



Interoffice Memorandum

August 14, 2020

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
and Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Raymond E. Hanson, P. E., Director
Utilities Department

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**SUBJECT: BCC AGENDA ITEM – Consent Agenda
September 1, 2020 BCC Meeting
Water and Wastewater Rate Resolutions with Revised Preliminary Charge
Schedules**

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The County's water and wastewater rates include both volumetric charges based on actual flows and fixed monthly charges based on the meter size. For many of our large commercial customers, a compound meter set, which includes both a small meter and a large meter, is required to accurately measure water flows. Historically, our charge schedules have been silent regarding how a compound meter set should be billed. Therefore, we have revised the charge schedules in the resolutions to specify that fixed monthly charges for compound meter sets will be based on the small meter. As we plan for these charge schedules to become effective on October 1, 2020, we have also updated the rates for FY 2021 to include the automatic 3% rate indexing discussed with the Board in the July budget work session.

Florida Statutes Chapter 153 requires the County to approve most rate changes in two steps. First, the County must adopt a resolution setting forth a preliminary rate schedule prior to final adoption at a public hearing. The resolutions include the revised Preliminary Water System Charge Schedule and the revised Preliminary Wastewater and Pollution Control Charge Schedule. The second step is to hold public hearings for final adoption of these charge schedules, which will be duly noticed and scheduled for September 22, 2020.

The Orange County Attorney's Office has reviewed the resolutions and finds them acceptable as to form and content. Orange County Utilities Department staff recommends approval.

Action Requested: **Approval and execution of a Resolution setting a revised Preliminary Water System charge schedule; providing for an automatic annual increase; setting a water meter charge schedule; providing for periodic review; providing for an annual notice to customers; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date and 2) Resolution adopting a revised Preliminary Wastewater and Pollution Control charge schedule; providing for an automatic annual rate increase; providing for periodic rate review; providing for annual notice to customers; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.**

All Districts.