



## CITY COUNCIL ITEM SUMMARY

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	June 3, 2021
<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 2021-22 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 7.5% increase in the residential water and sewer rates for customers both inside and outside the city limits.</p> <p>The 7.5% 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. For residential customers, the water and sewer rate increase equate to \$0.32 per 100 cubic feet used for city residents. The total estimated increase for a residential water and sewer customer is \$3.97 per month on 7000 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, 2021.</p>
<b>LEGAL:</b>	None