



## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

**Meeting Type:** Council - Regular

**Meeting Date:** December 18, 2025

**Agenda Item Type:** New Business

**Staff Contact:** Brandon Perkins, Town Manager

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### STAFF REPORT

#### AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration of a sewer rate increase of 5% for 2026.

#### BACKGROUND:

Fulton County, which provides wastewater treatment services to the Town, recently voted to increase its rates by 5% per year for 2026 and 2027. In order to cover this cost, the Town should consider a similar rate increase for its sewer customers.

Current rates are as follows:

Base Cost 0 – 4000 gallons: \$34.73

Cost per 1000 gallons over base: \$9.78

2026:

Base Cost 0 – 4000 gallons: \$36.47

Cost per 1000 gallons over base: \$10.27

Fulton County's rate increase becomes effective January 1, 2026; however, staff recommends setting our implementation date as February 1, 2026 to ensure we have at least one month to notify customers.

Please note that staff is not asking for a 5% increase for 2027 at this time. We have concluded that a full analysis of the Town's sewer rate structure is required and the goal is to complete that over 2026 and come back to Council for consideration of more comprehensive changes for 2027 and beyond.

#### FUNDING:

None required.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to increase sewer rates by 5% for 2026 effective February 1, 2026.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Rate increase letter from Fulton County.

**PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS:**

Council previously approved 5% increases for 2023, 2024, and 2025 on January 5, 2023 commensurate with a similar notification from Fulton County.