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COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department/Division: Water System

Department Head: Tony Parrott

Presenter, if needed: Tony Parrott

Preferred Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2009

Wording for the Agenda:

Discussion of the Water Committee's recommendation to increase the Fayette County Water System water rates, including the minimum/base charge, by ten percent in 2009 and an additional five percent in January 2010.

Background/History/Details:

Water rates were last increased in Fayette County in 1991. The recommended rate increase will aid in repaying bonds and loans for funding the cost of constructing the Lake McIntosh Reservoir Project.

Currently, a typical residence uses a 3/4 inch meter. The minimum base rate is currently $16.00 for the first 2,000 gallons and $2.80 for each additional thousand gallons. The proposed 2009 increase would raise the minimum rate to $17.60 per 2000 gallons and $3.08 for each additional thousand gallons. The proposed 2010 increase would raise the minimum rate to $18.48 per 2,000 gallons and $3.23 for each additional thousand gallons. Increases would also apply respectively to residences and businesses that have larger meters and are under differing rate structures.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Discuss the proposed water rate increase. If the Board is in agreement, this item should be placed on an agenda for an upcoming meeting for adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past? No

If so, when?

Do you need audio-visual for the presentation? No

Back-up Material Submitted? Yes

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Approved by Finance? Yes

Reviewed by Legal? Yes

Approved by Purchasing? Yes

Approved by Administrative Staff? Yes

Staff Notes

Administrator's Approval Yes

Confirmed Meeting Date Wednesday, February 4, 2009

- ○ Recognition/ Presentation
- ○ Public Hearing
- ○ Old Business
- ◉ New Business
- ○ Consent
- ○ Report
- ○ Other

Water Committee
Proposed Rate Increase
January 28, 2009

	2008 Existing rate	2009 10% increase	2010 5% Increase
Base rate	$ 16.00	$ 17.60	$ 18.48
per 1000 gallons	$ 2.80	$ 3.08	$ 3.23
Over 19,999 gallons	$ 3.80	$ 4.18	$ 4.39
Base rate 1-inch	$ 10.00	$ 11.00	$ 11.55
Base rate 1 1/2-inch	$ 15.00	$ 16.50	$ 17.33
Base rate 2-inch	$ 20.00	$ 22.00	$ 23.10
Base rate 3-inch	$ 25.00	$ 27.50	$ 28.88
Base rate 4-inch	$ 30.00	$ 33.00	$ 34.65
Base rate 6-inch	$ 35.00	$ 38.50	$ 40.43
Base rate 8-inch	$ 40.00	$ 44.00	$ 46.20
Unmetered water minimum charge	$ 28.00	$ 30.80	$ 32.34
Unmetered per 1000 gallons after 5000 gallons	$ 5.60	$ 6.16	$ 6.46
wholesale rate*	2008	2009	2010
	$ 2.10	$ 2.31	$ 2.43

* per contract with the City of Fayetteville .0547 times the price of 10,000 gallons to a residential customer.

Meter size	Meter Charge	Availability fee
5/8 X 3/4	$ 900.00	$ 400.00
1"	$ 1,200.00	$ 400.00
1 1/2"	$ 1,700.00	$ 400.00
2"	$ 2,000.00	$ 400.00
4"	$ 10,000.00	$ 400.00
6"	$ 15,000.00	$ 400.00
8"	$ 20,000.00	$ 400.00

Firelines
6" backflow $5,000.00 plus $400.00 availability fee
8" backflow $8,400.00 plus $400.00 availability fee

3/4 inch meter

2008 @ 7000 gallons	$	30.00
2009 @ 7000 gallons	$	33.00
2010 @ 7000 gallons	$	34.65

TABLE 1; 2008 Monthly Residential Water & Wastewater Bill Example[1]

Bartow County		**Water**
Bartow County Water Department		$31.44
City of Adairsville	Inside City	$15.53
	Outside City	$23.30
City of Cartersville Water Authority[2]	Inside City	$16.22
	Outside City	$31.37
City of Emerson	Inside City	$20.54
	Outside City	$24.03
City of Kingston	Inside City	$45.00
	Outside City	$67.50
City of White	Inside City	$16.00
	Outside City	$18.92
Cherokee County		**Water**
Cherokee County Water and Sewer Authority[4]		$34.20
City of Ball Ground[5,6]	Inside City	$32.20
	Outside City	$44.05
City of Canton		$28.56
City of Waleska		$37.40
City of Woodstock		$37.77
Clayton County		**Water**
Clayton County Water Authority		$31.12
Cobb County		**Water**
Cobb County Water System[5]		$28.77
City of Austell	Inside City	$17.22
	Outside City	$18.97
Marietta Power and Water		$32.85
City of Powder Springs[4]	Inside City	$29.73
	Outside City	$35.27
City of Smyrna		$23.21
Coweta County		**Water**
Coweta County Water System		$43.25
City of Grantville		$42.00
Newnan Untilities	Inside City	$27.80
	Outside City	$34.80
City of Senoia		$30.25
City of Turin		$30.50
DeKalb County		**Water**
Dekalb County Water and Sewer		$12.31
Douglas County		**Water**
Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority[4,5,6]		$32.94
City of Villa Rica[5]	Inside City	$29.76
	Outside City	$44.62

TABLE 1:2008 MONTHLY Residential Water & Wastewater Bill Example[1]; continued

Fayette County		**Water**
Fayette County Water System		$30.00
Town of Brooks		$31.30
City of Fayetteville[5]		$29.00
Peachtree City[7]		$30.00
City of Tyrone[7]		$30.00
Forsyth County		**Water**
Forsyth County Water and Sewer[5]		$32.40
City of Cummings[5]	Inside City	$17.25
	Outside City	$22.35
Fulton County		**Water**
Fulton County Water System[4, 10]		$28.04
City of Atlanta Department of Water Management[2, 5, 10]	Inside City	$35.99
	Outside City	$43.48
City of College Park		$26.20
City of East Point		$23.00
City of Fairburn	Inside City	$43.82
	Outside City	$63.31
City of Hapeville		$43.75
City of Mountain Park		$26.95
City of Palmetto		$27.50
City of Roswell[8]		$32.90
City of Union City		$37.52
Gwinnett County		**Water**
Gwinnett County Water Resources[4, 9]		$32.92
City of Braselton	Inside City	$34.18
	Outside City	$40.80
City of Buford	Inside City	$8.05
	Outside City	$17.85
City of Lawrenceville[4]		$30.73
City of Norcross[5]		$41.85
City of Suwanee[8]		$18.62
Hall County		**Water**
City of Flowery Branch	Inside City	$34.74
	Outside City	$40.27
City of Gainesville[2]	Inside City	$21.43
	Outside City	$42.79
Henry County		**Water**
Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority	Inside County	$35.00
	Outside County	$52.50
City of Hampton		$31.00
City of Locust Grove		$31.00
City of McDonough		$33.58
City of Stockbridge		$36.25

TABLE 1: 2008 Monthly Residential Water & Wastewater Bill Example[1]; continued

Paulding County		**Water**
Paulding County Public Works[4]		$36.20
City of Dallas	Inside City	$27.75
	Outside City	$34.89
City of Hiram		$23.00
Rockdale County		**Water**
Rockdale Water Resources		$28.13
Walton County		**Water**
Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority		$42.84
City of Loganville[5]		$41.05
Monroe Utilities Network	Inside City	$24.38
	Outside City	$36.44
City of Social Circle	Inside City	$29.55
	Outside City	$44.35

[1]This analysis assumes a household with a 5/8" or 3/4" meter uses 7,000 gallons of water each month Applicable minimum fees included.
[2]Billed in cubic feet. Rates converted to gallons for comparison purposes.
[3]Not applicable. Service is not available in the area.
[4]Have excessive use penalty or surcharge. Surcharge not included in these calculations.
[5]A discount rate for senior citizens is available.
[6]A discount rate for disabled customers is available.
[7]Water service is provided by Fayette County Water System. Sewer rates are billed by Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority and City of Tyrone, separately.
[8]Sewer service provided and billed by County.
[9]Only one base charge applies when water and sewer are combined.
[10]Sewer service outside the City of Atlanta is provided by Fulton County.