



Legislation Text

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Appendix A - Schedule of Fees, Rates & Charges for Utilities for Fiscal Year 2022 (B)

Ordinance No. 201022

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to utilities; by amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges to revise fees, rates and charges for electricity, water, sewerage, and standard operational charges; amending Appendix A to make it gender neutral; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing effective dates.

STAFF REPORT

At its May 12, 2021 meeting, the City Commission heard a presentation from GRU staff analyzing the utilities' budget for fiscal year 2022. At this meeting, the General Manager for Utilities made recommendations to revise the electric and sewerage rates and charges as required to meet system revenue requirements for fiscal year 2022. At its June 7, 2021 meeting, the City Commission approved 1) adopting a rate ordinance increasing electric utility rates 7% and wastewater utility rates 5% for fiscal year 2022; 2) adopting a resolution reducing the amount of general fund transfer by \$2 million a year through 2027; 3) adopting a rate ordinance through fiscal year 2027, increasing electric utility rates 3% and wastewater utility rates 5% annually for fiscal years 2023 through 2027. On July 19, 2021, the City Commission adopted a Resolution memorializing the aforesaid increases.

The ordinance implements the changes to Appendix A stated in the July 19, 2021 Resolution. Natural gas rates remain unchanged. Calculation of wastewater based upon a winter maximum has been removed, and an ordinance to the same effect is forthcoming. Stormwater and solid waste rates are addressed in the ordinance adopting Appendix A for general government.

This ordinance requires two readings. The new and amended fees, rates, and charges for fiscal year 2022 shall be applied to all monthly bills which are for the first time rendered and postmarked after 12:01 AM, October 1, 2021. The new and amended fees, rates, and charges for fiscal year 2023 shall be applicable to all monthly bills which are for the first time rendered and postmarked after 12:01 AM on October 1, 2022. The new and amended fees, rates, and charges for fiscal year 2024 shall be applicable to all monthly bills which are for the first time rendered and postmarked after 12:01 AM on October 1, 2023. The new and amended fees, rates, and charges for fiscal year 2025 shall be applicable to all monthly bills which are for the first time rendered and postmarked after 12:01 AM on October 1, 2024. The new and amended fees, rates, and charges for fiscal year 2026 shall be applicable to all monthly bills which are for the first time rendered and postmarked after 12:01 AM on October 1, 2025. The new and amended fees, rates, and charges for fiscal year 2027 shall be applicable to all monthly bills which are for the first time rendered and postmarked after 12:01 AM on October 1, 2026.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

Changes to Appendix A reflect the increases embodied in the July 19, 2021 Resolution and rates have been calculated to meet utility system revenue requirements.