

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE DELAY IN
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TEN PERCENT 2025 WATER AND SEWER RATE
INCREASE AS APPROVED THROUGH AGENDA ITEM 2025-0259
FROM JULY 1, 2025 TO AUGUST 15, 2025, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2025, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners approved Agenda Item 2025-0259; and,

WHEREAS, Agenda Item 2025-0259 authorized uniform annual ten percent increases to DeKalb County's water and sewer billing rates for the next ten years (beginning in 2025 and continuing through and including 2034); and,

WHEREAS, Agenda Item 2025-0259 anticipated the first of the ten uniform authorized rate increases to be implemented on July 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2025, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners also approved Agenda Item 2024-1357; and,

WHEREAS, Agenda Item 2024-1357 requested that the Administration implement a series of customer protections designed to reduce the impact of the increased water and sewer rates on the County's most vulnerable populations, including establishment of an Office of Water and Sewer Customer Advocacy by January 1, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, as the referenced customer protections were being designed, the Administration determined that it was in the best interest of the County's water and sewer rate payers to expedite creation of an Office of Water and Sewer Customer Advocacy in advance of any rate increase and thereby caused a delay in the implementation of the first ten percent rate increase from the originally authorized date of July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has now identified an independent, third-party community partner to serve as the County's Office of Water and Sewer Customer Advocacy and development of the remaining referenced customer protections has progressed to the point that the continued delay in the implementation of the first ten percent rate increase is no longer necessary and therefore the increase will be implemented on August 15, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners approves and ratifies the delayed implementation of the first ten percent rate increase authorized by Agenda Item 2025-0259 that will be implemented on August 15, 2025.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

MICHELLE LONG SPEARS

Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

LORRAINE COCHRAN-JOHNSON

Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

BARBARA NORWOOD-SANDERS, CCC

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
and Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ZACHARY WILLIAMS

Chief Operating Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

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