

# Staff Report

**Subject:** Amendment to Water & Sewer Agreement with Port Wentworth for Jasper Village Phase 2  
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**Department:** Finance Department  
**Meeting Date:** 2/21/23  
**Item Description:** Consideration to approve the first amendment to the Water & Sewer agreement with Port Wentworth for Jasper Village Phase 2.

## **Summary Recommendation:**

Staff is recommending approval of the first amendment to the water and sewer agreement with Port Wentworth for the Jasper Village Phase 2 development.

## **Executive Summary/Background:**

In November 2021 the Board entered into an agreement with Port Wentworth for the Jasper Village Phase 2 development. In this agreement, the City and County agreed that while Jasper Village Phase 2 was inside Port Wentworth's incorporated area, the County would provide water and sewer services to this development.

Accordingly, it was agreed that all water and sewer tap fees and monthly billing fees would go to the County. The original agreement stated that all water and sewer startup fees would first be paid to Port Wentworth and then Port Wentworth would periodically remit those fees to the County. The purpose of this amendment is to modify the agreement such that water and sewer startup fees are instead paid directly to the County.

Finance staff at both the City and the County agreed that this amendment would simplify the process and cut out unnecessary steps in the process of starting up water accounts in the Jasper Village Phase 2 development.

The City of Port Wentworth has already approved this amendment.

## **Alternatives for Commission to Consider:**

1. Approve the amendment to the agreement with Port Wentworth for water and sewer services for the Jasper Village Phase 2 development.
2. Do not approve the amendment to the agreement with Port Wentworth for water and sewer services for the Jasper Village Phase 2 development.
3. Provide staff with direction.

## **Recommended Alternative:**

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve the amendment to the agreement with Port Wentworth for water and sewer services for the Jasper Village Phase 2 development.

**Other Alternatives:**

N/A

**Department Review:** *(list departments)*

Finance, County Attorney, County Manager

**Funding Source:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

Proposed agreement amendment, as already executed by Port Wentworth

Original agreement between Port Wentworth and Effingham County Board of Commissioners