

City of Pompano Beach UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION

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MEMORANDUM NO. 25-03

DATE: November 14, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Commission

VIA: Greg P. Harrison, City Manager

FROM: A. Randolph Brown, Utilities Director

SUBJECT: Wastewater Rate Increase

On November 14, 2023, City Commission approved a rate increase for wastewater services, amending Chapter 51 of the Code of Ordinances. However, due to a volumetric rate increase of 14.8% imposed by Broward County, the Utilities Department had to reassess the previously approved rate. This increase has led to an overall rise of 8.4% in the City's wastewater treatment costs, amounting to approximately \$1 million. Because of these unexpected increases, the City's original proposed increase of 4% will not be sufficient to meet the operating and capital needs of the wastewater utility.

As a result, the Utilities Department recommends an increase from 4% to 7.5% for FY 2025 to FY 2029. This adjustment is necessary to achieve the financial stability required by the City, ensure adequate debt service coverage, and maintain unrestricted reserve fund balances. This will be presented to the Commission on December 10th, followed immediately by a second emergency reading to allow the rates to be effective by January 1st, 2025.