



Water System

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Districts All

Item No. 43.

Cobb County...Expect the Best!

TO: Dr. Jackie R. McMorris, County Manager

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

DATE: September 14, 2021

PURPOSE

To approve the Cobb County Water System's "Schedule of Rates, Charges, and Fees" to become effective January 1, 2022.

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 July 10, 2018. A rate adjustment is needed in 2022 due to reduced revenues and increases in the costs of chemicals, solids 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 \$49.42 for water and sewer service plus a \$7.00 base fee per month. It should be noted that this is the lowest rate 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 commodity charges (cost per thousand gallons used) proportionately, but there is no proposed change to the current base rate (cost of service fee of \$7.00 per month for residential customers). For the average residential water and sewer customer, the change would result in a monthly increase of \$5.43. Even with the proposed rate adjustment, customers pay a little more than \$1.20 for the delivery of 100 gallons of water to their homes, removal of the water once used, reclamation of the water through treatment 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 January 1, 2022.

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 January 1, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment - CCWS's Schedule of Rates, Charges, and Fees, effective January 1, 2022