



Legislation Text

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APPENDIX A - UTILITIES - WATER RATES (B)

Ordinance No. 0-05-84

An Ordinance amending Appendix A, Section UTILITIES (3) Water, Gainesville Code of Ordinances; By Increasing Water Base Rates, Customer Charges and Water Connection Charges; Providing for a Repealing Clause; Providing for a Severability Clause; and, Providing an Effective Date in Accordance with the Schedule Provided Herein.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance, as amended.

In the Proposed Budget for the Combined Utilities System, the General Manager made a recommendation to increase water base rates and water connection charges. The change in connection charges varies by meter size with an overall increase in water connection charge revenue at the same rate presented to the City Commission in the 2003 budget. Both changes will be effective October 1, 2005. Even with these changes, GRU's monthly rates and connection charges remain among the lowest in the state.

At the August 15, 2005 City Commission meeting, the City Commission directed that the costs for public fire support in the form of fire hydrants that are installed, maintained and supported by the City, be incorporated into the water rates. This ordinance distributes the costs amongst all gallons of water consumed by all retail customers. GRU will then no longer bill Alachua County for fire hydrants in the unincorporated areas.

The proposed ordinance No. 0-05-84 amending Appendix A, Section Utilities (3) Water of the Gainesville Code of Ordinances has been amended for the second reading. Section (1)(k) corrects an error in the calculation of the Monthly Charges for water connection installment payments.