RESOLUTION NO. 13-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE FOR A 5% INCREASE TO WASTEWATER USER RATES. RATES, CHARGES. SPRINKLING WATER CHARGES, **PRIVATE** FIRE **SERVICE PROTECTION** STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM CHARGES. RATES, AND SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014.

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale supplies water and sewer services on a regional basis to approximately 250,000 residents of central Broward County; and

WHEREAS, areas provided potable water service and wastewater service by the City include Fort Lauderdale, Port Everglades, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Oakland Park, Sea Ranch Lakes, Wilton Manors, portions of unincorporated Broward County, Davie and Tamarac; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive water and sewer rate study was conducted by Burton & Associates, Inc. for the City which established a plan of rate adjustments and rate structure modifications, which plan was accepted and implemented by the City; and

WHEREAS, the necessity for water main replacement and sewer rehabilitation throughout the City and other ongoing capital needs require an increased level of fund transfers into the capital program; and

WHEREAS, to generate necessary funds for present and future needs, administration, operation and long-range projects under the Water and Sewer Master Plans, it is necessary to increase wastewater user rates, tapping charges, water rates, sprinkling meter charges, private fire service protection charges, and service availability charges; and

WHEREAS, to generate necessary funds for present and future needs, administration, operation and long-range projects in connection with the stormwater management program, it is necessary to increase stormwater management program rates; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale has notified all customers of this rate increase through the regular utility billing process, pursuant to Section 180.136, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems the proposed rate increase to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the City;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida authorizes a 5% increase to wastewater user rates, tapping charges, water rates, sprinkling meter charges, private fire service protection charges, stormwater management program rates, and service availability charges for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall become effective October 1, 2013.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of September, 2013.

Mayor

JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk

JONDA K. JOSEPH

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