

AN ORDINANCE BY CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 154, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 3, SECTIONS 154-111 AND 154-112 (WATER RATES AND CHARGES) AND CHAPTER 154, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 3, SECTIONS 154-276 AND 154-277 (SEWER RATES AND CHARGES) TO REDUCE THE SCHEDULED INCREASES FOR WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA AND TO ESTABLISH A GRADUATED RATE OF INCREASE FOR THE WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO BE CHARGED ALL RESIDENTS, PREMISES, AND FACILITIES SERVED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta, pursuant to its charter, has the responsibility of providing water and sewer service to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and the City Council to minimize to the extent possible the impact of rate increases on ratepayers and implement a rate structure that maintains affordability and promotes water conservation through the implementation of a graduated rate structure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta lobbied the Georgia General Assembly in favor of state legislation authorizing a Municipal Option Sales Tax for the purpose of generating revenue exclusively for improvements to the water and sewer system; and

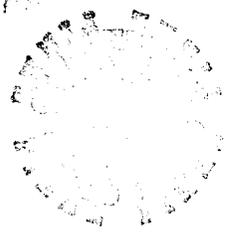
WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Atlanta voted overwhelmingly in favor of the Municipal Option Sales Tax in a public referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council committed to decrease water and sewer rates on a dollar-for-dollar basis according to the revenue generated by the Municipal Option Sales Tax; and

WHEREAS, prudent fiscal policy, particularly when implementing new revenue mechanisms, calls for a conservative anticipation rate to minimize the potentially damaging affects of over-estimation;

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: that as authorized by Chapter 154, Article III, Division 3 (Water Rates, Charges, and Related Matters), Section 154-111 and 154-112, the rates and charges for the city water service shall be established as follows:



That the City of Atlanta water rate structure will include a graduated schedule of rates conditional on usage levels for domestic, commercial, industrial and other users of the City of Atlanta system, so as to encourage and promote conservation among all users.

The rates established are as follows:

that In-City water rates for domestic, commercial, industrial and other users of the City of Atlanta system using three hundred cubic feet or less shall be \$1.95 and \$2.35 for Outside-City water users beginning on and after January 1, 2005, with the effective increase for this usage level being 1%.

that In-City water rates for domestic, commercial, industrial and other users of the City of Atlanta system using more than three hundred cubic feet and less than seven hundred cubic feet shall be \$2.23 and \$2.70 for Outside-City water users beginning on and after January 1, 2005, with the effective increase for this usage level being 1%.

that In-City water rates for domestic, commercial, industrial and other users of the City of Atlanta system using seven hundred cubic feet or more shall be \$2.56 and \$3.10 for Outside-City water users beginning on and after January 1, 2005, with the effective increase for this usage level being 1%.

SECTION 2: that as authorized by Chapter 154, Article V, Division 3 (Sewer Rates and Charges), Sections 154-276 and 154-277, the rates and charges for the city sewer service shall be established as follows:

that the City of Atlanta sewer rate structure will be \$4.95 per hundred cubic feet for the first three hundred cubic feet for sewer users beginning on and after January 1, 2005, with the effective rate increase for this usage level being 1%.

that sewer rates for domestic, commercial, industrial and other users of the City of Atlanta system using more than three hundred cubic feet and less than seven hundred cubic feet shall be \$5.67 beginning on and after January 1, 2005, with the effective increase for this usage level being 1%.

that sewer rates for domestic, commercial, industrial and other users of the City of Atlanta system using seven hundred cubic feet or more shall be \$6.52 beginning on and after January 1, 2005, with the effective increase for this usage level being 1%.

SECTION 3: That as authorized by Chapter 154, Article III, Division 3 (Water Rates, Charges, and Related Matters), Section 154-111 and 154-112, the rates and charges for the city water service shall established as follows:



that the Wholesale Water Rate be changed from the current rate of \$1.52 per hundred cubic feet to a rate of \$1.54 for wholesale customers beginning on and after January 1, 2005.

SECTION 4: That the City of Atlanta shall continue to aggressively evaluate and pursue financial structuring options, restructuring of billing distribution and operational cost-saving measures to reduce the cost of the projected capital improvements program, as well as seek additional funds from other sources. In the event of reduction in finance rates or other costs, growth rates that exceed projections, or the receipt by the City of Atlanta of additional funds, which are specifically and solely designated for the use by the City of Atlanta for the purposes of funding the specified system improvements to maintain and upgrade the water treatment and distribution system and wastewater treatment and collection system to meet federal and state regulations and the future demands of economic growth in the City, the water and sewer rates ordained herein shall be reduced accordingly as allowed by local, state and federal law. In any event, the water and sewer rates shall be reviewed annually and accordingly revised and recalculated so as to reduce the rates for all metered customers in appropriate proportion.

SECTION 5: That upon receipt of the MOST revenues turned over to the City of Atlanta by the Georgia Department of Revenue, adequate steps will be taken with all deliberate speed to build a fiscally sound projection of such revenues in the near term, and that, where possible, the rates ordained herein will be adjusted further according to such a projection.

SECTION 6: That all ordinances or parts in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa M. [unclear]".

Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED by the City Council
APPROVED by the Mayor

NOV 15, 2004
NOV 19, 2004

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11/15/04
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Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

CONSENT I CONSENT I PG(S) 4-20, EXCEPT: 04-O-2036

ADOPT

YEAS: 13
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 1

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	B Mitchell
NV Starnes	Y Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Sheperd	NV Borders

CONSENT I

		11-15-04 Council Meeting
ITEMS ADOPTED ON CONSENT	ITEMS ADOPTED ON CONSENT	ITEMS ADVERSED ON CONSENT
1. 04-O-1887	43. 04-R-1968	67. 04-R-2003
2. 04-O-1872	44. 04-R-1969	68. 04-R-2004
3. 04-O-1936	45. 04-R-2024	69. 04-R-2005
4. 04-O-1946	46. 04-R-2029	70. 04-R-2006
5. 04-O-2030	47. 04-R-2033	71. 04-R-2007
6. 04-O-2031	48. 04-R-1752	72. 04-R-2008
7. 04-O-2038	49. 04-R-1974	73. 04-R-2009
8. 04-O-1417	50. 04-R-1975	74. 04-R-2010
9. 04-O-1879	51. 04-R-2025	75. 04-R-2011
10. 03-O-2222	52. 04-R-2085	76. 04-R-2012
11. 04-O-0044	53. 04-R-1980	77. 04-R-2013
12. 04-R-1982	54. 04-R-2026	78. 04-R-2014
13. 04-R-1983	55. 04-R-2040	
14. 04-R-1984	56. 04-R-2048	
15. 04-R-1985	57. 04-R-1999	
16. 04-R-1988	58. 04-R-2000	
17. 04-R-1977	59. 04-R-2001	
18. 04-R-1979	60. 04-R-2002	
19. 04-R-2041	61. 04-R-2015	
20. 04-R-2042	62. 04-R-2016	
21. 04-R-2092	63. 04-R-2017	
22. 04-R-2093	64. 04-R-2018	
23. 04-R-2094	65. 04-R-2019	
24. 04-R-2095	66. 04-R-2020	
25. 04-R-2096		
26. 04-R-1875		
27. 04-R-1876		
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NOV 15 2004

COUNCIL

- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 11-01-2004

Referred To: City Utilities

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First Reading
Committee Date 11-01-2004
Chair John Stubbins
Referred To City

Committee

Date

Chair

Action

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Other

Members

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
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Readings
 Consent V Vote RC Vote

CERTIFIED

NOV 15 2004

John Stubbins
CITY CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

Mayor's Action
NOV 19 2004
MAYOR