

RESOLUTION NO. R-21-132

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING REVISED POTABLE WATER, RECLAIMED WATER, AND WASTEWATER RATES, FEES, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR FACILITIES AND SERVICES FURNISHED OR TO BE FURNISHED BY THE MANATEE COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITIES SYSTEM; ESTABLISHING REVISED DIRECT CONNECTION FEES AND CHARGES; SECURITY DEPOSITS; CONNECTION FEES; LINE FEES; LINE EXTENSION FEES AND CHARGES; REVISED FIRE SERVICE FEES AND CHARGES; UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE FEES AND CHARGES; MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES; REVISED MONTHLY RETAIL CUSTOMER BASE CHARGES; REVISED MONTHLY RETAIL QUANTITY RATES; REVISED WHOLESALE POTABLE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS REGARDING CODIFICATION; REPEALING AND SUPERSEDING PRIOR AND CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, owns and operates the Manatee County public utilities system pursuant to Section 125.01, Florida Statutes; Chapters 153 and 159, Florida Statutes; Chapter 63-1598, Laws of Florida, as amended; Chapter 2-31, Article IV, Manatee County Code of Ordinances, as amended; and other applicable provisions of law, together with resolutions adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-31-103, Manatee County Code of Ordinances, authorizes the county to prescribe, fix, establish and collect fees, rentals or other charges for the facilities and services furnished by the public utilities system on an equitable basis; and

WHEREAS, Sections 2-31-251 through 2-31-269, Manatee County Code of Ordinances, enacted by Ordinance No. 07-62 and amended by Ordinance No. 10-69 and Ordinance No. 14-09, provide for rates, fees, and charges for potable water, reclaimed water, and wastewater facilities and services of the public utilities system; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-17-003, which established revised rates, fees, and charges for potable water, reclaimed water, and wastewater facilities and services of the public utilities system; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-31-269, Manatee County Code of Ordinances, provides for annual review of the rates, fees, and charges of the public utilities system and recommendations for changes to such rates, fees, and charges; and

WHEREAS, county staff has recommended changes to certain rates, fees, and other charges for the facilities and services furnished by the public utilities system, including potable water, reclaimed water, and wastewater; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the recommended changes and has determined that the revised rates, fees, and charges set forth in this resolution are fair and equitable and necessary to fund the proper operation of the public utilities system; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-31-103, Manatee County Code of Ordinances, provides that fees, rentals or other charges for the facilities and services of the public utilities system, or any revision of such fees, rentals or other charges, shall be fixed and established by resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners at a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-31-103, Manatee County Code of Ordinances, requires notice of public hearing for such resolution to be published at least once not less than ten (10) days prior to such public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-31-103, Manatee County Code of Ordinances, requires the Board of County Commissioners, at the public hearing, to disclose all purposes for which any increased and/or new fees, rentals or other charges will be used; and

WHEREAS, notice of public hearing to consider Resolution No. R-21-132 was duly published in a newspaper of general circulation in Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing to consider Resolution No. R-21-132; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners disclosed all purposes for which any increased and/or new rates, fees and charges established in Resolution No. R-21-132 will be used; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that it is in the best interest of the county and the customers of the public utilities system, and the owners and holders of bonds issued to finance the construction of the public utilities facilities, to establish revised rates, fees, and other charges for the facilities and services furnished or to be furnished by the public utilities system, including potable water, reclaimed water, and wastewater.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Direct connection fees and charges.

Pursuant to subsection 2-31-253(a) of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances, the following revised direct connection fees and charges are hereby established:

- (a) \$375.00 per residence for initial period of five (5) months.

- (b) \$100.00 per residence for each additional period of one (1) month.

Section 2. Security deposits.

Pursuant to subsection 2-31-257(a) of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances, the following security deposits established by Resolution No. R-17-003 shall remain unchanged:

- (a) Security deposits for metered potable water and/or wastewater accounts.

<u>Meter Size (in inches)</u>	<u>Residential Meter</u>	<u>Commercial Meter</u>	<u>Fire Line/Irrigation Meter</u>	<u>Master Meter</u>
5/8	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$270.00
¾	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
1	\$275.00	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$600.00
1 ½	\$440.00	\$900.00	\$450.00	\$900.00
2	\$440.00	\$1,200.00	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
3 and larger	N/A	\$600.00 per inch	\$300.00 per inch	\$600.00 per inch

- (b) An additional security deposit of \$20.00 per unit will be charged for master metered accounts.

- (c) Security deposits for reclaimed water only accounts.

(1) \$50.00 per single metered unit.

(2) \$25.00 per master metered unit or two (2) months of estimated bills, whichever is greater.

- (d) Security deposits for unmetered wastewater accounts.

(1) \$150.00 for single-family residential.

(2) \$300.00 for multifamily residential, plus \$20.00 per unit.

(3) \$300.00 for commercial, plus \$20.00 per unit for accounts with multiple units.

- (e) Security deposits for temporary use meters.

(1) \$250.00 per ¾ inch meter.

(2) \$900.00 per 3 inch meter

- (f) A security bond will be accepted in lieu of cash security deposits exceeding \$2,000.00 for any accounts.

Section 3. Connection fees.

Pursuant to subsection 2-31-258(a) of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances, the following revised connection fees are hereby established:

- (a) Connection to potable water system, wastewater or reclaimed water system. The connection fees are minimum fees. If actual costs are higher, the connection fee will be the actual cost and not the minimum.

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Developer Installed Service</u>	<u>County Installed Service</u>
5/8 x 3/4	Actual Cost, minimum \$300	Actual Cost, minimum \$675
3/4	Actual Cost, minimum \$340	Actual Cost, minimum \$715
1	Actual Cost, minimum \$360	Actual Cost, minimum \$735
1 1/2	Actual Cost, minimum \$485	Actual Cost, minimum \$860
2	Actual Cost, minimum \$590	Actual Cost, minimum \$965
3	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
4	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
6	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
8	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
10	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
12	Actual Cost	Actual Cost

- (b) In instances where a group of dwelling units is provided wastewater service by a privately owned treatment plant and collection system and it becomes mandatory by Florida Statutes, Florida Administrative Code, or county ordinance to connect to the county wastewater system, or in instances where private wastewater treatment plant owners desire to voluntarily connect, there shall be a one (1) time connection fee of \$500.00 per dwelling unit which has been issued a certificate of occupancy.

Section 4. Line fees.

Pursuant to subsection 2-31-259(a) of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances, the following line fees established by Resolution No. R-17-003 shall remain unchanged:

- (a) Potable water. \$15.00 per front foot up to a maximum of \$3,500.00.
 - (b) Reclaimed water. \$15.00 per front foot up to a maximum of \$3,500.00.
 - (c) Wastewater. Based on dwelling unit for residential service or meter size for nonresidential service listed in subsection 4 (c) (1-2)
- (1) Developed properties with metered potable water service.

<u>Meter Size (in inches)</u>	<u>Line Fee</u>
Residential	\$3,500.00 per dwelling unit
5/8 x 3/4	\$3,500.00 per meter
3/4	\$4,000.00 per meter
1	\$6,000.00 per meter
1 1/2	\$11,000.00 per meter
2	\$17,000.00 per meter
3	\$22,000.00 per meter
4	\$34,000.00 per meter
6	\$44,000.00 per meter
8	\$68,000.00 per meter
10	\$78,000.00 per meter

- (2) Developed properties with no metered potable water service.

Single-Family Residential	\$3,500.00 per dwelling unit
Class 1 Commercial (based on 6,000 gallons/month)	\$3,500.00 per service
Class 2 Commercial (greater than 6,000 gallons to 10,000 gallons/month)	\$4,000.00 per service
Class 3 Commercial (greater than 10,000 gallons to 25,000 gallons/month)	\$6,000.00 per service

Class 4 Commercial (greater than 25,000 gallons to 75,000 gallons/month)	\$11,000.00 per service
Class 5 Commercial (greater than 75,000 gallons/month)	\$22,000.00 per service
Class 6 Multifamily Residential Mobile Home Park/Travel Trailer Park (based on 3,600 gallons/month)	\$34,000.00 per service
Class 7 Multifamily Residential Condominium/Apartment/Hotel/Motel (based on 4,500 gallons/month)	\$44,000.00 per service

Section 5. Line extension fees and charges.

Pursuant to subsection 2-31-260(a) of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances, the following line extension fees and charges established by Resolution No. R-17-003 shall remain unchanged:

(a) Owners of developed properties benefited by extension of a potable water line shall pay a pro rata share of the actual costs of such potable water line extension.

(b) Owners of developed properties benefited by extension of a reclaimed water line shall pay a pro rata share of the actual costs of such reclaimed water line extension.

(c) Owners of developed properties benefited by a non-assessment wastewater line extension and split parcels (assessed and non-assessed) benefited by a wastewater line extension shall pay the wastewater line extension fees listed in subsection 5 (c) (1-2)

(1) Developed properties with metered potable water service.

<u>Meter Size</u> <u>(in inches)</u>	<u>Line Fee</u>
Residential	\$3,500.00 per dwelling unit
5/8 x 3/4	\$3,500.00 per meter
3/4	\$4,000.00 per meter
1	\$6,000.00 per meter
1 1/2	\$11,000.00 per meter
2	\$17,000.00 per meter
3	\$22,000.00 per meter
4	\$34,000.00 per meter
6	\$44,000.00 per meter

8	\$68,000.00 per meter
10	\$78,000.00 per meter

(2) Developed properties with no metered potable water service.

Single-Family Residential	\$3,500.00 per dwelling unit
Class 1 Commercial (based on 6,000 gallons/month)	\$3,500.00 per service
Class 2 Commercial (greater than 6,000 gallons to 10,000 gallons/month)	\$4,000.00 per service
Class 3 Commercial (greater than 10,000 gallons to 25,000 gallons/month)	\$6,000.00 per service
Class 4 Commercial (greater than 25,000 gallons to 75,000 gallons/month)	\$11,000.00 per service
Class 5 Commercial (greater than 75,000 gallons/month)	\$22,000.00 per service
Class 6 Multifamily Residential Mobile Home Park/Travel Trailer Park (based on 3,600 gallons/month)	\$34,000.00 per service
Class 7 Multifamily Residential Condominium/Apartment/Hotel/Motel (based on 4,500 gallons/month)	\$44,000.00 per service

Section 6. Fire service fees and charges.

Pursuant to subsection 2-31-261(a) of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances, the following revised fire service fees and charges are hereby established:

(a) Fire hydrant installed in county right-of-way. \$5,000.00 minimum installation charge, or actual cost if greater, when installed or contracted for installation by the county.

Road crossings are subject to additional charges.
Fire hydrants are not subject to a connection fee.

(b) Fire flow testing \$75.00 per hydrant test

(c) Private fire service for residential, commercial, and industrial metered or unmetered sprinkler and standpipe systems. If the meter reflects use of potable water or reclaimed water for other than fire-fighting purposes, the consumption will be billed based on the potable water or reclaimed water rates for the applicable customer classification.

<u>Meter or Line Size</u> <u>(in inches)</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>
1	\$3.30
1 1/2	\$4.40
2	\$5.75
3	\$8.85
4	\$13.25
6	\$24.30
8	\$37.55
10	\$53.00
12	\$97.15

Section 7. Utility infrastructure fees and charges.

Pursuant to subsection 2-31-262(a) of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances, the following utility infrastructure fees and charges established by Resolution No. R-17-003 shall remain unchanged:

(a) Wet tap.

<u>Tap Size</u> <u>(in inches)</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Retest</u>
2 and smaller	\$300.00	\$75.00
3	\$425.00	\$100.00
4	\$425.00	\$100.00
6	\$475.00	\$100.00
8	\$550.00	\$150.00
10	\$550.00	\$150.00
12	\$650.00	\$150.00

(b) Cut-in tee.

<u>Line Size</u> <u>(in inches)</u>	<u>Fee</u>
smaller than 3	\$100.00
3 and larger	\$200.00

(c) Inspection of reclaimed water line 3 inches and larger \$165.00

(d) Other tests, including but not limited to, pressure tests, lampings, air testings, and lift stations.

<u>Type of Structure</u>	<u>TEST</u>		<u>RETEST</u>	
	<u>Potable Water</u>	<u>Reclaimed Water/Wastewater</u>	<u>Potable Water</u>	<u>Reclaimed Water/Wastewater</u>
Residential, single-family	\$16.00 per lot	\$20.00 per lot	\$150.00 per test	\$165.00 per test
Residential, multifamily – 1 story	\$8.00 per unit	\$10.00 per unit	\$150.00 per test	\$165.00 per test
Residential, multifamily – 2 or more stories	\$5.00 per unit	\$7.00 per unit	\$150.00 per test	\$165.00 per test
Commercial or industrial	\$300.00 per unit	\$300.00 per unit	\$150.00 per test	\$165.00 per test
Lift station	N/A	\$250.00 per lift station	N/A	N/A

Section 8. Miscellaneous fees and charges.

Pursuant to section 2-31-263 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances, the following miscellaneous fees and charges established by Resolution No. R-17-003 shall remain unchanged:

- (a) Service charges for delinquent accounts.
 - (1) Potable water and reclaimed water turn-on or unlock meter \$50.00
 - (2) Late payment fee (failure to pay current bill by due date) 2% of current bill minimum amount \$5.00
- (b) Service charges for non-delinquent accounts.
 - Potable water, reclaimed water, and wastewater turn-on or account activation \$25.00
- (c) Service charges for all accounts.

(1)	Install or remove temporary use meter	\$30.00
(2)	No read charge for temporary use meter	\$100.00
(3)	Cut and plug potable water or wastewater line	Actual cost
(4)	Reconnect potable water or wastewater line	Actual cost
(5)	Reinstall meter	\$50.00
(6)	Decrease in meter size	\$30.00
(7)	Meter test (only if meter does not exceed AWWA standards)	\$50.00
(8)	Broken assembly/lock/tag	\$50.00
(9)	Broken or damaged meter	Actual cost plus \$50.00
(10)	Installation of radio frequency meter	Actual cost plus \$50.00
(11)	Removal of obstruction to read or maintain meter	Actual cost plus \$50.00
(12)	Unauthorized use or meter tampering	Estimated usage plus 100.00
(13)	Repair of damages caused by other parties	Actual cost
(14)	Research	Actual cost
(15)	Field trip	\$30.00
(d)	Other charges.	
(1)	Dry silver image photos	\$3.00/each
(2)	Engineering prints 24" x 36"	\$3.00/each
(3)	Engineering prints larger than 24" x 36"	\$5.00/each
(4)	Document recording fees	Actual cost

Section 9. Monthly retail customer base charges.

Pursuant to paragraph 2-31-264(a)(1) of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances, the following revised monthly retail customer base charges are hereby established:

(a) Individual meters.

<u>Meter Size (in inches)</u>	<u>Potable Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
5/8 x 3/4	\$ 9.78	\$23.32
3/4	\$13.22	\$33.42
1	\$20.13	\$53.54
1 1/2	\$37.40	\$103.91
2	\$58.12	\$164.33
3	\$106.47	\$305.36
4	\$175.52	\$506.81
6	\$348.19	\$1,010.44
8	\$555.40	\$1,614.82
10	\$797.12	\$2,319.92
12	\$1,487.79	\$4,334.46

(b) Residential master meters.

	<u>Potable Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
Single-Family Residential	\$7.35/unit	\$21.05/unit
Condominium/Apartment/Hotel/Motel	\$5.26/unit	\$14.08/unit
Mobile Home Park/Travel Trailer Park	\$4.02/unit	\$11.26unit

(c) Combined residential potable water line/fire line.

<u>Meter Size (in inches)</u>	<u>Potable Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
3/4	\$13.22	\$33.42
1	\$20.13	\$53.54

- (d) Large user. Charges per 1,000,000 gallons of reserve capacity.

<u>Potable Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
\$12,190.23	\$18,963.27

- (e) Temporary use meters. Charges per quarter of year.

<u>Meter Size (in inches)</u>	<u>Potable Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
3/4	\$39.67	\$101.65
3	\$174.33	\$493.04

Section 10. Monthly retail quantity rates.

Pursuant to paragraph 2-31-264(b)(1) of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances, the following revised monthly retail quantity rates are hereby established:

(a) Potable water.

- (1) Residential individual meters.

First 6,000 gallons	\$2.35 per 1,000 gallons
Next 9,000 gallons	\$2.94 per 1,000 gallons
Next 5,000 gallons	\$7.07 per 1,000 gallons
Over 20,000 gallons	\$10.62 per 1,000 gallons

- (2) Master metered single-family residences.

First 6,000 gallons	\$2.35 per 1,000 gallons multiplied by the number of units
Next 9,000 gallons	\$2.94 per 1,000 gallons multiplied by the number of units
Next 5,000 gallons	\$7.07 per 1,000 gallons multiplied by the number of units
Over 20,000 gallons	\$10.62 per 1,000 gallons multiplied by the number of units

- (3) Master metered condominiums/apartments.

First 4,500 gallons	\$2.35 per 1,000 gallons multiplied by the number of units
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	Next 6,500 gallons	\$2.94 per 1,000 gallons multiplied by the number of units
	Over 11,000 gallons	\$7.07 per 1,000 gallons multiplied by the number of units
(4)	Master metered mobile home parks/travel trailer parks.	
	First 3,600 gallons	\$2.35 per 1,000 gallons multiplied by the number of units
	Next 5,400 gallons	\$2.94 per 1,000 gallons multiplied by the number of units
	Over 9,000 gallons	\$7.07 per 1,000 gallons multiplied by the number of units
(5)	Irrigation meters.	
	a. 1 inch and smaller – single-family residential, multifamily residential, and commercial.	
	First 5,000 gallons	\$2.35 per 1,000 gallons
	Next 15,000 gallons	\$7.07 per 1,000 gallons
	Over 20,000 gallons	\$10.62 per 1,000 gallons
	b. 1 1/2 inch and larger – multifamily residential, commercial, and industrial. First	
	5,000 gallons	\$2.35 per 1,000 gallons
	Next 10,000 gallons	\$2.94 per 1,000 gallons
	Next 15,000 gallons	\$3.80 per 1,000 gallons
	Next 30,000 gallons	\$5.85 per 1,000 gallons
	Next 40,000 gallons	\$7.07 per 1,000 gallons
	Over 100,000 gallons	\$10.62 per 1,000 gallons
(6)	Commercial and industrial	\$2.35 per 1,000 gallons
(7)	Large user	\$1.95 per 1,000 gallons
(b)	Reclaimed water.	
	(1) Agricultural facilities including nurseries	\$.11 per 1,000 gallons
	(2) Large recreational facilities and golf courses	\$.21 per 1,000 gallons

(3) Governmental facilities including schools	\$.37 per 1,000 gallons
(4) Large commercial, industrial and utility facilities (greater than 500,000 gallons/day)	\$.37 per 1,000 gallons
(5) Residential and commercial common areas	\$.37 per 1,000 gallons
(6) Master metered residential and commercial	\$.37 per 1,000 gallons
(7) Individual metered residential, commercial and industrial	\$.92 per 1,000 gallons

(c) Wastewater.

(1) Metered customers.

- (d) Potable water. \$5.20 per 1,000 gallons of potable water consumption. Maximum monthly wastewater charge for residential individually metered customers is based on 10,000 gallons of potable water consumption.
- (e) Wastewater only. \$5.20 per 1,000 gallons of metered wastewater.

(2) Unmetered customers.

Single-Family Residential	\$54.58/month
Class 1 Commercial (based on 6,000 gallons/month)	\$54.58/month
Class 2 Commercial (greater than 6,000 gallons to 10,000 gallons/month)	\$75.39/month
Class 3 Commercial (greater than 10,000 gallons to 25,000 gallons/month)	\$124.65/month
Class 4 Commercial (greater than 25,000 gallons to 75,000 gallons/month)	\$294.05/month
Class 5 Commercial (greater than 75,000 gallons/month)	\$574.79/month
Class 6 Multifamily Residential Mobile Home Park/Travel Trailer Park (based on 3,600 gallons/month)	\$30.02/month/unit
Class 7 Multifamily Residential Condominium/Apartment/Hotel/Motel (based on 4,500 gallons/month)	\$37.53/month/unit

Section 11. Wholesale potable water and wastewater rates, fees, and charges.

Pursuant to Sections 2-31-265(b)(1), (c)(1) and(d)(1) of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances, the following revised wholesale potable water and wastewater rates, fees, and charges are hereby established:

- (a) Monthly charges per 1,000,000 gallons of reserve capacity.

	<u>Potable Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>
All wholesale customers	\$12,191.26	\$18,964.30

- (b) Wholesale quantity rates for potable water.

(1) Quantity rate. \$1.95 per 1,000 gallons for all consumption up to the daily reserve capacities.

(2) Excess demand charge. Excess consumption exceeding the daily reserve capacity for each day will be billed according to the following rates.

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| a. | Up to or equal to 20% excess reserve capacity | \$3.92 per 1,000 gallons |
| b. | Excess over 20% of reserve capacity | \$6.83 per 1,000 gallons |

- (c) Wholesale flow rates for wastewater.

(1) Flow rate. \$2.42 per 1,000 gallons up to the daily reserve capacity.

(2) Excess demand charge. All excess consumption during a day in which reserve capacity is exceeded will be billed at \$4.85 per 1,000 gallons.

- (d) The provisions of Section 2-31-265 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances are hereby incorporated by reference in this resolution as if fully set forth herein.

Section 12. Directions regarding codification. This resolution shall not be codified in the Manatee County Code of Resolutions.

Section 13. Prior and conflicting resolutions. All prior and conflicting resolutions, including but not limited to Resolution No. R-17-003, shall be repealed, rescinded, superseded, and replaced by this resolution effective October 1, 2021, at 12:01 a.m.

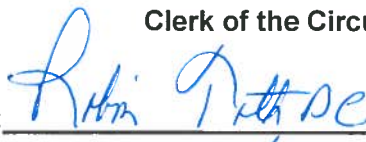
Section 14. Severability. In the event that any provision, portion or section of this resolution is determined to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall in no manner affect the remaining provisions, portions or sections of this resolution which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 15. Effective date. This resolution and the rates, fees, and charges established in this resolution shall become effective October 1, 2021, at 12:01 a.m.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, with a quorum present and voting, on the 24th day of August, 2021.

ATTEST: Angelina Colonnese
Clerk of the Circuit Court

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 
Deputy Clerk

By: 
Chairman

