



February 22, 2022

FULTON COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
141 Pryor Street, NW
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Attention: Mr. David E. Clark, PE
Director of Public Works

Subject: Proposed Billing Rates for Contract Extension
BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATION, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES
Fulton County Contract # 20RFP126602K-BKJ
NOVA Project Number 4122013

Dear Mr. Clark:

NOVA ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC (NOVA) has completed the first year of the above-referenced annual contract for the Fulton County Department of Public Works. The County has recently approved extension of our contract for a second year, from January 1 through December 31, 2022. Per provisions of our Cost Proposal contained in this contract, we are requesting your consideration of increasing our hourly billing rates for this second year.

Our Cost Proposal noted that hourly billing rates would be adjusted on annual basis, in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over that previous year. As a point of reference, the CPI in the United States (data from US Bureau of Labor Statistics) shows a 7.5% increase from January 2021 to January 2022. Attached to this letter is a screen shot from the BLS website that shows this increase.

The table below presents the titles and unit rates originally proposed for this contract, taken from our Cost Proposal. We have indicated the current billing rates and our proposed billing rates taking into account the CPI increase over the past 12 months. We request that our contract rates be increased to those shown below as soon as possible:

POSITION	CURRENT BILLING RATE (per hour)	PROPOSED BILLING RATE
Building Code Administration		
Administration	\$65	\$69.75
Commercial Plan Review	85	91.25
Residential Plan Review	85	91.25
Commercial Inspections	80	86.00
Residential Inspections	75	80.50
Special Services District Projects	65	69.75

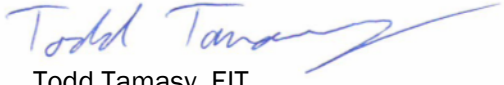
Construction Management		
Engineering Review for Land Dev.	92.50	99.50
Site Dev./Infrastructure Inspections	67.50	72.50
MS4 and LIA Compliance	71.50	76.75
Planning Services		
Documents and Records Coordinator	37.50	40.25
Planner I	44.50	47.75
Planner II	53.50	57.50
Planner III	62.00	66.50
Senior Planner	66.00	71.00
Deputy Director	88.00	94.50

We appreciate the opportunity to continue providing building code, construction management, and planning services to Fulton County under this contract, and also appreciate the opportunity to adjust our billing rates for the extension period. If you have any questions or if we can be of further service please let us know.

Sincerely,

NOVA ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC


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Vice President


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Attachment: US Bureau of Labor CPI Screenshot (2 pages)

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Consumer prices up 7.5 percent over year ended January 2022

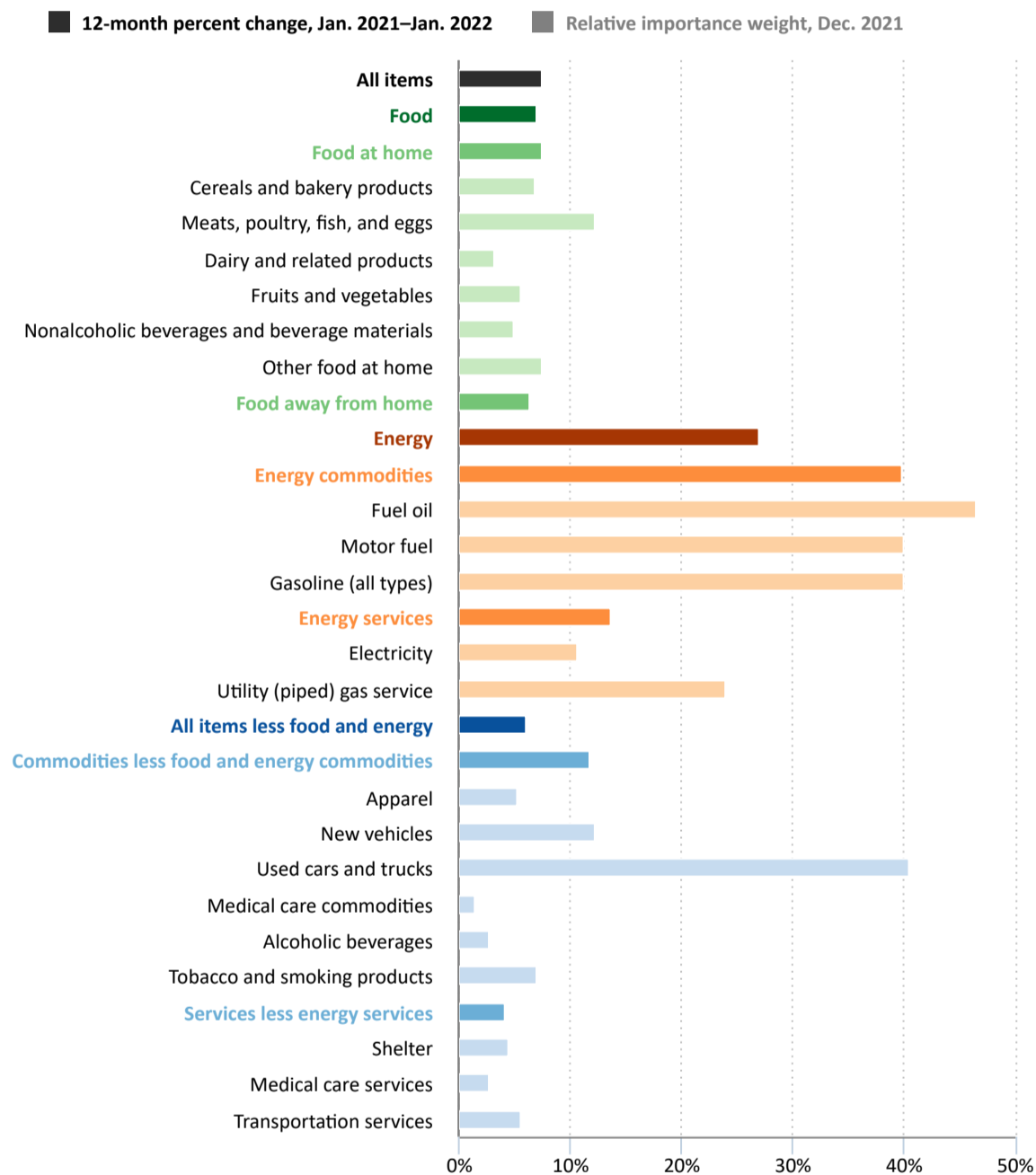
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Over the 12 months from January 2021 to January 2022, the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 7.5 percent. This is the largest 12-month increase since the 12-month period ending February 1982. Food prices increased 7.0 percent over the past year, while energy prices rose 27.0 percent.

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Chart Image

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, 12-month percent change, by expenditure category, January 2022



Click legend items to change data display. Hover over chart to view data.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



Chart Data

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, 12-month percent change, by expenditure category, January 2022

Expenditure category	12-month percent change, Jan. 2021–Jan. 2022	Relative importance weight, Dec. 2021
All items	7.5%	100.000%
Food	7.0	13.370
Food at home	7.4	8.165
Cereals and bakery products	6.8	1.030
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	12.2	1.888
Dairy and related products	3.1	0.752
Fruits and vegetables	5.6	1.408
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	5.0	0.933
Other food at home	7.4	2.153

Note: These data are not seasonally adjusted.

Expenditure category	12-month percent change, Jan. 2021–Jan. 2022	Relative importance weight, Dec. 2021
Food away from home	6.4	5.205
Energy	27.0	7.348
Energy commodities	39.9	4.014
Fuel oil	46.5	0.115
Motor fuel	40.0	3.822
Gasoline (all types)	40.0	3.748
Energy services	13.6	3.334
Electricity	10.7	2.454
Utility (piped) gas service	23.9	0.879
All items less food and energy	6.0	79.282
Commodities less food and energy commodities	11.7	21.699
Apparel	5.3	2.458
New vehicles	12.2	4.105
Used cars and trucks	40.5	4.143
Medical care commodities	1.4	1.524
Alcoholic beverages	2.7	0.889
Tobacco and smoking products	7.0	0.526
Services less energy services	4.1	57.583
Shelter	4.4	32.946
Medical care services	2.7	6.962
Transportation services	5.6	5.599

Note: These data are not seasonally adjusted.

Prices for food at home rose 7.4 percent over the last 12 months. All of the six major grocery store food groups increased over the period. By far the largest increase was that of meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which rose 12.2 percent over the year. Prices for dairy and related products increased 3.1 percent, the smallest 12-month increase among in the food at home category.

Prices for food away from home rose 6.4 percent over the last year, the largest 12-month increase since January 1982.

Within the energy category, gasoline prices rose 40.0 percent over the last year, despite declining in January. Prices for natural gas rose 23.9 percent over the last 12 months, and prices for electricity rose 10.7 percent.

Prices for all items less food and energy index rose 6.0 percent, the largest 12-month change since the period ending August 1982. Within this grouping, prices for shelter increased 4.4 percent over the past year, prices for medical care services were up 2.7 percent, while prices for transportation services increased 5.6 percent.

These data are from the [Consumer Price Index](#) program and are not seasonally adjusted. To learn more, see "[Consumer Price Index — January 2022](#)." Also see [more charts related to the latest Consumer Price Index news release](#).

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