



City of Greensboro

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Agenda Report

File Number: 2022-727

Agenda Item# I.8.

Agenda Date: 7/19/2022. **Department:** Water Resources

Meeting Type: Council Meeting **Category:** General Business Agenda

Title: 2022 – 727 Ordinance Amending Chapter 29 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Water and Sewer Rates outside the City

Council Priority: Place an ‘x’ in the box.

- Create an Environment to Promote Economic Development Opportunities and Job Creation
- Maintain Infrastructure and Provide Sustainable Growth Opportunities
- Promote Public Safety & Reduce Crime
- Exceptional Customer Service and a Diverse City Government Workforce
- Ensure Fiscal Stewardship, Transparency, & Accountability

Council District: N/A

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date/By: N/A

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PURPOSE:

Water Resources requests to re-create the decreasing block rate for high-volume commercial customers outside of the City.

BACKGROUND:

In order to support economic development and business expansion opportunities, the City desires to provide water and sewer service to prospective high-volume commercial customers considering locating outside of the City. The strategic and conscientious extension of utility service also supports the mission of Greensboro’s Economic Development Focus Strategy.

Another way to support the City’s strategy is through utility rates. The City’s outside rates are currently more than double the rate charged to inside customers. By carefully considering and establishing water and sewer rates that support economic development and business expansion, the City can continue to support our current and future community partners. To this end, City Council adopted a new rate on November 17, 2021 that charges the established outside water and

sewer rate for consumption up to 3,000 units, and the inside water and sewer rate for all consumption above 3,000 units (one unit is equal to 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons). This ordinance re-establishes the high volume discount, which was omitted from the Ordinance Amending Chapter 29 adopted by City Council with the FY 2022-2023 budget.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Currently, no outside customers will qualify for the discounted rate, so no revenue loss or budget impact is projected.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 29 regarding outside water and sewer rates in order to re-establish a rate for consumption above 3,000 units.