

# **CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE WATER AND WASTEWATER CAPITAL EXPANSION FEES AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES**

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**Client Name:** *City of Fort Lauderdale*

**Type of Service:** *Capital Expansion Fees and Miscellaneous Fees and Charges*

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Milian, Swain & Associates (MSA) is currently providing professional consulting services to support the City of Fort Lauderdale (City) in the calculation of appropriate Water and Wastewater Capital Expansion Fees to be charged to the individual customers and jurisdictions responsible for the additional demand in the water and wastewater systems of the City. The tasks necessary to perform the work included:

- Analyzed the existing capital expansion fee policies.
- Reviewed the current and historical ordinances, written procedures, and developer agreements.
- Conducted a survey of capital expansion fees charged by other jurisdictions.
- Performed a detailed analysis of historical trends and future planned expansion to forecast future requirements for capital expansion fees. Issues included in the analysis were the City capital improvement projections, customer growth, City policy, comparable rates in other communities, and optional methods of cost recovery.
- Based on the findings of the analysis, developed and recommended to the City and Program Management Team (PMT) staff an appropriate methodology.
- Assisted the City Attorney in drafting water and wastewater service agreements to incorporate the fees.

MSA also analyzed the existing miscellaneous fees and charges collected by the City to recover the cost of providing water and wastewater services not recovered through the water and wastewater rate. The tasks associated with this part of the work included:

- Reviewed the rate ordinances to develop a schedule of existing rates and charges.
- Identified the effective date for each rate or charge to determine whether they were potentially obsolete.
- Evaluated the opportunity to establish new rates or charges.
- Obtained cost basis for calculation of new rates and charges.

MSA has already completed the above-described tasks and has finalized a report that has been presented to the City and members of the PMT, as well as provided the City Attorney with assistance in drafting a Rate Ordinance incorporating the proposed changes in the report. A presentation to a Commission conference session has been made and the recommendations in the report were approved. Public hearings are pending to complete the final approval process.