

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB
COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO SET RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER
AND SEWER SERVICES OFFERED BY THE COUNTY, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia is charged with protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of DeKalb County, Georgia (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, Article 9, Section 2, Paragraph 3 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia confers upon the Governing Authority of DeKalb County the power to provide water and sewer services; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the County’s Department of Watershed Management to sustain a safe drinking water supply and wastewater collection and treatment system to protect the County’s health and watersheds requires that the County’s water and wastewater infrastructure be properly maintained, operated, and managed; and

WHEREAS, the growth and economic development of the County requires the County to continuously develop, improve and maintain its water and wastewater infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, much of the County’s water and wastewater system (the “System”) is beyond its expected service life, in some cases greater than 100 years old, and significant portions of the System are in need of significant rehabilitation and capital improvement; and

WHEREAS, DWM’s Water and Wastewater Master Plan, the culmination of an industry best-practice multi-year effort of modeling, planning, and prioritizing includes a documented, detailed, inclusive and data-driven Capital Improvement Prioritization Process; and

WHEREAS, the County has undertaken a multi-year effort to enhance existing System revenues while reducing operating expenses, in combination with the use of new low-cost debt sources such as low interest Federal and State loans in an effort to minimize necessary rate increases for the System; and

WHEREAS, to enable the continued implementation of DWM’s Water and Wastewater Master Plan, including necessary maintenance, repair, expansion and upgrades to the existing System and continued compliance with the Modified Consent Decree with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, increased System revenues will be required; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9 of the Organizational Act of DeKalb County, Georgia and Chapter 25, Article 2, Division 4 of the Code of DeKalb County, the Governing Authority of the County is empowered to set fees for services offered by the DWM; and

WHEREAS, DWM advises that the fees set forth in this Resolution approximate the costs of water and sewer services offered by the Department of Watershed Management.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of same, as follows:

- (1) Water and wastewater rates for the System shall be increased uniformly across all current rates in the amount of 10% effective on July 1, 2025; and
- (2) Nine (9) additional annual, uniform increases in water and wastewater rates for the System in the amount of 10% each shall become effective on each January 1, beginning on January 1, 2026 through and including January 1, 2034.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, 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:

BARABRA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC
Clerk Board of Commissioners and Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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