



CITY COUNCIL ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE:	June 1, 2023
SUBCATEGORY:	First Reading of Ordinances
DEPARTMENT NAME:	Finance
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	Amendment to Utilities Ordinance Regarding Water and Sewer Rates
DEPARTMENT SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	<p>The proposed fiscal year 2023-24 budget includes an increase in the Water and Sewer Fund to help address the maintenance and capital issues of the water fund. The increase is as follows: a 2% increase in the residential water and sewer rates for both inside and outside the city limits customers.</p> <p>The 2% increase will allow the Water Department to continue the maintenance of the existing water and sewer system as well as update/expand the system to fulfill the needs of existing customers. For residential customers, the water and sewer rate increase equates to \$0.18 per 1,000 gallons used for city residents. The total estimated increase for a residential water and sewer customer is \$1.27 per month for 7,000 gallons consumed.</p> <p>With the proposed increase in the water and sewer rates, the City of Cartersville residents will remain one of the lowest in the surrounding municipalities. The increase is needed to maintain the existing system and plan for any necessary future expansions. Approval is recommended to increase water and sewer rates beginning July 1, 2023.</p>
LEGAL:	N/A