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WASTEWATER PRETREATMENT ORDINANCE (B)

ORDINANCE NO. 0-06-106

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO WASTEWATER PRETREATMENT AND CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAMS; AMENDING CHAPTER 27 OF THE GAINESVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 27-96, DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 27-180.1 PRETREATMENT PROGRAM - PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES; AMENDING SECTION 27-180.7 PRETREATMENT PROGRAMS - ENFORCEMENT AND APPENDIX A UTILITIES (4) SEWERAGE SUBSECTION d, RELATING TO RATES FOR EXCESS STRENGTH WASTEWATER DISCHARGED INTO THE CITY'S WASTEWATER SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 27-135 CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAMS; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

Utilities staff has conducted a legally required review of the industrial pretreatment program and has determined several changes are necessary to comply with applied state regulations. Staff is taking this opportunity to also correct a regulatory reference in the cross connection control ordinance.

Every five years, the industrial pretreatment limits are re-evaluated as part of the requirements set by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The industrial pretreatment limits set the maximum allowable concentrations of certain wastewater constituents that can be discharged to the wastewater collection system. These limits are important to reduce releases from the collection system, prevent upsets at the treatment plants and protect the environment. The new limits are not anticipated to impact any existing customers.

Additionally, the City Code pertaining to the cross connection control program needs to be changed to reference the current section of the Florida Administrative Code that pertains to cross connection control. The cross connection control program is administered by GRU staff to protect the drinking water supply from hazards on the customer side of the meter.

There will be no fiscal impacts associated with these ordinance revisions.