

## HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP JULY 15, 2025, AT 6:30 PM

## **Cover Sheet**

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## **ITEM TITLE:**

Discussion On Request for Review – Utility Service Rate Procedure and Legal Clarification (Administration)

## **TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:**

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS		Department: ADMINISTRATION/LEGAL
INTRODUCTIONS		Exhibits:
CONSENT AGENDA		Memo to Orange County Administration (Forthcoming)
COUNCIL DISCUSSION	YES	
ADMINISTRATIVE		

**<u>REQUEST</u>**: Respectfully requests discussion Request for Review – Utility Service Rate Procedure and Legal Clarification

**<u>SUMMARY</u>**: The Town Council engaged the Florida Rural Water Association to conduct a utility rate study evaluating Eatonville's current water and wastewater service rates. The study found that the existing rates no longer reflect the true cost of providing service due to rising operational expenses and the need for current and future infrastructure improvements.

As a result, on December 3, 2024, the Town Council adopted Resolution 2024-40 with Exhibit A, approving a new rate structure. While it was clearly discussed that usage charges are based on per 1,000 gallons used, the language in Exhibit A led to some confusion and varying interpretations.

Resolution 2025-10 was passed to clarify the rate structure outlined in Exhibit A of the previous resolution and ensure that both the Council and Residents fully understand how the charges are calculated.

Additionally, the Council previously adopted Ordinance 2024-10, repealing the old utility rate ordinance and authorizing the Council to set rates by resolution moving forward.

**<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>**: Continue discussion on the procedures use to establish Utility Service Rates.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A