RESOLUTION NO. 2000-14-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUSPENDING THE AUTOMATIC INDEXING OF WATER AND SEWER RATES AND UNIT CONNECTION FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001; PROVIDING A DATE FOR THE RATES AND FEES TO RESUME INDEXING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Utility Department is in the process of conducting a study on facilities and customers to facilitate a rate restructuring that will more accurately reflect the cost of services provided;

WHEREAS, Section 23 (A) of St. Johns County Ordinance 97-62 requires that water and sewer rates and unit connection fees be automatically indexed annually by the Consumer Price Index;

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Utility Department has experienced substantial growth and an increased customer base;

WHEREAS, the continuation of the County's high-growth rate is foreseeable in coming years;

WHEREAS, the continued growth makes an increase via the authorized index unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, Section 23 (B) of St. Johns County Ordinance No. 97-62 gives the Board of County Commissioners the authority to modify all rates and fees at any time by Resolution of the Board.

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

Section 1. The County water and sewer rates and unit connection fees shall not be automatically indexed for Fiscal Year 2001 (October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001).

Section 2. Indexing of the County water and sewer rates and unit connection fees shall resume in accordance with Ordinance No. 97-62, beginning October 1, 2001, unless said rates and fees are modified by subsequent resolution or ordinance.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage by the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this <u>Lie to day of September</u>, 2000.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: James E. Bryant, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

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