



## CITY COUNCIL ITEM SUMMARY

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	June 2, 2022
<b>SUBCATEGORY:</b>	First Reading of Ordinances
<b>DEPARTMENT NAME:</b>	Finance
<b>AGENDA ITEM TITLE:</b>	Amendment to Utilities Ordinance Regarding Water and Sewer Rates
<b>DEPARTMENT SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:</b>	<p>The proposed fiscal year 2022-23 budget includes an increase in the Water and Sewer Fund to help address the maintenance and capital needs of the water fund. The increase is as follows: a 2.5% increase in the residential, commercial, and industrial water and sewer rates for both inside and outside the city limits customers.</p> <p>The 2.5% 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. The total estimated increase for a residential water and sewer customer is \$1.10 per month on 7000 gallons consumed.</p> <p>The amended ordinance also adds a new “Wholesale” rate class for water customers, which currently only includes the Bartow County Water System as a customer. The wholesale and industrial classes are currently set at the same rate.</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. I recommend approval of the proposed water and sewer rate increases to begin July 1, 2022.</p>
<b>LEGAL:</b>	None