

**Authorize a modification to the county wide rate structure for water and sewer services in service areas where Franklin County owns water and sewer assets and the City of Columbus provides billing services**

**(Sanitary Engineering)**

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code Section 6117.02 and 6103.02 authorizes and requires the Board of County Commissioners to fix reasonable rates to be charged for the use of sanitary sewer, sewerage treatment facilities, water lines and water treatment facilities and, also require that these rates shall be at least sufficient to pay for all of the costs of operation and maintenance of such distribution, collection, and treatment facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Sanitary Engineering Department, acting as an agent for the Board of County Commissioners, maintains various water and sewer districts under contract with the City of Columbus in which the City of Columbus establishes water and sewer rate structures under these conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners owns water distribution and sewer collection systems in other parts of Franklin County where the City of Columbus provides billing and maintenance services but still requires revenue from these areas to cover ownership costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the current rate structure is not adequate to meet the cost of ownership responsibilities in these areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the basic service rate, usage rate, and flat rate for Franklin County customers as stipulated in Resolution 894-11 will remain the same; and now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That a consumption rate of \$1.97 per 100 cubic feet shall be surcharged to all water customers who are billed by the City of Columbus and are connected to water distribution systems owned by the Board of County Commissioners.
2. That a consumption rate of \$0.59 per 100 cubic feet shall be surcharged to all sewer customers who are billed by the City of Columbus and are connected to sewer collection systems owned by the Board of County Commissioners.

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3. That these rates are effective January 1, 2013.

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