

  
AN ORDINANCE BY  
COUNCILMEMBER CARLA SMITH

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO CREATE A NEW FUND, ACCOUNT, AND CENTER NUMBER TO DISBURSE FUNDS FOR THE TOILET REBATE PROGRAM; TO AMEND THE FY 2008 (WATER & WASTEWATER RENEWAL AND EXTENSION FUND) BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BY TRANSFERRING BETWEEN ACCOUNTS THE SUM OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE TOILET RETROFIT REBATE PROGRAM FOR DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DRINKING WATER CUSTOMERS WHO RETROFIT THEIR TOILET FACILITIES TO LOW-FLOW TOILETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta ("City") Department of Watershed Management is responsible for maintaining and servicing the City's water system; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta ("City") seeks to encourage reduction in household water and wastewater usage, assist businesses and individual consumers in saving money on their water bills, and contribute to the region's conservation efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that older toilets from 1992 or earlier are water inefficient fixtures that use between 3.5 to 7 gallons per flush (gpf) and high-efficiency toilets can use less than 1.3 gpf which would result in a savings of fifty percent (50%) of toilet water usage; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the program is to provide an incentive for customers in homes built prior to 1993, to retrofit older high flow toilets with new low flow technology the City of Atlanta ("City"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to provide funding for rebates to encourage the installation of low flow toilets in businesses and residences within the City of Atlanta's regional drinking water service area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Watershed Management desires to establish a separate account for provide funding for customer rebates for retrofitting their toilets; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to provide funding for rebates to encourage the installation of low flow toilets in businesses and residences within the City of Atlanta's regional drinking water service area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District both support the City's efforts to establish this program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta ("City") seeks to encourage reduction in household water and wastewater usage, assist businesses and individual consumers in saving money on their water bills, and contribute to the region's conservation efforts.

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS as follows:**

**Section 1.**

That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to amend the FY 2008 (Water & Wastewater Renewal and Extension Fund) Budget as follows:

**TRANSFER FROM APPROPRIATIONS**

2J21 791001	Water & Wastewater Renewal and Extension Fund	
T11001	Reserve for Appropriations	\$1,000,000.00

**TRANSFER TO APPROPRIATIONS**

2J21 7290xx	Water & Wastewater Renewal and Extension Fund	
Q61T04039999	Atlanta Water Customers Rebate Program	\$1,000,000.00

**Section 2.**

That all ordinances are parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived for this instance only.