

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING STORMWATER UTILITY RATES AND IMPLEMENTING WATER AND SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 01, 2021; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE STATED RATE STRUCTURE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive water and sewer rate study was conducted by Black & Veatch Corporation (“Consultant”) entitled, “Revenue Requirements, Cost of Service and Rate Design for Water and Sewer Service”, which included a financial plan, cost of service analysis, and a conservation-based utility rate structure (“Rate Plan”); and

**WHEREAS**, on April 10, 2012 the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami adopted Resolution No. 2012-R-52 approving the Rate Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rate Plan, consisted of Fiscal Years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, and compared the adequacy of projected revenues under existing rates in meeting the revenue requirement of the City of North Miami (“City”) Water and Sewer Collection and Transmission System; and

**WHEREAS**, the City last implemented increases to the water and sewer rates based on the approved rate plan in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to implement the approved water and sewer rate increases for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 as authorized under the adopted Rate Plan, rates to be implemented effective February 01, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff has conducted a rate structure analysis of the stormwater rates which concluded that the revenues from the existing rates will not be sufficient to meet anticipated costs over the next five fiscal years, thereby necessitating revenue adjustments to meet anticipated costs; and

**WHEREAS**, City administration respectfully request the adoption of the Rate Structure Analysis, attached as Exhibit “A”, in order to generate the funds necessary for stormwater operations and to remain compliant with State and local regulatory agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, section 19-248 of the City Code authorizes adjustments to water, sewer, and stormwater fees and rates upon the adoption of a rate structure analysis plan by the Mayor and City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the City to adjust and increase water, sewer, and stormwater rates, as set forth in the Rate Plan attached as Exhibit “B”, in order to meet projected utility costs and expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has notified all customers of the Water and Sewer Collection and Transmission System concerning the implementation of the Rate Plan, pursuant to Section 180.136, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the water and sewer rates, shall be effective February 01, 2021 and shall be reflected on all customer bills beginning with the next applicable billing cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council have determined that the adjustment and increase in water and sewer rates is necessary and in the best interest of the City and to the public health, safety and welfare.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** **Stormwater Rate Structure Analysis Adopted.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby adopt the stormwater rate structure analysis as set forth in Exhibit “A”.

**Section 2.** **Rate Plan Adopted.** Effective February 01, 2021, the water, sewer, and stormwater utility rates as set forth in Exhibit “B”, are hereby approved and adopted.

**Section 3.** **Authorization.** The City Manager is authorized to take any and all action necessary to implement the water and sewer rate adjustments.

**Section 4.** **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 4-1 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 12th day of January, 2021.

  
PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Keys

**Vote:**

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime  
Councilman Scott Galvin  
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.  
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin  
Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

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