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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

MEETING DATE: September 4, 2018

SUBMITTED BY: City Manager

AGENDA TITLE: Proposed Tap Fees

CLASSIFICATION (City Attorney must approve all ordinances, resolutions and contracts as to form)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance (No. _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution (No. _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ceremonial | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion/Action | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

BACKGROUND (Includes description, background, and justification)

Tap Fees in Hogansville are currently a blanket \$1,500 for water and \$2,500 for sewer. The Governing Body last set tap fees on June 19, 2006; the City Council voted to increase the water tap from \$450 to \$1,500 and the sewer tap from \$800 to \$2,000. A tap fee is a connection fee used to cover the cost of service installation, which may include a tap, service line, water meter, excavation or boring costs, paving costs, etc.

BUDGETING & FINANCIAL IMPACT (Includes project costs and funding sources)

Tap Fees are restricted and can only be used for the designated purpose. An independent study by ECG (Electric Cities of Georgia) indicated the city was losing money on its water and wastewater enterprise funds, much of which was attributed to debt service for infrastructure upgrades and expansion.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Include possible options for consideration)

Staff researched tap fees in a 25-mile radius of Hogansville as well as obtained historical rates from cities statewide that are in the 2,501 to 4,999 population range. It is staff recommendation to increase the Water Tap Fee to \$2,500 and the Sewer Tap Fee to \$3,500 or actual cost of the meter plus 15 percent, whichever is greater, plus applicable permit fees.

Water Taps (Fee + Permit)	5/8" x 3/4"	1"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	Larger	Commercial/School/Multi-Family	Churches	Nonprofit				
Hogansville	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	3/4"	1"	3/4" Irrigation	1" Irrigation	3/4"	1"	
West Point	\$ 990	\$ 1,100	\$ 2,700	Cost	Cost	Cost	Cost	Cost							
Heard County	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,600	\$ 3,300	\$ 7,900	\$ 13,700	\$ 30,600	\$ 50,600	Cost							
Coweta County	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,550						Cost	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,550	
LaGrange	\$ 1,235	\$ 1,400						Negotiated							
								\$800 plus labor and materials for over 1" meter, box and tap	\$800 per residential unit plus labor and materials						
Senoia	\$750 Residential / \$1,350 Commercial	\$1,750 Commercial		\$4,500 Commercial	\$5,500 Commercial			Cost plus 15%	\$	750					Labor (excluding benefits) and materials
Greenville	\$ 450	\$ 350	\$ 650	\$ 3,274				1 1/2" is \$450; Charges outside city limits at \$450 for 3/4", \$517 for 1", \$612 for 1 1/2", \$825 for 2", and \$3,450 for 3"							
Following as of August 2013															
Abbeville	\$ 2,300														
Adairsville	\$ 3,600														
Baldwin	\$ 4,160														
Cuthbert	\$ 3,900														
Dawsonville	\$ 2,424														
Donaldsonville	\$ 2,800														
Elberton	\$ 7,800														
Hartwell	\$ 7,116														
Lakeland	\$ 3,000														
Lyons	\$ 5,300														
Metter	\$ 4,776														
Quitman City	\$ 4,845														
Ringgold	\$ 2,743														
Rockmart	\$ 6,500														
Springfield	\$ 3,100														
Statham	\$ 3,986														

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Sylvania	\$ 3,025										
Tallapoosa	\$ 4,030										
Thunderbolt	\$ 3,120										
Washington	\$ 6,157										
Average	\$ 3,518										

Water (Cont'd)

Sewer Taps (Fee + Permit)	Duplex 4"	Triplex	Apartments - 4" (3 units)	All additional units (over 3)	Taps larger than 4"
Hogansville	\$ 2,500.00				
West Point	\$1,500 or actual	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$600 each	Cost plus load fee
Heard County	\$ 1,200.00				Based on volume
LaGrange	\$1,500 plus labor and materials			\$1,500 per residential unit	
Greenville	\$450				
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