

Resolution authorizing the increase in the countywide rate structure for water and sewer 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 cost of operation and maintenance of such distribution, collection and treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Department of Sanitary Engineering, 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 rates structures under these contracts; and

WHEREAS, many of the Water and Sewer facilities require upgrades or replacement due to changes in regulatory requirements or exceeding operating lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the countywide rate structure for water and sewer services to be in accordance with those charges enacted by the City of Columbus which provides all of the water used and transports and treats most of the sewerage generated by the Franklin County, water and sanitary sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, the current rate structure is not adequate to meet the cost of operating the Franklin County Sanitary Water and Sewer systems; and now, therefore,

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

1. That a basic service rate of \$51.41 per quarter shall be charged to all residential and commercial water customers.
2. That a usage rate of \$5.64 per 100 cubic feet of consumption shall be charged to all water customers.
3. That a basic service rate of \$49.50 per quarter shall be charged to all residential and commercial sewer customers. Exceptions to this service rate are noted in Item #6 of this Resolution.

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4. That a usage rate of \$7.75 per 100 cubic feet of measured sewer usage shall be charged to all sewer customers. Exceptions to this usage rate are noted in Item #6 of this Resolution.
5. That a flat rate surcharge of \$1.87 per month shall be charged to all sewer customers whose sewer discharge is processed by the City of Columbus.
6. That customers on a flat rate service basis shall be charged on a quarterly flat rate of \$196.02 for sewer services.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. That effective January 1, 2016, all water and sewer usage and service rates previous established by Resolution are superseded upon adoption of this Resolution.

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