

1 **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A FIVE PERCENT (5%) WATER AND SEWER**
2 **VOLUMETRIC RATE INCREASE FOR EACH OF THE NEXT 3 YEARS; TO MAKE**
3 **THE NECESSARY INCREASES TO THE WATER AND SEWER FEE SCHEDULES;**
4 **TO APPROVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE WATER CONNECTION FEES FOR NORTH**
5 **FULTON; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**
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7 **WHEREAS**, counties in Georgia are delegated the authority to provide sewer and
8 water services in the Supplementary Powers provision of the Georgia Constitution (Art.
9 9, § 2, ¶ III of the Georgia Constitution of 1983); and

10 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County's authority to "prescribe, revise, and collect rates, fees,
11 tolls, or charges for the services ..." is set out in O.C.G.A. § 36-82-62; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District ("MNGWPD")
13 recommends to local governments in its Wastewater and Water Management Plans that
14 "...water rates should be based on a local rate study and designed to provide a sufficient
15 revenue stream to support program costs and facility maintenance;" and

16 **WHEREAS**, on February 17, 2021, under Agenda Item No. 21-0143, the
17 Fulton County Board of Commissioners ("BOC") received the South Fulton
18 Wastewater Capacity Study (the "Study") which focused on the anticipated growth of
19 the South Fulton County area and the improvements necessary to serve this growth;
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Study determined the need for certain improvements to the
22 Fulton County (the "County") water and sewer infrastructure system ("System"); and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Public Works Department has previously presented, under
24 Agenda Item No. 17-0252, a list of capital improvements projects designated as the
25 2020 to 2026 Water and Wastewater Capital Improvement Program ("Program"), which
26 are necessary to meet the System needs; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in order to meet the current and future water and sewer needs
2 of Fulton County through 2026, and to sustain and improve the quality of health for its
3 citizens, the County must continue to provide funding for the Program and for the
4 implementation of the Study; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in order to provide the necessary funding, the Department of Public
6 Works recommends increasing the water and sewer rates across-the-board by 5% each
7 year for the next 3 years, effective January 1, 2023, January 1, 2024, and January 1,
8 2025; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the BOC recognizes the need for the capital improvement projects
10 identified in the Program and the improvements determined by the Study and is
11 committed to providing quality services that help to sustain and enhance the System
12 along with the quality of life for all its citizens.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of
14 Commissioners hereby approves a five percent (5%) water and sewer volumetric rate
15 increase each year for the next 3 years, making the necessary increases to the water and
16 sewer fee schedules, effective January 1, 2023, January 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025.

17 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective when
18 adopted, and that all resolutions and provisions of the Code of Laws in conflict with this
19 Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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24 PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,

25 Georgia the 17th day of September, 2022.

26 FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF
27 COMMISSIONERS
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31 Robert L. Pitts, Chairman
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33 ATTEST:
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37 Tonya R. Grier
38 Clerk to the Commission
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40 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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44 Y. Soo Jo, County Attorney
45 County Attorney
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