



Water System

Judy Jones, P.E., Agency Director

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TO: Dr. Jackie R. McMorris, County Manager

FROM: Judy Jones, P.E., Agency Director

DATE: July 25, 2023

PURPOSE

To approve the Cobb County Water System's "Schedule of Rates, Charges, and Fees" to become effective October 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND

Code Section 122.81 (c) provides that a change in the Water System's rate schedule requires the affirmative action of the Board of Commissioners. The last adjustment of Water System rates was approved by the Board on September 14, 2021. A rate adjustment is needed in 2023 due to increases in the costs of chemicals, biosolids disposal, wholesale water, and materials. The rate adjustment is also necessary to fund planned infrastructure replacements and upgrades.

At this time, the average residential customer in Cobb County utilizes about 5,000 gallons of water per month and is charged about \$54.85 for water and sewer plus a \$7.00 service charge, which totals \$61.85 per month. It should be noted that this is among the lowest rates in the Atlanta Metro area, and it is substantially lower than most other major counties. The Water System proposes a rate adjustment for all customers that would increase water commodity charges (cost per thousand gallons used) 7.5 percent and sewer commodity charges 8.5 percent. In addition, the Water System proposes adjusting the monthly service charge for all meter sizes.

For the average residential water and sewer customer, the change would result in a monthly increase of \$5.45. Even with the proposed rate adjustment, our rates will remain lower than other major counties in the metro Atlanta area with our average residential customer paying \$1.35 for the delivery of 100 gallons of treated water, removal of the water once used, treatment of the wastewater to a very high standard, and return of the resource to either Allatoona Lake or the Chattahoochee River where it is available for further use and enjoyment. The rate changes are to become effective on all retail bills generated on or after October 1, 2023.

IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

FUNDING

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Commissioners approve the Cobb County Water System's "Schedule of Rates, Charges, and Fees", as attached, to become effective October 1, 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

1. COBB COUNTY WATER SYSTEM RATES, CHARGES, AND FEES OCTOBER 1, 2023