



CITY COUNCIL ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE:	June 5, 2025
SUBCATEGORY:	First Reading of Ordinances
DEPARTMENT NAME:	Finance
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 Water & Sewer Rate Ordinance
DEPARTMENT SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	<p>The proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 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 \$0.16 per one thousand gallons used for city residents. The total estimated increase for a residential water and sewer customer is \$2.38 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, 2025</p>
LEGAL:	Reviewed by Archer & Lovell

Ordinance No. _____

Now be it and it is hereby ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cartersville, that the CITY OF CARTERSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 24. UTILITIES. ARTICLE IV. WATER SERVICE Section 24-64 WATER AND SEWAGE RATE and Section 24-147 SEWAGE RATES is hereby amended by deleting paragraph (a) (2) and (b)(2) in their entirety and replacing them with the following:

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Sec. 24-64. Water & Sewage Utility Rates.

(a.) Water Monthly Billing	City	Outside City
(2) Plus consumption as follows:		
(i) Residential Meters		
(a) 0 – 8 consumptions per month	\$2.54/100 cu. ft./ \$3.39/1000 Gal.	\$4.65/100 cu. ft./ \$6.22/1000 Gal.
(b) 9 – 14 consumptions per month	\$3.81/100 cu. ft./ \$5.09/1000 Gal.	\$4.78/100 cu. ft./ \$6.39/1000 Gal.
(c) 15 – 19 consumptions per month	\$5.76/100 cu. ft./ \$7.70/1000 Gal.	\$5.76/100 cu. ft./ \$7.70/1000 Gal.
(d) 20 + consumptions per month	\$8.04/100 cu. ft./ \$10.75/1000 Gal.	\$8.04/100 cu. ft./ \$10.75/1000 Gal.
(ii) Apartments, Multiples & Commercial Meters	\$4.17/100 cu. ft./ \$5.57/1000 Gal.	\$5.65/100 cu. ft./ \$7.55/1000 Gal.
(iii) Irrigation System Meters	\$5.76/100 cu. ft./ \$7.70/1000 Gal.	\$5.76/100 cu. ft./ \$7.70/1000 Gal.
(iv) Industrial and All Other Meters	\$2.54/100 cu. ft./ \$3.39/1000 Gal.	\$4.65/100 cu. ft./ \$6.22/1000 Gal.
(v) Wholesale Meters	\$2.54/100 cu. ft./ \$3.39/1000 Gal.	\$4.65/100 cu. ft./ \$6.22/1000 Gal.
(b.) Sewage Monthly Billing	City	Outside City
(2) Plus consumption	\$2.78/100 cu. ft./ \$3.72/1000 Gal.	\$4.93/100 cu. ft./ \$6.59/1000 Gal.

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This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

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It is the intention of the city council and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Cartersville, Georgia, and the sections of this ordinance may be alphabetized accordingly and renumbered to accomplish such intention.

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BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED

FIRST READING: _____

SECOND READING: _____

MATTHEW J. SANTINI, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
JULIA DRAKE, CITY CLERK