

HALL COUNTY SEWAGE FEE PROPOSAL WILL COST YOU MONEY

You need to take action to let your County Commissioners know of your opposition to the sewage fee proposal which is up for a vote in their January 8th meeting. The proposed fee is \$9.87 per CCF (measure used for water usage). This fee is excessive and out of line with other surrounding cities and counties.

Let your voice be heard by contacting the elected County Commissioner for our district Bobby Banks at bbanks@hallcounty.org and Tom Oliver, Chairman, at toliver@hallcounty.org. Your message can be brief and to the point. State that you are opposed to the proposed sewage fee of \$9.87 per CCF* (measure used for you water) since it is excessive and is out of line with other cities and counties in this area, ask that they vote against the proposed fee and that they revisit the issue in an effort to develop a more fair and equitable charge for this service. You need to do this today! More details on this subject can be found on the community message board at www.deatoncreek.net, Community, Community Message Board, "Can you Recommend", "Water and Sewer Bill".

It is important that you attend the Commissioner's meeting on January 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Georgia Mountains Center, 301 Main St. SW, Gainesville. A number of residents attended the December meeting and spoke in opposition to the proposal at the first reading. The January meeting is critical since we expect the Commissioners to vote on the proposal at that time and we will have a chance to voice our opinion again in that meeting.

Comparable fees for surrounding entities are as follows:

Based on the assumption of 7,500 gallons of sewage usage in a month, the usage fee for each of the surrounding areas would be:

- Gwinnett about \$34
- Hoschton about \$45
- Braselton about \$33
- City of Gainesville from \$47 to \$55 depending on your location
- HALL COUNTY CHARGE WOULD BE ABOUT \$84

Sewer Rate Comparison (Data obtained from county and city web sites and/or phone calls.)

HALL COUNTY PROPOSED SEWAGE RATE

\$9.87 per CCF based on 85% water usage

*CCF = 748 gallons of water (Only Hall County and City of Gainesville use CCF)

GWINNETT County (Based on 100% of water usage)

\$4.52 per 1,000 GALLONS (greater quantity than a CCF for which Hall County will charge)

City of HOSCHTON

0-2,000 gallons - \$2.50; 2,001 to 5,000 gallons - \$4 per 1,000 gallons; 5,001 and over - \$6 per 1,000 gallons

City of BRASELTON

First 2,000 gallons - \$11 minimum; 2,000 to 5,000 - \$4 per 1,000 gallons; 5,001 and up - \$4.40 per 1,000

City of GAINESVILLE (Based on 85% of water usage)

Inside - \$5.52 per CCF; Outside - \$5.77; Oakwood - \$6.44