



## City of Ocala - Municipal Services

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### Explanation of Billed Municipal Services

Depending on where your premise is located within our service territory you may be billed for one or more of the following services:

**Fire Service Fee** – This fee is only charged to premises within city limits and is used to offset costs associated with operational costs of providing emergency fire services to the city’s citizens and properties.

**Stormwater** - Charge per ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit) for residential and commercial customers. 1 ERU equals 1,948 square feet of impervious area. To cover costs related to construction and maintenance of facilities to control flooding and stormwater.

**Solid Waste** – Charge for Residential or Commercial garbage/trash collection.

**Telecommunications** – Charges for dedicated high speed Internet access and Business Class Internet Access, Metropolitan Area Network (MAN) service for connecting buildings together, Dark Fiber Leasing, also for connecting buildings together. All services are sold according to the bandwidth needed.

**Electric** – *Charge for Energy* (metered service for electric consumption)

*Electric Service Charge* – Monthly base charge to cover some of the routine expenses associated with meter reading data collection, maintenance, and billing.

*Power Cost Adjustment* – Monthly charge per kilowatt hour for the purchase of wholesale power and the generation costs. The volatility of fuel costs are directly related to this adjustment.

*Florida Gross Receipts Charge* – Public Service Commission (PSC) mandated charge collected and submitted to the State of Florida.

*Utility Tax (Inside City Limits) or Surcharge (Outside City Limits)* - - A tax established by state law and approved by the Public Service Commission and Ocala City Council in 1996. The City of Ocala reduced the electric rate by 10% when this tax was imposed. This revenue neutral restructuring was instituted to assure the stability of the General Fund for the future. The General Fund helps provides public services that enhance and maintain the quality of life in the community such as Police, Parks & Recreation and other services.

*Florida State Sales Tax* – Sales tax collected and submitted to the State of Florida.

**Water** – *Charge for Water* - (metered service for water consumption)

*Meter Base Charge* - The monthly base charge is based upon the size of the water meter installed and covers some of the routine expenses associated with meter reading data collection, maintenance, and billing.

*Water Availability* - each residential or commercial unit which is fitted with an electric meter and a water supply, where water mains are available but not connected, the monthly charge shall equal the base charge for a five-eighths-inch by three-fourths-inch water meter.

*Master Water Meter* - Water consumption for multi unit residential dwellings serviced by one water meter.

**Sewer** – (metered service based on water consumption) not to exceed 1,300 cubic feet per monthly billing.

*Sewer Base Charge* – covers some of the routine expenses associated with maintenance, and billing.

*Sewer Availability* - Each residential or commercial unit which is fitted with an electric meter and a sanitary sewer system, where sewer mains are available but not connected, the monthly charge shall equal the residential base charge

*Master Sewer Recipient* - Multi-family residential units which are connected to the sanitary sewer system and served by a master water meter.