement or agreements entered into between the District and an agent of the principal under which such service is rendered.

Deposits – Commercial consumers are required to make a deposit on account when making application for service. Current commercial account holders with 24 months of good account history as defined in this section shall not be bound by this deposit requirement unless such account becomes delinquent. In the event a current commercial account is deemed delinquent all rules per this section shall apply, and the deposit shall be made. The account deposit is intended as security for payment of any bill and is refundable to the consumer, less fees, as stated herein. Payment of a deposit does not prevent the District from discontinuing service for non-payment of a past due balance even though the deposit would cover the indebtedness. The commercial account deposit will be in accordance with the -CSU Schedule B of Miscellaneous Fees and Charges then in effect. In lieu of a cash deposit, the District will accept the following as a means of deposit; a Certificate of Deposit (CD) drawn on a local bank with the District named as an assigned holder or Installment Payments of not more than 3 monthly installments.

Monthly Installments – For any deposit that exceeds the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) the consumer may choose to remit the deposit amount in three (3) monthly payments. The first installment shall be due at the time service is initiated and, the two (2) remaining

installments shall be payable as part of the first two (2) monthly utility bills rendered to the consumer. Failure to remit timely any monthly installment shall be grounds for termination of the service for which the deposit is required.

Deposit Refund – The District will, at the end of twenty-four (24) months of good account history, credit the deposit to the respective account. Good account history is defined as:

- a. Not more than one past due notice in any 24 month period
- b. No involuntary discontinuance of service in any 24 month period
- c. No uncollectible items in any 24 month period

The District reserves the right to reinstate the account deposit requirement if the good account history as defined above is not maintained.

No Interest on deposits – No interest will be paid on account deposits. Interest earned on these deposits will be utilized by the District to offset ongoing expenses associated with meter reading, billing, customer service, and collection of fees.

SECTION 8 WITHHOLDING SERVICE:

- a. The District may withhold service to a consumer who makes application for service at or upon a location for which prior service has not been paid in full to the date of such application. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to make inquiry as to the delinquent status of the account and bring said account current as a condition precedent to continuation of service. The District shall maintain current records of outstanding accounts and shall make such information available to the public at its offices during normal business hours. Service may also be withheld for service installations which are not complete or are not in compliance with District requirements.
- b. The District may withhold new service to a consumer who has left the District owing a debt or who moves from one unit to another with a delinquent balance until the delinquent amount and/or bad debt has been paid in full.
- c. The spouse, cohabitant, or other legally responsible adult, as listed on the new utility account application, shall not be granted new services until restitution is made for a delinquent and/or bad debt on a previous account.

SECTION 9 LIMITATIONS OF USE: Utility service purchased from the District shall be used by the consumer only for the purpose specified in the application for service. Potable use is prohibited. The consumer shall not sell or otherwise dispose of such utility service supplied by the District without authorization from the District to do so. All utility service furnished by the District to the consumer shall be through District meters and may not be re-metered by the consumer for the purpose of selling or otherwise disposing of such service without the written consent of the District. In no case shall a consumer, except with the written consent of the District, extend water or wastewater lines across a street, alley, lane, court, property line, avenue, or other public thoroughfare or right of way in order to furnish utility service for adjacent property even though such adjacent property is owned by them.

SECTION 10 UNAUTHORIZED CONNECTION OR USE: No person, without written consent of the District, shall tap any pipe or main belonging to a District water or wastewater system for the purpose of taking or using water from the system or from such pipe or main, for connecting to the wastewater system, or for any other purpose. Connections to the District's water or wastewater system for any purpose whatsoever are to be made only as authorized by the District. In case of any unauthorized interconnection, extension, re-metering, sale or disposition of utility service, consumer's utility service shall be subject to discontinuance until such unauthorized use or disposition is discontinued and full payment is made for such device, calculated on proper classification and rate schedules plus penalties and reimbursement in full made to the District for any extra expenses incurred by District as the result of such unauthorized use, including administrative costs, testing, inspections, and court costs. In addition, unauthorized use may result in appropriate criminal prosecution by District.

SECTION 11 BILLING: Bills for service shall be rendered monthly or periodically at intervals not to exceed ninety (90) days at the direction of the Board of Directors, and shall be due when rendered. A bill shall be deemed rendered when mailed United States mail, postage prepaid, or when delivered to the consumer's address shown on the application for service. All bills are considered past due after twenty (20) days and are then subject to penalty and late charges and disconnection. A five percent (5%) penalty will be imposed on any balance due five (5) calendar days after the expressed due date of the bill. The additional five (5) days is to ensure that accounts are not inadvertently penalized because of any processing delays. No partial payment of any bill rendered will be accepted by District unless authorized by the District Manager or designee in

writing indicating the reason thereto, such as a contested billing, consumption, or hardship. The District Manager will be the final arbiter of contested penalty charges.

SECTION 12 ADJUSTMENT OF BILLS, METER READINGS AND INSPECTIONS: When a consumer is determined by District to have been overcharged or undercharged as a result of incorrect meter reading, defective metering, incorrect application of rate schedule fees and charges, or mistake in billing, the amount so determined may be credited or billed to the consumer, as the case may be. The adjustment shall be accomplished over a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, unless otherwise directed by the Finance Director and so noted on the account. District may read and inspect meters periodically to determine their condition and accuracy and as a basis for periodic billings. If a consumer requests an inspection or re-reading of a meter, the District may impose a service charge thereto in accordance with policies for service established by the utility department and approved by District administration.

SECTION 13 ACCESS TO PREMISES: As a condition to providing service, the consumer shall grant to District or its authorized agents or employees access to consumer's property during all reasonable hours and, in the event of an emergency, at any time, for the purposes of reading meters or maintaining, inspecting, repairing, installing or removing District's property, backflow prevention assemblies, or grease traps in compliance with the provisions of this rule, and for any other purposes incident to performance under or termination of any agreement with a consumer or such consumer's predecessor in interest or use of the facilities or services made accessible to the District by the consumer or to be relocated by the District.

SECTION 14 INSPECTIONS OF CONSUMER'S INSTALLATION: The District reserves the right to inspect and approve any consumer installation prior to providing service and from time to time thereafter to ensure compliance with applicable laws, rules of the District, and rules and regulations affecting such installation. No changes or increases in any consumer installation which will materially affect proper operation of District utility system shall be made by a consumer without express written consent of the District Engineer and approval of the District Utilities Director. Consumer shall be responsible for the cost of making changes or repairs resulting from any unauthorized alteration, and the District may require payment or reimbursement thereto as a condition to continued service.

SECTION 15 PROTECTION OF DISTRICT PROPERTY: In the event of any damage to District property located upon consumer's property which arise out of any act of consumer or agents, employees or independent contractors upon the premises, the cost of repairs or replacement shall be the responsibility of the consumer, and full payment or reimbursement to District therefore may be condition imposed by District for the continuation of service.

SECTION 16 CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY; TERMINATION OR TRANSFER OF SERVICE:

It shall be the obligation of the consumer to notify the District of change of occupancy, or other circumstances for which termination or transfer of service is requested, and consumer shall be responsible for all service charges incurred to the date upon which written or personal notification is received by District, after which District shall have a reasonable time not to exceed seventy-two (72) hours in which to discontinue service. As a convenience to consumers, District will accept telephone notice to discontinue or transfer service, provided written notice is given to District within seventy-two (72) hours thereafter. In accordance with the CSU Schedule A of Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges, the Base Rate will apply to all accounts where a meter is installed regardless of notification to the District for a change of occupancy, or other circumstances for which the consumer is currently not receiving services. This Base Rate is the responsibility of the account holder. If the account holder is a vacated tenant, then the property owner is responsible for the Base Rate. The District may allow the property owner to complete a Request for Removal of Meter form and pay the appropriate meter removal fee in accordance with the CSU Schedule B of Miscellaneous Fees and Charges. Before a meter is reinstalled, all meter fees and connection fees being due must be paid.

SECTION 17 RESUMPTION OF SERVICE: After termination or discontinuance of service as provided herein, the District may require as a condition precedent to service resumption payment in full and/or adequate security, in the form of a security deposit, to cover all costs reasonably incurred by District as the result of such termination or discontinuance, including any reconnection fees, meter installation or removal and reinstallation costs, inspection costs, or other costs incident thereto in accordance with Schedule A and B, of rates, fees and charges for such services then in effect.

SECTION 18 CONTINUITY OF SERVICE: The District will at all times use reasonable diligence to provide continuous service, and having used reasonable diligence, shall not be liable to the consumer for failure or interruption of continuous service. The District shall not be liable

for any act or omission caused directly or indirectly by strikes, labor troubles, accident, litigations, breakdowns, shutdowns for repairs or adjustments, acts of sabotage, enemies of the United States, wars, governmental interference, acts of God or other causes beyond its control.

SECTION 19 MAINTENANCE AND STANDARDS: All pipes, conduits or other component parts of service installed in or upon the premises of a utility consumer shall conform to District standards of type, quality, quantity and regulations regarding installation. Consumer shall be responsible for maintaining all on site facilities in proper repair, and shall not alter or modify any interconnection of service without first notifying District and securing approval thereto in writing or by permission from an authorized representative of District's utility department. Unauthorized alteration or modification of any on site utility service interconnection may result in immediate termination of the affected service and repair or restoration by District or at its direction at the consumer's costs.

SECTION 20 METERS: Each consumer of the District receiving water must have a water meter which measures flow and which is the ultimate basis for water and wastewater charges. All meters shall be furnished by, installed by and remain the property of the District and shall be accessible to and subject to its control. Meters are not transferable to another residence or commercial site. The consumer shall provide meter space, meter box, and all necessary connections and fittings to the District at a suitable and readily accessible location and when the District considers it advisable, within the premises to be served, adequate and proper space for the installation of meters and other similar devices. All applicable meters shall be accompanied by a backflow prevention assembly in accordance with the provisions of the Cross-Connection Control Program. Installation, testing, maintenance, and repair of the backflow prevention assembly shall be the responsibility of the consumer. Before a meter is installed, all meter fees and connection fees being due must be paid. Water meters connected to the CSU system shall not be utilized for irrigation without prior written consent of the District. The meter to be furnished by the District shall be sized to be compatible with the existing line and main sizes according to District standards and specifications at the consumer's expense. The consumer shall be required to provide a proper service connection and service line in accordance with the District standards and specifications. Meter sizes, other than those originally specified or intended, shall be as approved by the District Engineer and the District Utilities Director.

SECTION 21 ALL WATER THROUGH METER: That portion of the consumer's installation for water service shall be arranged so that all water service shall pass through the meter. No person shall make or cause to be made any connection with any main, service pipe, or other pipes, appliances or appurtenance used for or in connection with the District's water system in such manner as to cause to be supplied water from such plant to any faucet, irrigation head or other outlet whatsoever without such water passing through a meter provided by the District and used for measuring and registering the quantity of water passing through the same, or make or cause to be made, without the consent of the District, any connection with any such plant or any main, service line or other instrument or appliance connected with such plant in such manner as to take or use water without the consent of the District.

SECTION 22 METER TESTING: The District reserves the right to remove the meter and check, repair, or replace it at any time at no cost to the consumer. Should a consumer desire their meter to be checked at any time, they may have this work done by submitting a written request accompanied by a fee in accordance with the CSU Schedule B in effect at the time of such testing. Consumer shall be allowed one (1) water meter test per meter per fiscal year. Additional tests shall be charged to the consumer/owner according to the CSU Schedule B. Should the meter be tested and found to be performing outside of the manufacturer's accuracy specifications, the last three months service bill will be adjusted accordingly, the meter will be repaired or replaced, and the fee returned. In any other case, the amount of the fee shall be retained by the District to defray the cost of testing.

SECTION 23 DAMAGING, TAMPERING WITH, ALTERING, FACILITIES OF UTILITY PLANT OR SYSTEM: No person shall damage, or knowingly cause to be damaged, any meter or water or wastewater pipe or fittings connected with or belonging to a District water and wastewater system, or tamper or meddle with any meter or other appliance or any part of such system in such a manner as to cause loss or damage to the District; prevent any meter installed for registering water from registering the quantity which otherwise would pass through the same; alter the index or break the seal of any such meter; in any way hinder or interfere with the proper action of just registration of any such meter; fraudulently use, waste or suffer the loss of water passing through any such meter, pipe or fitting, or other appliance or appurtenance connection with or belonging to such system after such meter, pipe, fitting, appliance or appurtenance has been tampered with, injured or altered. Any person(s) found to tamper with, alter or cause damage to

the utility system and/or meters shall be subject to a charge as described in the CSU Schedule B Miscellaneous Fees and Charges.

SECTION 24 TERMINATION OF SERVICE: All utility services shall be pursuant to proper permit or application, which procedure affords the District the opportunity to provide for orderly expansion of facilities and regulation and control thereof in a manner calculated to ensure continuous service to all consumers. Inherent in this obligation is the governmental prerogative of the necessity to terminate consumption which is adverse to the continuous, orderly, financially secure and uninterrupted operation and maintenance of its utility service. Accordingly, the District reserves the right by unilateral act in its sole discretion to refuse service, or to terminate service temporarily, or to discontinue service in all instances when conditions exist which would constitute an emergency of public concern, or when the providing of any service would constitute a threat to the safety, health or welfare of consumers generally or any portion of the consumer population or when the financial security of the District is threatened due to non-payment for services rendered by the District.

When discontinuance or termination of service can be remedied by an act of the consumer, District shall provide notice of remedial or specific action to the consumer in order that service may be continued uninterrupted. Acts considered to be remedial by the consumer, and for which service may be temporarily terminated, discontinued or interrupted are the following:

- (a) Failure to pay required deposits for service.
- (b) Failure to pay, when due, (after proper notice and opportunities to correct deficiencies), amount due the District by the consumer for services rendered by the District to the consumer.
- (c) Failure of consumer to meet provisions of agreements with the District.
- (d) Failure to correct deficiencies in piping or other components upon consumer property after reasonable notice thereof.
- (e) Use of service for any other property or purpose than described in the permit of this rule.

- (f) When requested by consumer, in which case resumption of service shall be accomplished in accordance with District policy as herein provided.

The District reserves the right by unilateral act in its sole discretion to refuse service, terminate service temporarily, or to discontinue or interrupt service without notice under the following circumstances:

- (a) Causing, or allowing to exist, a hazardous condition with respect to the location, use of, or access to any utility service or component.
- (b) Alteration or modification of any transmission or metering component or device used in providing any utility service to the consumer. Any such unauthorized use, if fraudulent, may result in criminal prosecution and may result in restitution of revenue lost to the District as a condition to restoration of service, including costs of repair or restoration of any meters or components to normal service condition, as shall be determined by District.
- (c) Total or partial destruction of, or abandonment of, any structure, including any vacancy for a duration which, in District's opinion, may create a hazardous or unsafe condition or constitute a nuisance.

SECTION 25 AMENDMENT TO RATE SCHEDULE: Rate schedules are attached hereto as exhibits, being identified as: Schedule A, North Sumter County Utility Dependent District, Central Sumter Utilities Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges; Schedule B, North Sumter County Utility Dependent District, Central Sumter Utilities Miscellaneous Fees and Charges.

These rate schedules and charges may be amended from time to time by rule of the Board of Directors upon public notice and at least one public hearing. Rules amending rate schedules shall be entitled: "A Rule of the District Amending Chapter II" relating to Water and Wastewater User Rates, Fees and Charges; providing an effective date. When enacted, these Rule Amendments shall become exhibits to this Rule.

SECTION 26 GENERAL DECLARATION OF POLICY: The District owns, operates and maintains water and wastewater collection and treatment and disposal systems which serve residents within the service area of the District. New development may require the extension of mains to provide service, as well as expansion of facilities to accommodate new development. In some instances, the District in anticipation of expansion of its system due to growth and development has already provided mains for services thereof. The cost of providing extensions, modifications, and expansions of facilities is to be borne by property owners, builders, or developers within the District's area to defray the costs of these extensions, modifications, and expansions. The allocable share of each is to be charged as described herein. It is the declared policy of the District by this Rule to establish a uniform method of determining charges for availability of services so that all such contributions shall be non-discriminatory among the various consumers served by the District's systems and shall be applied as nearly as possible with uniformity to all consumers and prospective consumers within the District's service areas. District specifically reserves its rights to fix and determine rates, fees, charges and contributions required for the provisions, consumption, operation, maintenance, extension, expansion of its utility services, and improvements to infrastructure within the District, as provided herein and as authorized by law. Each consumer is hereby notified that the District, in the exercise of its governmental responsibility to provide for the welfare of all consumers of its utility services, has the authority and responsibility to amend its schedules of rates, fees, charges, and contributions from time to time to ensure the perpetuation of service.

SECTION 27 EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY: As a prerequisite to the construction of any water distribution or sewage collection system proposed to be connected to the facilities of District, developer shall agree to grant to District such easements or rights of way corresponding with the installation of the proposed facilities. Such grant or conveyance shall be in the form satisfactory to the District. Such conveyances, when located on the property of developer, shall be made without cost to the District. District reserves the right to require such easement or right of way to the point at which the meter is proposed to be installed or at the point of delivery of service, being the point at which the facilities of District joins with consumers. Such easements and right

of way shall be conveyed and accepted upon completion, approval and acceptance of the work done by developer.

SECTION 28 INSPECTION: The District shall inspect the installation of all water or sewage collection facilities installed by developer or developer's contractors, which facilities are proposed to be transferred to District ownership, operation and control. In the event that gravity wastewater facilities are to remain under ownership, operation and control of the developer as a private system, the District reserves the right to inspect the installation of the gravity sewage collection facilities for the purpose of determining if the system has excessive infiltration. These systems must meet the same infiltration criteria as that of District owned systems. Such inspections are intended to assure that water and wastewater lines and/or lift stations are installed in accordance with approved designs and are further consistent with the criteria and specifications governing the kind and quality of such installation. Representatives of the District may be present at tests of component parts of water distribution or sewage collection systems for the purpose of determining that the system, as constructed, conforms to District's criteria for exfiltration, infiltration, material type and size, pressure testing, line and grade. Such tests will be performed by developer or developer's contractor, but only under the direct supervision of the engineer of record or the authorized representative. The results of such testing shall be certified by the engineer of record. The District shall be notified at least 48 hours prior to any inspections or testing performed in accordance with these regulations.

SECTION 29 TRANSFER OF CONTRIBUTED PROPERTY - BILL OF SALE: Each developer who has constructed portions of the water distribution and sewage collection system prior to interconnection with District's existing facilities, shall convey such component parts of water distribution and sewage collection system to District by bill of sale in form satisfactory to the District, together with such evidence as may be required by District that the water distribution and sewage collection system proposed to be transferred to District is free of all liens and encumbrances .

Any facilities in the category of consumers lines, plumbers lines or consumers installation, located on the discharge side of the water meter or on the consumer's side of the point of delivery of service

shall not be transferred to District and shall remain the property of developer, a subsequent owner-occupant or their successors and assigns. Such consumer lines, plumbers lines or consumers installation shall remain the maintenance responsibility of developer or subsequent consumers.

District shall not be required to accept title to any component part of the water distribution or sewage collection system as constructed by developer until the District Engineer or the authorized representative has approved the construction of said lines, accepted the tests to determine that such construction is in accordance with the criteria established by District and the Board of Directors has evidenced its acceptance of such lines for District's ownership, operation and maintenance.

Developer shall maintain accurate cost records establishing the construction costs of all utility facilities constructed by developer and proposed to be transferred to District. Such cost information shall be furnished to District concurrently with the bill of sale and such cost information shall be a prerequisite for the acceptance by District of the portion of the water distribution and sewage collection system construction by developer.

District may refuse connection and deny the commencement of service to any consumer seeking to be connected to portions of the water distribution and sewage collection system installed by developer until such time as the provisions of this paragraph have been fully met by developer or developer's successors or assigns.

SECTION 30 IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS TO WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM: The location, size or proposed density of developers property may make such water and wastewater service to the property dependent upon extension of water distribution and sewage collection facilities as defined herein. Developer may advance funds to the District pursuant to a developer's agreement in the form of which to be approved by the Board of Directors; or in the alternate the developer may contribute funds to the District which will be non-reimbursable so the District may design, construct, inspect and thereafter operate and maintain said improvements and extensions. If developer chooses the latter method the facilities will be designed in accordance with an engineering design agreement approved by the Board of Directors. Upon the completion of the design the District will solicit competitive bids and upon the payment of the bid amount plus 20% for engineering, legal and contingencies, District will

award contract to the lowest responsible bidder and proceed to construct the improvements as identified in the plans and specifications.

Alternately, the Developer may construct the necessary water distribution and sewage collection system and transfer such property to the District, as provided in Section 30. All such transferred property shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the District standards and specifications or as approved by the District Engineer or the District's authorized representative.

SECTION 31 UTILITY INSPECTION FEES: The cost of engineering inspection of the required improvements shall be paid by the developer. Fees shall be paid directly by the Developer, or the Developer shall pay the District the amount of the fees based on the actual costs incurred by the District. Charges shall be due and payable at time the system is placed into service or as stipulated in Developer Agreement.

SECTION 32 REFUNDABLE ADVANCES: The District may require, in addition to the contribution provisions set forth herein, a refundable advance by developer to further temporarily defray the cost of any off site extension of water and /or wastewater mains and pumping stations necessary to connect the developer's property with the terminus of the District's water and wastewater facilities adequate in size to provide service to the subject property. However, this Rule recognizes instances in which a developer may be required to advance the hydraulic share applicable to other undeveloped property in order that off-site facilities may be constructed to serve developer's property and at the same time be sized in accordance with the District's master plan. All amounts expended by developer, over and above developer's hydraulic share for off-site facilities shall be refunded to developer in accordance with the terms and conditions of a refunding agreement which the District will execute with developer. The refunding agreement shall provide for a plan of refund based upon the connection of other properties, to the extent of their hydraulic share, which properties will be served by the off-site facilities installed by developer. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the District will limit the life of such refund agreement to a term of not more than five (5) years or until such time as the utility is sold to another entity after which time any portion of the refund not made to developer by the terms and conditions

of the refund agreement will have lapsed and thereafter, such refund agreement will be canceled. In no event shall developer recover an amount greater than the difference between the capitalized cost of such off-site improvements and developer's own hydraulic share of such improvements. The District shall not include any interest upon the refund of developer's advance.

SECTION 33 CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM: As required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) through Chapters 62-610 and 62-555 F.A.C., the District has implemented a Cross-Connection Control Program to protect the potable water supply system. The program is implemented through use of the Cross-Connection Control Handbook, latest revision. The handbook is incorporated by reference into this rule. Principle provisions of the handbook include, but are not limited to the following:

- Hazard Review Process and Backflow Prevention Assembly Determination
- Backflow Prevention Assembly Installation Requirements
- Backflow Prevention Assembly Testing
- Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair
- Backflow Prevention Assembly Installation by District
- Reporting and Recordkeeping
- Administration of Complaints and Emergencies

Annual assembly testing, repair, and reporting is required for all backflow prevention assemblies. These activities are the responsibility of the utility service consumer or property owner, as applicable. If activities required by the Cross Connection Control Handbook are not complied with by the consumer or owner, it will be at the discretion of the District to perform the required testing, repair the backflow prevention assembly, and/or install a backflow prevention assembly if one is not present or a proper assembly is not present. The applicable fees will be charged to the consumer or owner on their utility bill. In the event that a tenant space is vacant and the meter is still in place, all requirements of this Rule and the Cross Connection Control Handbook will be the responsibility of the property owner. Notice of non-compliance and the respective time frames will be in accordance with the Cross Connection Control Handbook, latest revision. The applicable fees are described in Schedule B, North Sumter County Utility Dependent District, Central Sumter Utilities, Miscellaneous Fees and Charges. Failure to comply with the Cross

Connection Control Handbook or non-payment of applicable fees may result in Termination of Service as described in Section 24.

SECTION 34 GREASE TRAP MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: The District may implement a Grease Trap Maintenance Program to provide for the protection and proper operation of the wastewater collection system. The implementation of the program is subject to the adoption of the Grease Trap Maintenance Program Handbook by resolution of the District Board of Directors. Compliance with the provisions of the program is the responsibility of the consumer or owner, as applicable. The program is implemented through use of the Grease Trap Maintenance Program Handbook, latest revision. Subject to adoption by the District Board of Directors, the handbook is incorporated by reference into this rule. Principle provisions of the handbook include, but are not limited to the following:

- Grease Trap Construction Standards
- Grease Trap Installation Requirements
- Grease Trap Cleaning and Repair
- Utility Sampling of Device Discharge
- Grease Trap Installation by District
- Reporting and Recordkeeping
- Administration of Complaints and Emergencies

Grease traps are required to be cleaned quarterly. However, as provided for in the handbook, consumers/owners may submit evidence to adjust the cleaning frequency. Alternately, should the District deem it necessary for the protection and proper operation of the wastewater collection system, consumers/owners may be required to clean, maintain, and report activities related to their grease traps on a more frequent basis. These activities are the responsibility of the utility service consumer or property owner, as applicable. If activities required by the Grease Trap Maintenance Program Handbook are not complied with by the consumer or owner, it will be at the discretion of the District to perform the required cleaning, repair, and/or installation of a grease trap if one is not present or a proper unit is not present. The applicable fees will be charged to the consumer or owner on their utility bill. In the event that a tenant space is vacant, the required cleaning and repair shall be suspended until such a time as the facility is in service. The requirements of this

Rule and the Grease Trap Maintenance Program Handbook are the responsibility of the property owner but may be delegated to the tenant by the owner. Notice of non-compliance and the respective time frames will be in accordance with the Grease Trap Maintenance Program Handbook, latest revision. Upon adoption of the handbook, the fees described in North Sumter County Utility Dependent District, Central Sumter Utilities, Schedule B, Miscellaneous Fees and Charges shall be applicable. Failure to comply with the Grease Trap Maintenance Program Handbook or non-payment of applicable fees may result in Termination of Service as described in Section 24.

SECTION 35 EFFECTIVE DATE: This amendment and restatement shall take effect on July 1, 2025 upon approval by the Board of Directors of The North Sumter County Utility Dependent District.

Specific Authority: 189.423. F.S
Sumter County Ordinance

History:

Adopted December 19, 2019
December 13, 2021 (Amended and Restated)
February 13, 2023 (Amended and Restated)
May 8, 2023 (Amended and Restated)
September 9, 2024 (Amended and Restated)
June 9, 2025 (Amended and Restated)

SCHEDULE A

NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITIES

WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES AS OF JULY 1, 2025

A. RESIDENTIAL RATES:

Water (monthly)

1. Capacity charge (base rate)	
5/8 X 3/4" meter	\$12.09
3/4 X 3/4" meter	\$18.15
1" meter	\$30.23
2. Use rate - per 1,000 gallons	
First 3,000 gallons	\$2.85
3,001 and up	\$5.70

Wastewater (monthly)

1. Capacity charge - flat rate per connection	\$21.50
2. Use rate - per 1,000 gallons to maximum of 10,000 gallons	\$6.84

Contribution in Aid of Construction

1. Water	\$1,119.00
2. Wastewater	\$2,336.00

Construction Water Use

1. Water charge per home	\$15.00
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B. NON-RESIDENTIAL (COMMERCIAL) RATES:

Water (monthly)

1. Capacity charge by meter size (base rate)	
5/8 x 3/4"	\$12.09
3/4 x 3/4"	\$18.15
1"	\$30.23
1-1/2"	\$60.49
2"	\$96.77
3"	\$193.57
4"	\$302.42
6"	\$604.85
8"	\$967.75
10"	\$1,391.14

Water (monthly) Commercial General Service (0 to 30,000 gal/mth)

2. Use rate per 1,000 gallons	
First 30,000 gallons	\$2.85
30,001 - 60,000	\$4.79
60,001 and up	\$6.67

Water (monthly) Commercial General Service (30,001 to 150,000 gal/mth)

3. Use rate per 1,000 gallons	
First 150,000 gallons	\$2.85
150,001 - 300,000	\$4.79
300,001 and up	\$6.67

SCHEDULE A

NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITIES

WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES AS OF JULY 1, 2025

Water (monthly) Commercial General Service (150,001 to 300,000 gal/mth)

4. Use rate per 1,000 gallons	
First 300,000 gallons	\$2.85
300,001 -600,000	\$4.79
600,001 and up	\$6.67

Water (monthly) Commercial General Service (300,001 to 600,000 gal/mth)

5. Use rate per 1,000 gallons	
First 600,000 gallons	\$2.85
600,001 - 1,200,000	\$4.79
1,200,001 and up	\$6.67

Water (monthly) Commercial General Service (600,001 to 1,500,000 gal/mth)

6. Use rate per 1,000 gallons	
First 1,500,000 gallons	\$2.85
1,500,001 - 3,000,000	\$4.79
3,000,001 and up	\$6.67

Water (monthly) Commercial General Service (>1,500,000 gal/mth)

7. Use rate per 1,000 gallons	
Anticipated Project Utilization	\$2.85
> Anticipated Project Utilization	\$4.35

Wastewater (monthly)

8. Capacity charge by meter size (base rate)	
5/8 x 3/4"	\$21.50
3/4 x 3/4"	\$32.25
1"	\$53.74
1-1/2"	\$171.99
2"	\$344.00
3"	\$537.50
4"	\$1,074.96
6"	\$1,719.95
8"	\$2,472.46

Use rate per 1,000 gallons	\$8.05
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Contribution in Aid of Construction

1. Water - (based on projected daily flow) per gallon	\$13.01
2. Wastewater - (based on projected daily flow) per gallon	\$27.17

C. INTER-UTILITY BULK RATE

1. Water - per 1,000 gallons	\$1.37
2. Wastewater - per 1,000 gallons	\$5.70

SCHEDULE A

NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT
CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITIES

WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES AS OF JULY 1, 2025

D. METER INSTALLATION FEE

<u>Meter Size</u>	
5/8 x 3/4"	\$119 plus actual meter cost if applicable
3/4 x 3/4"	\$119 plus actual meter cost if applicable
1"	\$119 plus actual meter cost if applicable
1 1/2"	\$211 plus actual meter cost if applicable
2"	\$211 plus actual meter cost if applicable
3"	\$211 plus actual meter cost if applicable
4"	\$302 plus actual meter cost if applicable
6"	\$302 plus actual meter cost if applicable
8"	\$302 plus actual meter cost if applicable
Temporary Meter (all sizes)	\$119.00

E. WATER AND WASTEWATER ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENT SCHEDULE

1. Water and Sewer Rate annual adjustment for the Central Sumter Utility shall be based on the CSU Utility Rate Study approved in May 2023. The recommended and adopted annual rate adjustments are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Rate Adjustment</u>
2024-2025	5%
2025-2026	3%
2026-2027	3%

SCHEDULE B

NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT
CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITIES AND SUMTER WATER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES AS OF JULY 1, 2025

A. RESIDENTIAL:

1. Water Meter Relocation Fee- All Sizes		
Relocations of 10 feet or less		\$545.00
Relocations greater than 10 feet	\$119 plus direct costs incurred by the District subject to resident review/approval.	
2. Water Meter Testing Fee- All Sizes		
In House Test		\$119.00
External Test	\$119 plus direct costs incurred by District	
Customers shall be allowed one (1) in house water meter test per fiscal year. Additional tests shall be charged to the customer/owner at the rates listed above. If the meter is determined to be performing outside of the manufacturer's accuracy specifications, the fee will be refunded.		
3. Reconnect Charge after Discontinuance of Service		
Regular Hours		\$119.00
After Hours		\$302.00
4. Seasonal Disconnect / Reconnect Fee		
Regular Hours		\$119.00
After Hours		\$302.00
5. Meter Removal Fee- All Sizes		\$119.00
6. Damaging / Tampering / Altering Meter or Utility System	\$250 plus recovery of actual costs and revenue as determined by Utility Billing	

B. NON-RESIDENTIAL (COMMERCIAL):

1. Water Meter Testing Fee		
In House Test		\$119.00
External Test	\$119 plus direct costs incurred by District	
Customers shall be allowed one (1) in house water meter test per fiscal year. Additional tests shall be charged to the customer/owner at the rates listed above. If the meter is determined to be performing outside of the manufacturer's accuracy specifications, the fee will be refunded.		
2. Reconnect Charge after Discontinuance of Service		
Regular Hours		\$119.00
After Hours		\$302.00
3. Meter Removal Fee		
Sizes 5/8 x 3/4" to 1"		\$119.00
Sizes greater than 1-1/2"		\$302.00
Temporary Meters (all sizes)		\$119.00
4. Deposit for Temporary Meter Account		
5/8 x 3/4"		\$206.50
3/4 x 3/4"		\$524.49
1"		\$611.03
1-1/2"		\$2,206.26
2"		\$2,395.34
3"		\$4,561.78
4"		\$5,527.50
6"		\$9,216.86
8"		\$15,482.89

Temporary meter deposits shall be returned within 45 days of receipt of the meter by District. Unreturned, non-functioning or damaged meters shall be replaced/repaired by District. Direct costs incurred by District for the replacement/repairs shall be deducted from the deposit with any balance billed to the account holder.

SCHEDULE B

NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT
CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITIES AND SUMTER WATER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES AS OF JULY 1, 2025

5.	Deposit for Potable Water and Sewer Account	
	5/8 x 3/4"	\$78.00
	3/4 x 3/4"	\$85.00
	1"	\$237.00
	1-1/2"	\$392.00
	2"	\$513.00
	3"	\$1,294.00
	4"	\$2,526.00
	6"	\$4,873.00
	8"	\$9,400.00
6.	Deposit for Irrigation Account	
	5/8 x 3/4"	\$38.00
	3/4 x 3/4"	\$105.00
	1"	\$160.00
	1-1/2"	\$382.00
	2"	\$577.00
	3"	\$1,001.00
	4"	\$2,956.00
	6"	\$6,107.00
	8"	\$12,616.00
7.	Business with Commercial Garbage Disposals	
	Monthly Surcharge	50% of monthly sewer bill
8.	Backflow Prevention Assembly Testing / Repair / Installation	
	After proper time-frames and customer/owner notification as provided for in the Cross Connection Control Handbook, latest edition.	
	Administrative Fee (per assembly - test/repair/install)	\$50.00
	Assembly Testing and/or Repair Fee	Direct costs incurred by the District
	Assembly Installation	Direct costs incurred by the District
9.	Grease and Oil Collection Device Cleaning/Pumping/Maintenance/Repair/Installation	
	After proper time-frames and customer/owner notification as provided for in the Grease Management Program Handbook, latest edition.	
	Administrative Fee (per location - clean/pump/maintain/repair/install)	\$50.00
	Grease Interceptor Cleaning/Pumping/Maintenance and/or Repair Fee	Direct costs incurred by the District
	Grease Interceptor Installation	Direct costs incurred by the District
	Failure to Provide Completed District Approved Manifest of Pumping Activities (in addition to the above)	\$100.00
	Habitual Non-Compliant Fee - Each Occurrence (fee initiated after 2 times of non-compliance during the preceding 12 months, in addition to the above)	\$250.00
	Device Discharge Sampling & Analysis	\$250.00
10.	Meter Adaptor Fee	\$119 plus material
	Account holder to provide adaptor to be installed by District	
11.	Damaging / Tampering / Altering Meter or Utility System	\$250 plus recovery of actual costs and revenue as determined by Utility Billing

SCHEDULE B

NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT
CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITIES AND SUMTER WATER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES AS OF JULY 1, 2025

C. SERVICE FEE FOR DISHONORED CHECK

District shall assess a service fee not to exceed the service fees authorized under F.S. 832.08(5) or 5 percent of the face amount of the check, draft, or order, whichever is greater, for the collection of a dishonored check, draft, or other order for the payment of money to District. The service fee shall be in addition to all other penalties imposed by law. Proceeds from this fee shall be retained by District.

D. OTHER CHARGES/PENALTIES

1. Late Charge/Penalty

A five percent (5%) penalty will be imposed on any balance due five (5) calendar days after the expressed due date of the bill.

2. Lien Fee

\$40.00

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A RULE OF THE NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER II; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF SCHEDULES A AND B: CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITY WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES ALL WITHIN THE NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT AS DEFINED IN CHAPTER II; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE RESTATEMENT AND AMENDMENT.

1.0 Introduction.

This Economic Impact Statement was prepared pursuant to Chapter 120.54, F.S. to support the rule making action of the North Sumter County Utility Dependent District (District) to amend and restate Schedules A and B: Central Sumter Utility Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges for both commercial and residential Consumers within the North Sumter County Utility Dependent District (NSCUDD) and outside the boundaries through Interlocal Agreement.

The District issued debt in the form of Revenue Bonds to pay for the capital costs of the Central Sumter Utility Water and Wastewater Operations. It is the District's intent to ensure the Central Sumter Utility Water and Wastewater Operations is funded through rates and charges and through reserves established as part of the acquisition. The rates and charges that are proposed will generate revenue to pay the principal and interest of the debt for the acquisition of the Central Sumter Utility Water and Wastewater Operations and the operating and maintenance expenses.

The sections below track the requirements of Chapter 120.54, F.S. concerning economic impact statements.

2.0 Estimated Costs to the District to Implement the Proposed Rule.

2.1 The proposed rule will have little if any cost impact on any federal, state or local agencies outside of the District. The cost to the District in terms of administrative and similar processing fees is considered to be an insignificant amount when compared to the overall capital and operating costs of the District.

District costs to enact the proposed rule include:

1. Attorney's Fees.

2. Consultant Fees.
3. Advertising costs associated with the adoption of the rule.
4. Copying costs for any interested persons requesting the rule, economic impact statement.

2.2 Operations and Maintenance

The direct cost of operation and maintaining the District's Central Sumter Utility Water and Wastewater Operations will vary from year to year and is estimated in the budget. The adoption of the proposed rule and the revision of the rates and charges are intended to address the cost of operations and maintenance.

3.0 Economic Costs and Benefits to all Affected Parties.

3.1 Factors governing economic impacts through the imposition of rates, fees and charges.

The Central Sumter Utility Water and Wastewater rates and charges are a clear form of user fee. The rates and charges are intended to recover the costs identified under paragraph 2.0 of this Economic Impact Statement. Through the adoption of the amended rule, the District will be able to continue to provide Water and Wastewater Operations to properties located within the NSCUDD, which will permit the utilization of said properties' highest and best use. The market place will determine the actual value of the property, but clearly the economic benefit exceeds the costs that are anticipated to be incurred through the adoption of this amended rule and the establishment of the user fees.

3.2 Impacts on Visitors, Citizens of Florida, and Local Residents and Businesses.

The development of properties within and outside the North Sumter County Utility Dependent District will enhance the area's economy. In so doing, visitors, citizens, local residents and businesses should benefit. The monetary amount of these benefits is difficult to measure, but they are real and are believed to be positive.

4.0 Impact on Competition and the Open Market for Employment.

The adoption of the amended proposed rule and the revision of the rates and charges will have a positive impact on competition and the open market for employment. The utilization of properties within the District for commercial and community facility activities will stimulate the local economy creating jobs and income.

5.0 Small Business Impacts.

There is no estimated adverse impact on small business as defined in the Florida Small and Minority Business Assistance Act of 1985.

6.0 Probable Costs and Benefits of the Establishment of the Rule Compared to Not Establishing the Rule.

The probable costs of establishing the proposed rule have previously been discussed. The establishment of the proposed rule will provide the District with the funding for the cost of Water and Wastewater Operations. The District will benefit from the Water and Wastewater Operations rates and charges to distribute the costs of system operation and maintenance. If establishment of the amendment does not occur, the District will not have a rate structure in place that would cover the cost of Water and Wastewater Operations.

7.0 Description of Reasonable Alternatives to Achieve the Same Purpose as Establishing the Rule.

There are no alternatives in achieving the same purpose as the proposed rule

8.0 Data and Methodology.

A detailed statement of the data and method used in preparing the Economic Impact Statement is available at the offices of the North Sumter County Utility Dependent District located at 3571 Kiessel Road, The Villages, Florida.

SCHEDULE A

NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT
CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITIES

WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES AS OF JULY 1, 2025

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
A. RESIDENTIAL RATES:		
<u>Water (monthly)</u>		
1. Capacity charge (base rate)		
5/8 X 3/4" meter	\$12.09	\$12.09
3/4 X 3/4" meter	\$18.15	\$18.15
1" meter	\$30.23	\$30.23
2. Use rate - per 1,000 gallons		
First 3,000 gallons	\$2.85	\$2.85
3,001 and up	\$5.70	\$5.70
<u>Wastewater (monthly)</u>		
1. Capacity charge - flat rate per connection	\$21.50	\$21.50
2. Use rate - per 1,000 gallons to maximum of 10,000 gallons	\$6.84	\$6.84
<u>Contribution in Aid of Construction</u>		
1. Water	\$1,119.00	\$1,119.00
2. Wastewater	\$2,336.00	\$2,336.00
<u>Construction Water Use</u>		
1. Water charge per home	\$15.00	\$15.00
B. NON-RESIDENTIAL (COMMERCIAL) RATES:		
<u>Water (monthly)</u>		
1. Capacity charge by meter size (base rate)		
5/8 x 3/4"	\$12.09	\$12.09
3/4 x 3/4"	\$18.15	\$18.15
1"	\$30.23	\$30.23
1-1/2"	\$60.49	\$60.49
2"	\$96.77	\$96.77
3"	\$193.57	\$193.57
4"	\$302.42	\$302.42
6"	\$604.85	\$604.85
8"	\$967.75	\$967.75
10"	\$1,391.14	\$1,391.14
<u>Water (monthly) Commercial General Service (0 to 30,000 gal/mth)</u>		
2. Use rate per 1,000 gallons		
First 30,000 gallons	\$2.85	\$2.85
30,001 - 60,000	\$4.79	\$4.79
60,001 and up	\$6.67	\$6.67
<u>Water (monthly) Commercial General Service (30,001 to 150,000 gal/mth)</u>		
3. Use rate per 1,000 gallons		
First 150,000 gallons	\$2.85	\$2.85
150,001 - 300,000	\$4.79	\$4.79
300,001 and up	\$6.67	\$6.67

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NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT
CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITIES

WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES AS OF JULY 1, 2025

		CURRENT	PROPOSED
<u>Water (monthly) Commercial General Service (150,001 to 300,000 gal/mth)</u>			
4. Use rate per 1,000 gallons			
First 300,000 gallons		\$2.85	\$2.85
300,001 -600,000		\$4.79	\$4.79
600,001 and up		\$6.67	\$6.67
<u>Water (monthly) Commercial General Service (300,001 to 600,000 gal/mth)</u>			
5. Use rate per 1,000 gallons			
First 600,000 gallons		\$2.85	\$2.85
600,001 - 1,200,000		\$4.79	\$4.79
1,200,001 and up		\$6.67	\$6.67
<u>Water (monthly) Commercial General Service (600,001 to 1,500,000 gal/mth)</u>			
6. Use rate per 1,000 gallons			
First 1,500,000 gallons		\$2.85	\$2.85
1,500,001 - 3,000,000		\$4.79	\$4.79
3,000,001 and up		\$6.67	\$6.67
<u>Water (monthly) Commercial General Service (>1,500,000 gal/mth)</u>			
7. Use rate per 1,000 gallons			
Anticipated Project Utilization		\$2.85	\$2.85
> Anticipated Project Utilization		\$4.35	\$4.35
<u>Wastewater (monthly)</u>			
8. Capacity charge by meter size (base rate)			
5/8 x 3/4"		\$21.50	\$21.50
3/4 x 3/4"		\$32.25	\$32.25
1"		\$53.74	\$53.74
1-1/2"		\$171.99	\$171.99
2"		\$344.00	\$344.00
3"		\$537.50	\$537.50
4"		\$1,074.96	\$1,074.96
6"		\$1,719.95	\$1,719.95
8"		\$2,472.46	\$2,472.46
Use rate per 1,000 gallons		\$8.05	\$8.05
<u>Contribution in Aid of Construction</u>			
1. Water - (based on projected daily flow) per gallon		\$13.01	\$13.01
2. Wastewater - (based on projected daily flow) per gallon		\$27.17	\$27.17
<u>C. INTER-UTILITY BULK RATE</u>			
1. Water - per 1,000 gallons		\$1.37	\$1.37
2. Wastewater - per 1,000 gallons		\$5.70	\$5.70

SCHEDULE A

NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT
CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITIES

WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES AS OF JULY 1, 2025

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
D. METER INSTALLATION FEE		
<u>Meter Size</u>		
5/8 x 3/4"	\$110 plus actual meter cost if applicable	\$119 plus actual meter cost
3/4 x 3/4"	\$110 plus actual meter cost if applicable	\$119 plus actual meter cost
1"	\$110 plus actual meter cost if applicable	\$119 plus actual meter cost
1 1/2"	\$195 plus actual meter cost if applicable	\$211 plus actual meter cost
2"	\$195 plus actual meter cost if applicable	\$211 plus actual meter cost
3"	\$195 plus actual meter cost if applicable	\$211 plus actual meter cost
4"	\$280 plus actual meter cost if applicable	\$302 plus actual meter cost
6"	\$280 plus actual meter cost if applicable	\$302 plus actual meter cost
8"	\$280 plus actual meter cost if applicable	\$302 plus actual meter cost
Temporary Meter (all sizes)	\$110.00	\$119.00

F. WATER AND WASTEWATER ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENT SCHEDULE

1. Water and Sewer Rate annual adjustment for the Central Sumter Utility shall be based on the CSU Utility Rate Study approved in May 2023.
The recommended and adopted annual rate adjustments are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Rate Adjustment</u>
2024-2025	5%
2025-2026	3%
2026-2027	3%

SCHEDULE B

NORTH SUMTER COUNTY UTILITY DEPENDENT DISTRICT
CENTRAL SUMTER UTILITIES AND SUMTER WATER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES AS OF JULY 1, 2025

		CURRENT	PROPOSED
A. RESIDENTIAL:			
1. Water Meter Relocation Fee- All Sizes			
Relocations of 10 feet or less		\$545.00	\$545.00
Relocations greater than 10 feet	\$110 plus direct costs incurred by the District subject to resident review/approval.		\$119 plus direct costs
2. Water Meter Testing Fee- All Sizes			
In House Test		\$110.00	\$119.00
External Test	\$110 plus direct costs incurred by District		\$119 plus direct costs
	Customers shall be allowed one (1) in house water meter test per fiscal year. Additional tests shall be charged to the customer/owner at the rates listed above. If the meter is determined to be performing outside of the manufacturer's accuracy specifications, the fee will be refunded.		
3. Reconnect Charge after Discontinuance of Service			
Regular Hours		\$110.00	\$119.00
After Hours		\$280.00	\$302.00
4. Seasonal Disconnect / Reconnect Fee			
Regular Hours		\$110.00	\$119.00
After Hours		\$280.00	\$302.00
5. Meter Removal Fee- All Sizes		\$110.00	\$119.00
6. Damaging / Tampering / Altering Meter or Utility System		\$250 plus recovery of actual costs and revenue as determined by Utility Billing	\$250 plus recovery of actual costs and revenue as determined by Utility Billing

B. NON-RESIDENTIAL (COMMERCIAL):

1. Water Meter Testing Fee			
In House Test		\$110.00	\$119.00
External Test	\$110 plus direct costs incurred by District		\$119 plus direct costs
	Customers shall be allowed one (1) in house water meter test per fiscal year. Additional tests shall be charged to the customer/owner at the rates listed above. If the meter is determined to be performing outside of the manufacturer's accuracy specifications, the fee will be refunded.		
2. Reconnect Charge after Discontinuance of Service			
Regular Hours		\$110.00	\$119.00
After Hours		\$280.00	\$302.00
3. Meter Removal Fee			
Sizes 5/8 x 3/4" to 1"		\$110.00	\$119.00
Sizes greater than 1-1/2"		\$280.00	\$302.00
Temporary Meters (all sizes)		\$110.00	\$119.00
4. Deposit for Temporary Meter Account			
5/8 x 3/4"		\$328.00	\$206.50
3/4 x 3/4"		\$368.00	\$524.49
1"		\$428.00	\$611.03
1-1/2"		\$913.00	\$2,206.26
2"		\$1,073.00	\$2,395.34
3"		\$2,391.00	\$4,561.78
4"		\$3,201.00	\$5,527.50
6"		\$5,776.00	\$9,216.86
8"		\$7,484.00	\$15,482.89

Temporary meter deposits shall be returned within 45 days of receipt of the meter by District. Unreturned, non-functioning or damaged meters shall be replaced/repaired by District. Direct costs incurred by District for the replacement/repairs shall be deducted from the deposit with any balance billed to the account holder.

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	CURRENT	PROPOSED
5. Deposit for Potable Water and Sewer Account		
5/8 x 3/4"	\$78.00	\$78.00
3/4 x 3/4"	\$85.00	\$85.00
1"	\$237.00	\$237.00
1-1/2"	\$392.00	\$392.00
2"	\$513.00	\$513.00
3"	\$1,294.00	\$1,294.00
4"	\$2,526.00	\$2,526.00
6"	\$4,873.00	\$4,873.00
8"	\$9,400.00	\$9,400.00
6. Deposit for Irrigation Account		
5/8 x 3/4"	\$38.00	\$38.00
3/4 x 3/4"	\$105.00	\$105.00
1"	\$160.00	\$160.00
1-1/2"	\$382.00	\$382.00
2"	\$577.00	\$577.00
3"	\$1,001.00	\$1,001.00
4"	\$2,956.00	\$2,956.00
6"	\$6,107.00	\$6,107.00
8"	\$12,616.00	\$12,616.00
7. Business with Commercial Garbage Disposals		
Monthly Surcharge	50% of monthly sewer bill	50% of monthly sewer bill
8. Backflow Prevention Assembly Testing / Repair / Installation		
After proper time-frames and customer/owner notification as provided for in the Cross Connection Control Handbook, latest edition.		
Administrative Fee (per assembly - test/repair/install)	\$50.00	\$50.00
Assembly Testing and/or Repair Fee	Direct costs incurred by the District	Direct costs incurred by the District
Assembly Installation	Direct costs incurred by the District	Direct costs incurred by the District
9. Grease and Oil Collection Device Cleaning/Pumping/Maintenance/Repair/Installation		
After proper time-frames and customer/owner notification as provided in the Grease Management Program Handbook, latest edition.		
Administrative Fee (per location - clean/pump/maintain/repair/ir	\$50.00	\$50.00
Grease Interceptor Cleaning/Pumping/Maintenance and/or Rep	Direct costs incurred by the District	Direct costs incurred by the District
Grease Interceptor Installation	Direct costs incurred by the District	Direct costs incurred by the District
Failure to Provide Completed District Approved Manifest of Pumping Activities (in addition to the above)	\$100.00	\$100.00
Habitual Non-Compliant Fee - Each Occurrence (fee initiated after 2 times of non-compliance during the preceding 12 months, in addition to the above)	\$250.00	\$250.00
Device Discharge Sampling & Analysis	\$250.00	\$250.00
10. Meter Adaptor Fee	\$110 plus material	\$119 plus material
Account holder to provide adaptor to be installed by District		
11. Damaging / Tampering / Altering Meter or Utility System	\$250 plus recovery of actual costs and revenue as determined by Utility Billing	\$250 plus recovery of actual costs and revenue as determined by Utility Billing

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CURRENT PROPOSED

C. SERVICE FEE FOR DISHONORED CHECK

District shall assess a service fee not to exceed the service fees authorized under F.S. 832.08(5) or 5 percent of the face amount of the check, draft, or order, whichever is greater, for the collection of a dishonored check, draft, or other order for the payment of money to District. The service fee shall be in addition to all other penalties imposed by law. Proceeds from this fee shall be retained by District.

D. OTHER CHARGES/PENALTIES

1. Late Charge/Penalty

A five percent (5%) penalty will be imposed on any balance due five (5) calendar days after the expressed due date of the bill.

2. Lien Fee	\$40.00	\$40.00
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