



OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

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September 5, 2024

Site Address:

Ref: Southwest Service Area Utility System Improvements
September 2024 Connection Fees

Dear

The Okeechobee Utility Authority is considering an allowance to allow the temporary reduction of the "Schedule of Rates Fees and Charges" to expire. If this were to occur, the fees charged by the OUA to connect to the OUA system will revert back to full fees.

What does this mean to me as an OUA customer in the Southwest Service Area (SWSA). Currently, anyone connecting to the OUA wastewater system 4" vacuum sewer lateral would pay \$600 (this represents the fee at a 75% reduction). The new proposed rate will increase to an estimated \$2,555). The wastewater capital connection charge will be going from \$876 (reduced rate) to \$3,732.

Per OUA policy, the property owner may elect to utilize an OUA payment plan as detailed in Section 8, Resolution 22-05 adopted by the OUA Board on August 18, 2022. In general, the current payment plan is described by: Terms (either 5 year plan @ 1.0% or 10 year payment plan @ 1.5% interest), minimum 25% down and a minimum monthly payment of \$40.00 per month. The OUA will consider at the next meeting (September 17th) changes to these requirements (reduction in the down payment, 15 year plan and minimum monthly payment).

What are your options, you can choose to do nothing and you will pay your fees later when the system becomes available at the then current rates, or you could choose to enter in to a payment plan now (**before October 1, 2024**) at the current reduced pricing or you can pay in full and not pay any interest.

If you should have any questions or comments, please call the office and request to speak to either Michelle Willoughby (X-118), Kristy Arnold (X-117) or John Hayford (X-109) to discuss this matter. The office telephone number is 863-763-9460.

Sincerely,

John F. Hayford
Okeechobee Utility Authority

Wastewater Fees Due

\$ 600.00	Connection to Service Line – Vacuum Pit
<u>\$ 876.00</u>	Wastewater Capital Connection Charge
\$1,476.00	TOTAL

A deposit may be required depending owner, renter or payment method.

2 Year Payment Plan (24 Months)

\$1,476.00	Amount Due
\$ 369.00	Down Payment (25%)
\$1,107.00	Amount Financed
1.00%	Interest Rate
\$ 44.75	Monthly Payment

*If you do not have an active account with the OUA for water, please contact this office to establish services and determine fees due.