



Interoffice Memorandum

March 18, 2022

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

FROM: Ed Torres, M.S, P.E., LEED AP, Director
Utilities Department

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**SUBJECT: BCC AGENDA ITEM – Consent Agenda
April 5, 2022 BCC Meeting
Approval of Water and Wastewater Rate Resolutions with Revised
Preliminary Charge Schedules
Contact Person: Glenn Kramer, Manager
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On March 8, 2022, the Utilities Department conducted a work session with the Board on Water & Wastewater Rate Equity. In this work session, Utilities staff discussed the reasons for rate differences between our customer classes and offered solutions to achieve rate parity over a five-year implementation period. Our rate consultant, Stantec Consulting Services, also participated in the work session and presented the results of their study that directly led to the proposed actions to address the current rate inequity between our customer classes. In follow up to the work session, Utilities staff have prepared rate resolutions to implement the proposed solutions discussed with the Board.

Florida Statutes Chapter 153 require 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 attached 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 May 10, 2022.

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

Action Requested:

Approval and execution of a Resolution Setting a Revised Preliminary Water System Charge Schedule; Providing for an Automatic Annual Increase; Providing for a Temporary, Additional Automatic Annual Commercial Rate Increase; Setting a Water Meter Charge Schedule; Providing for Periodic Review; Providing for Annual Notice to Customers; Providing for Severability; and Providing For an Effective date and Resolution Adopting a Revised Preliminary Wastewater and Pollution Control Charge Schedule; Providing for an Automatic Annual Rate Increase Except in Years 2023 Through 2027; Providing for a Temporary Automatic Annual Commercial Rate Increase; Providing for Periodic Rate Review; Providing for Annual Notice to Customers; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

All Districts.