



Legislation Text

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REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 27 UTILITIES AND APPENDIX A - SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES, AND CHARGES FOR UTILITIES; ELECTRICITY, WATER, SEWERAGE, AND NATURAL GAS (B)

Ordinance No. 160253

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances, relating to Utilities; by creating and adding a new section 27-14.4, to consolidate and standardize billing adjustments throughout the utility systems; amending section 27-31 relating to electric system fuel and purchased power for public streetlight and rental outdoor light services; amending section 27-98 related to restrictions on bill adjustments for certain leaks; repealing section 27-126.2 in its entirety; amending section 27-169.1 by removing apartments from the calculation of the winter maximum for residential dwellings; amending section 27-280.2 and repealing in its entirety section 27-280.3, by consolidating and standardizing provisions for billing adjustments across the multiple utility systems; amending section 27-288.2 relating to quantities of propane fuel purchased; amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges, to revise fees, rates and charges for electricity, water, sewerage and natural gas; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

GRU BUDGET AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

In the proposed budget for the combined utilities system, the General Manager for Utilities made recommendations to revise electric, water, sewerage and natural gas fees, rates and charges as required to meet system revenue requirements for Fiscal Year 2017. This ordinance is necessary to implement the changes to the fees, rates and charges which shall be applied to all monthly bills which are for the first time rendered and postmarked after 12:01 AM, October 1, 2016. Additionally, changes are included in the proposed ordinance to amend provisions of Chapter 27 to reflect those corresponding changes in the code.

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

During the budget process in July 2016, the City Commission authorized the City Attorney to draft and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise an ordinance revising the fees, rates and charges as required to meet system revenue requirements for Fiscal Year 2017.

This ordinance requires two readings. The first reading is scheduled for September 8, 2016. The second reading is scheduled for September 15, 2016. The new and amended fees, rates, and charges shall be applied to all monthly bills which are for the first time rendered and postmarked after 12:01 AM, October 1, 2016.