



CITY COUNCIL ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE:	June 6, 2024
SUBCATEGORY:	First Reading of Ordinances
DEPARTMENT NAME:	Finance
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	FY 2024-25 Water and Sewer Rate Ordinance
DEPARTMENT SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	<p>The proposed fiscal year 2024-25 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 5% increase in the residential water and sewer rates for both inside and outside the city limits customers.</p> <p>The 5% increase will allow the water department to continue the maintenance of the existing water and sewer systems as well as update/expand the system to fulfill the needs of existing customers. For residential customers, the water and sewer rate increase equate to \$0.15 per one thousand gallons used for city residents. The total estimated increase for a residential water and sewer customer is \$1.27 per month for seven thousand 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. I recommend approval of the proposed water and sewer rate increases to begin July 1, 2024.</p>
LEGAL:	Reviewed by Archer & Lovell