



## Clarifications on 2020 Rate Increase

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## Reason for Rate Increase

To provide revenue stability to fund infrastructure renewal and replacement, as well as, Operations and Maintenance costs.

# Is this year's rate increase different?

Yes, the 2020 rate increase includes adjustments to base meter charges to:

- Meet industry norms
- Be consistent with EPD water conservation guidance
- Reflect costs of providing higher flows on demand
- Impose less cost increase on low volume usage

Here are 3 slides from the  
October – November, 2019  
Public Hearing period

# 2020 WATER BASE CHARGES

(BILLS RENDERED AS OF JANUARY 1, 2020)

Meter Size	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
5/8"	\$ 7.50	\$ 8.31
3/4"	\$ 7.50	\$ 8.31
1"	\$ 8.88	\$ 14.52
1-1/2"	\$ 10.26	\$ 24.87
2"	\$ 14.06	\$ 37.29
3"	\$ 42.00	\$ 70.41
4"	\$ 52.35	\$ 107.67
6"	\$ 76.50	\$ 211.17
8"	\$ 104.10	\$ 335.37
10"	\$ 124.80	\$ 480.27

- Right-sizing water base charges for larger meter sizes
  - Based on hydraulic capacity of each meter
  - Consistent with industry guidelines and practice

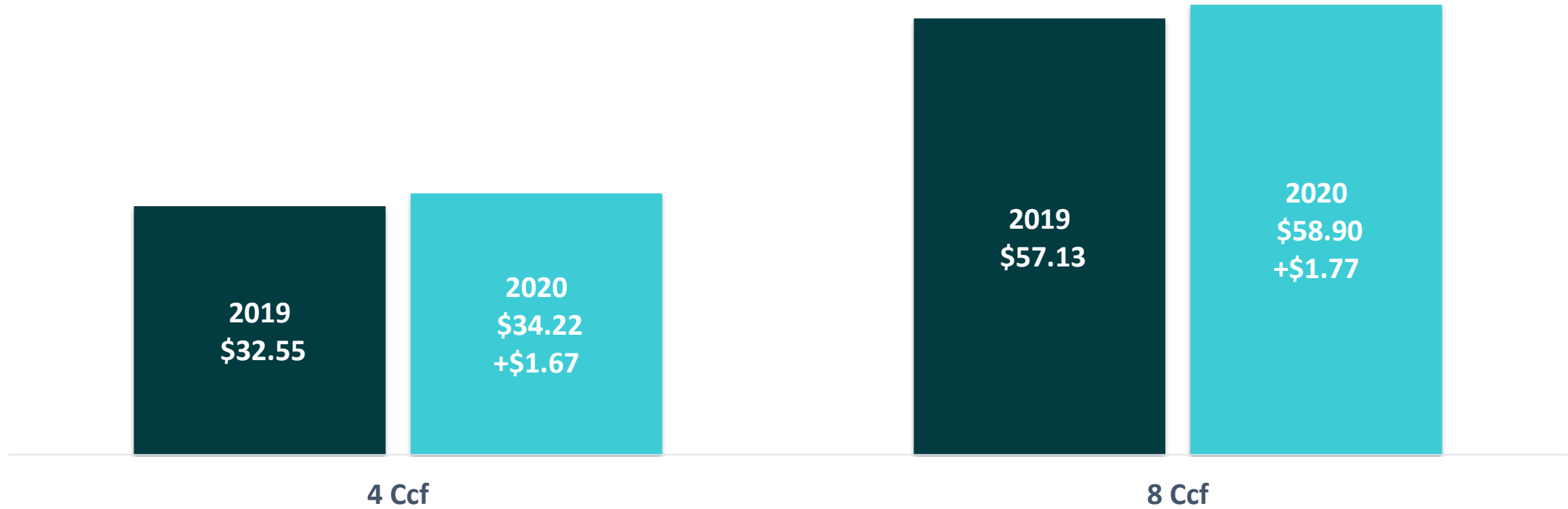
# 2020 WATER BASE CHARGE COMPARISON

Meter Size	Proposed 2020 CWW	Macon, GA	Savannah, GA	Augusta, GA
5/8"	\$ 8.31	\$ 9.00	\$ 11.06	\$ 18.84
3/4"	\$ 8.31	\$ 9.00	\$ 11.06	\$ 18.84
1"	\$ 14.52	\$ 11.50	\$ 63.38	\$ 26.71
1-1/2"	\$ 24.87	\$ 26.05	\$ 84.35	\$ 44.22
2"	\$ 37.29	\$ 52.09	\$ 110.54	\$ 63.56
3"	\$ 70.41	\$ 78.14	\$ 157.70	\$ 106.31
4"	\$ 107.67	\$ 130.25	\$ 202.24	\$ 153.99
6"	\$ 211.17	\$ 217.05	\$ 296.56	\$ 259.72
8"	\$ 335.37	\$ 347.29	\$ 401.36	\$ 376.70
10"	\$ 480.27	\$ 434.11	\$ 506.16	\$ 503.12

# RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER BILLS

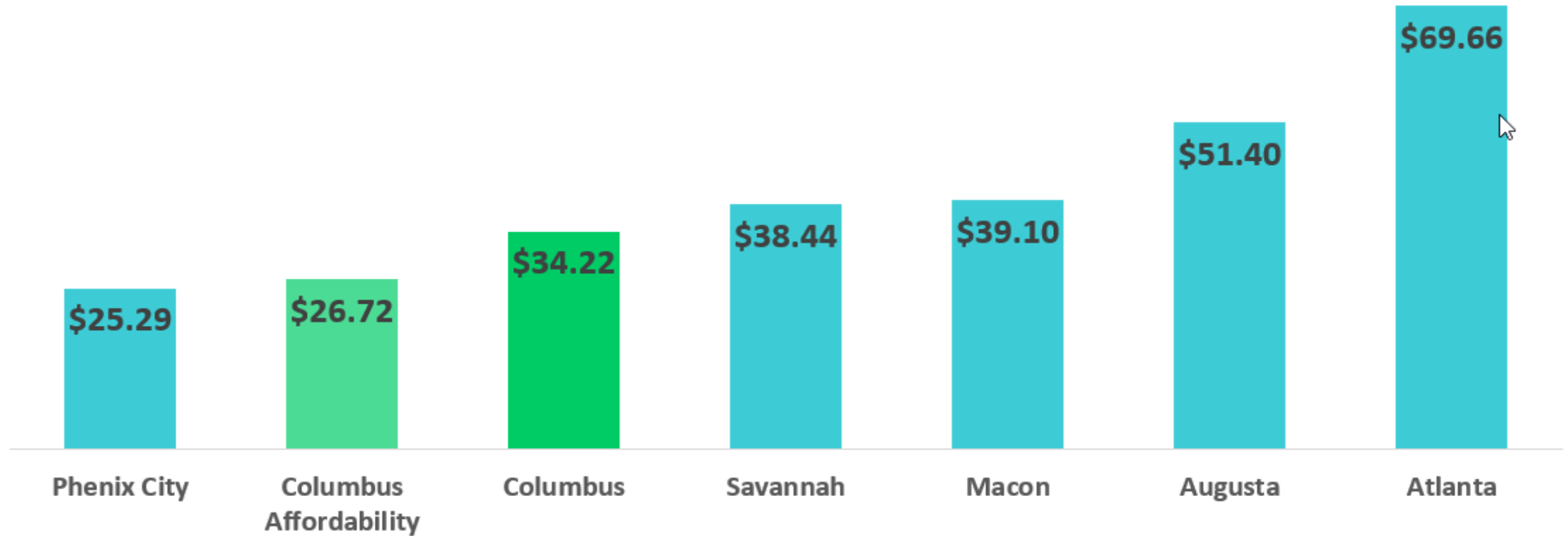
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Sample Residential Customers



# REGIONAL BILL COMPARISON

*4 ccf residential bill – Proposed CWW Rates*





# Impact on CWW Residential Customers

<b>Meter size</b>		<b>Cost increase</b>		<b>Customers</b>
<b>5/8" &amp; 3/4"</b>		<b>\$0.81</b>		<b>54,585 (97.3%)</b>
<b>1 "</b>		<b>\$5.64</b>		<b>1,039</b>
<b>1 1/2"</b>		<b>\$14.61</b>		<b>311</b>
<b>2"</b>		<b>\$23.33</b>		<b>172</b>
<b>Sprinkler</b>				<b>2,435</b>

# Impact on CWW Residential Customers - Sprinkler Only

<b>Meter size</b>		<b>Monthly Savings with cut off*</b>
1 "		\$14.52
1 1/2"		\$24.87
2"		\$37.24
*\$30 cut on Fee		

# Recent communication to customers

- Letters to all residential customers with greater than 3/4" meter size.
- Letters to owners of separate sprinkler meters.
- Letters to 126 industrial and commercial customers with three or more large meters.
- Letters provide direct line of Customer Advocacy Department to discuss their specific concerns.

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# QUESTIONS