RESOLUTION NO. 96- 31

RESOLUTION BOARD OF COUNTY OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY RELATING TO WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF WATER UNIT CONNECTION FEES AND/OR SEWER UNIT CONNECTION FEES AS AN INCENTIVE FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS THAT PREVIOUSLY UTILIZED NON-COUNTY WATER AND/OR NON-COUNTY SEWER UTILITY FACILITIES DURING A CERTAIN TIME FRAME; PROVIDES FOR A 100% WAIVER OF UNIT CONNECTION FEES TO QUALIFIED POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS FOR A 60 DAY PERIOD; PROVIDES FOR A 50% WAIVER OF UNIT CONNECTION FEES QUALIFIED POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS FOR SUBSEQUENT 60 DAY PERIOD; DEFINES ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; SETS DATES FOR UNIT CONNECTION FEE WAIVER OR REDUCTION.

WHEREAS, St. Johns County Ordinance 96-13 provides that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County may waive all or any Water Unit Connection Fees and/or all or any Sewer Unit Connection Fees, temporarily or permanently, in whole or in part by resolution of the Board; and

WHEREAS, County water and/or County sewer utility service has become available to certain potential customers that previously utilized non-County water and/or non-County sewer utility facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the County to provide an incentive program encouraging connection to, and use of, County utility services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners on January 23, 1996 moved to create a "window of opportunity" in which unit connection fees would be waived or reduced in order to encourage connection to, and use of, County utility services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County as follows:

- Section 1. The owner of any existing IMPROVEMENT, as defined in St. Johns County Ordinance 96-13, which was in existence prior to January 1, 1991, and was using a non-County water utility facility and not using the County water utility prior to January 1, 1991, qualifies to participate in the following incentive program with regards to such improvement:
- a. If a County utility account for water is created and committed to by a writing during the period of March 1, 1996 through April 30, 1996, a one hundred percent (100%) waiver of water unit connection fees will be granted to the account holder if actual connection occurs within 6 months of the creation of the account.

- b. If a County utility account for water is created and committed to by a writing during the period of May 1, 1996 through June 30, 1996, a fifty percent (50%) waiver of water unit connection fees will be granted to the account holder if actual connection occurs within 6 months of the creation of the account.
- Section 2. The owner of any existing IMPROVEMENT, as defined in St. Johns County Ordinance 96-13, which was in existence prior to January 1, 1991, and was using a non-County sewer utility facility and not using the County sewer utility prior to January 1, 1991, qualifies to participate in the following incentive program with regards to such improvement:
- a) If a utility account for sewer is created and committed to by a writing during the period of March 1, 1996 through April 30, 1996, a one hundred percent (100%) waiver of sewer unit connection fees will be granted to the account holder if actual connection occurs within 6 months of the creation of the account.
- b) If a utility account for sewer is created and committed to by a writing during the period of May 1, 1996 through June 30, 1996, a fifty percent (50%) waiver of sewer unit connection fees will be granted to the account holder if actual connection occurs within 6 months of the creation of the account.
- Section 3. Any waiver or reduction of water and/or sewer unit connection fees allowed as per Sections 1 and 2 above shall only apply to the particular type and level of use specified in the written agreement. Additionally, any waiver or reduction of water and/or sewer unit connection fees shall not be allowed for any level of use in excess of that actually required at time of connection, or within 6 months of the written agreement date.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this <u>27thday of February</u>, 1996.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Its Chair, Monald Jordan

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

Deputy Clerk