

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-284

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTINUING THE AUTOMATIC INDEXING OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY UTILITY WATER AND SEWER RATES AND UNIT CONNECTION FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009; INCREASING ALL WATER AND SEWER RATES TO MEET THE OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) FUNDING REQUIREMENT; 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 2006-73 allows water and sewer rates and unit connection fees to be automatically indexed annually by the Consumer Price Index according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Johns County Utility Department has experienced substantial cost increases for fuel, power, chemicals and general operating items; and

**WHEREAS**, the County wants to continue to encourage conservation through an aggressive rate structure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County approved Resolution 2008-151 establishing a trust, the assets of which will be irrevocably dedicated to making payments for retiree health benefits and other post-employment benefits (OPEB), other than pension benefits, to employees and other beneficiaries and to paying certain expenses; approving the form of and authorizing the execution and delivery of a trust agreement related thereto; and authorizing certain other related actions; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 35 (B) of St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2006-73 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 above Recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution, and are adopted as Findings of Fact.

**Section 2.** The St. Johns County Utility water and sewer rates and unit connection fees shall be automatically indexed 5.6%.

**Section 3.** All rates will also be increased 1.4% to cover the OPEB funding requirement.

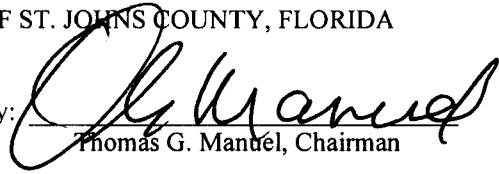
**Section 4.** Indexing of the St. Johns County Utility water and sewer rates and unit connection fees shall continue in accordance with Ordinance No. 2006-73, beginning October 1, 2009, unless said rates and fees are modified by subsequent resolution or ordinance.

**Section 5.** This resolution shall take effect November 1, 2008.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

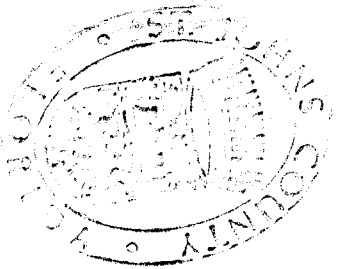
By:

  
Thomas G. Mantel, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By:   
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 10/1/08



**St. Johns County Utility Department  
FY2008/09 Water and Wastewater Rate Adjustments**

<u>Water</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Monthly Rate per ERC <sup>(1)</sup>	\$10.75 Base	\$11.50 Base
Block 1 (0 - 5,000 gallons)	\$2.73 per 1,000	\$2.92 per 1,000
Block 2 (5,001 - 10,000 gallons)	\$3.41 per 1,000	\$3.65 per 1,000
Block 3 (10,001 - 20,000 gallons)	\$5.75 per 1,000	\$6.15 per 1,000
Block 4 (20,001 gallons and over)	\$8.34 per 1,000	\$8.92 per 1,000
 Unit Connection Fees	 \$1,717.14 per ERC	 \$1,813.30 per ERC

<u>Wastewater</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Monthly Rate per ERC <sup>(1)</sup>	\$10.31 Base	\$11.03 Base
Usage Rate	\$3.25 per 1,000	\$3.48 per 1,000
 Unit Connection Fees	 \$2,174.00 per ERC	 \$2,295.74 per ERC

**Typical Residential Monthly Bills – Existing Rate**

Usage(gallons)	0	3,000	5,000	8,000	10,000
Water	\$10.75	\$18.94	\$24.40	\$34.63	\$41.45
Sewer	\$10.31	\$20.06	\$26.56	\$36.31	\$42.81
<b>Total:</b>	\$21.06	\$39.00	\$50.96	\$70.94	\$84.26

**Typical Residential Monthly Bills – Proposed Rate**

Usage(gallons)	0	3,000	5,000	8,000	10,000
Water	\$11.50	\$20.26	\$26.10	\$37.05	\$44.35
Sewer	\$11.03	\$21.47	\$28.43	\$38.87	\$45.83
<b>Total:</b>	\$22.53	\$41.73	\$54.53	\$75.92	\$90.18

1 – Equivalent Residential Connection

# The St. Augustine Record

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ST. AUGUSTINE AND ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared **SARAH SELFRIDGE**

who on oath says that she is an Employee of the St. Augustine Record,

a daily newspaper published at St. Augustine in St. Johns County, Florida:

that the attached copy of advertisement being a **NOTICE OF HEARING**

In/ the matter of **INCREASE WATER/SEWER RATES**

was published in said newspaper **SEPT 20, 2008.**

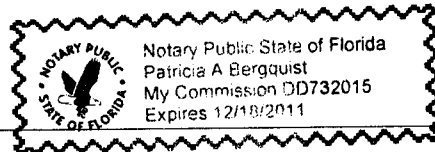
Affiant further says that the St. Augustine Record is a newspaper published at St. Augustine, in said St. Johns County, Florida, and that the said newspaper heretofore been continuously published in said St. Johns County, Florida, each day and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in the City of St. Augustine, in said St. Johns County, for a period of one year preceding the first publication of the copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing the advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this **22<sup>nd</sup>** day of **SEPTEMBER 2008.**

by *Sarah Selfridge* who is personally known to me  
or who has produced **PERSONALLY KNOWN** as identification

*Patricia A Bergquist*

(Signature of Notary Public)  
**PATRICIA A BERGQUIST**



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Auditorium at the County Administration Complex, 4020 Lewis Speedway (County Road 16-A) and U.S.1 North, St. Augustine, Florida, to consider adoption of the following resolution:

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The proposed resolution is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners at the St. Johns County Administration Complex, 4020 Lewis Speedway (County Road 16-A) and U.S. 1 North, St. Augustine, Florida and may be examined by parties interested prior to the public hearing.

Interested parties may appear at the public hearing and be heard with respect to the proposed resolution.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purposes he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

**NOTICE TO PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO ALL HEARING IMPAIRED PERSONS:** In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in the proceedings should contact ADA Coordinator, at (904) 209-0650 at the St. Johns County Courthouse, 4010 Lewis Speedway, Room 276, St. Augustine, FL 32084. For hearing impaired individuals: Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD): Florida Relay Service: 1-800-955-8770, no later than 5 days prior to the date of the hearing.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CHERYL STRICKLAND,  
ITS CLERK  
By: Patricia DeGrande,  
Deputy Clerk  
L2765-8 Sep 20, 2008