

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-204

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTINUING THE AUTOMATIC INDEXING OF WATER AND SEWER RATES AND UNIT CONNECTION FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003; REDUCING THE MINIMUM WATER AND WASTEWATER BASE RATE AND THE BLOCK 1 USAGE RATE FOR WATER; PROVIDING A DATE FOR THE RATES AND FEES TO RESUME INDEXING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 35 (A) of St. Johns County Ordinance 2001-25 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 allows the minimum rates to be spread over a larger base; and

**WHEREAS**, the County wants to continue to encourage conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 35 (B) of St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2001-25 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 be automatically indexed 1.5% for Fiscal Year 2003 (October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003).

**Section 2.** After indexing, the minimum water and wastewater base rate shall be reduced 2.81% to \$9.32 and 4.49% to \$8.94 respectively. The block 1 usage rate for water will be reduced by 1.89% to \$2.99 per 1,000 gallons.

**Section 3.** Indexing of the County water and sewer rates and unit connection fees shall continue in accordance with Ordinance No. 2001-25, beginning October 1, 2003, unless said rates and fees are modified by subsequent resolution or ordinance.

**Section 4.** 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: James E. Bryant  
James E. Bryant, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Cheryl Strickland  
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 10-03-02

## St. Johns County Utility Department FY 2002/03 Water & Wastewater Rate Adjustments

<u>Water</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Base Rate	\$ 9.43	\$ 9.32
Block 1 Rate	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.99
Block 2 Rate	\$ 4.05	\$ 4.12
Block 3 Rate	\$ 5.46	\$ 5.55
Block 4 Rate	\$ 7.37	\$ 7.49
<u>Wastewater</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Base Rate	\$ 9.21	\$ 8.94
Usage Rate	\$ 3.16	\$ 3.21

### Typical Monthly Bills - Existing Rate

	0	3000	4000	8000	10000
Usage					
Water	\$ 9.43	\$ 18.43	\$ 21.43	\$ 37.63	\$ 48.55
Sewer	\$ 9.21	\$ 18.69	\$ 21.85	\$ 34.49	\$ 40.81
Total:	\$ 18.64	\$ 37.12	\$ 43.28	\$ 72.12	\$ 89.36

### Typical Monthly Bills - Proposed Rate

	0	3000	4000	8000	10000
Usage					
Water	\$ 9.32	\$ 18.29	\$ 21.28	\$ 37.76	\$ 48.86
Sewer	\$ 8.94	\$ 18.57	\$ 21.78	\$ 34.62	\$ 41.04
Total:	\$ 18.26	\$ 36.86	\$ 43.06	\$ 72.38	\$ 89.90

### Differences

Amount	\$ (0.38)	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.22)	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.54
Percent	-2.04%	-0.70%	-0.51%	0.36%	0.60%