

**THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** 249 Fourth Street - Request for Exception to Policy/Procedure Statement WS-011:  
Water and/or Sanitary Sewer Services

**DATE:** June 29, 2022

**BUDGET INFORMATION:** N/A

REVENUES:

EXPENSES:

ANNUAL:

CAPITAL:

OTHER:

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

**COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON:** August 2, 2022

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**PURPOSE:**

To request that the Mayor and Commission approve an exception to Policy/Procedure Statement WS-011: Water and/or Sanitary Sewer Services, to allow public water and sewer service to be provided to 249 Fourth Street, Athens, Georgia, subject to the property owners' payment of the appropriate fees as identified under Facts and Issues No. 6 for the property.

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**HISTORY:**

1. On February 4, 1992, the Mayor and Commission (M&C) approved Policy/Procedure Statement WS-011: Water and/or Sanitary Sewer Services (WS-011), which requires that each parcel to be served by the public water and/or sanitary sewer system have existing public water and/or sanitary sewer lines located within the frontage of the property.
2. Since 2018 the following requests for an exemption to WS-011 have been received and approved:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Received by PUD</u>	<u>Approved by M&amp;C</u>
195 Will Hunter	February 24, 2018	May 1, 2018
130 Parkway Drive	May 10, 2018	July 3, 2018
190 Cleveland Ave	August 24, 2018	November 6, 2018
229 N Church Street	April 23, 2019	June 4, 2019
4330 Lexington Road	May 21, 2019	July 2, 2019
137 Odd Street	January 2, 2020	February 4, 2020

140 Riverhill	May 27, 2020	July 2, 2020
151 Pinecrest Terrace	November 16, 2020	December 3, 2020
160 William Strong Lane	December 30, 2020	February 2, 2021
600 & 174 White Circle	March 23, 2021	June 1, 2021
0 Barnett Shoals Road	June 16, 2021	August 3, 2021
326 Arch Street	October 27, 2021	February 1, 2022
182 First Street	October 29, 2021	February 1, 2022
1770 Milledge Avenue Ext	November 18, 2021	March 1, 2022
550 Greencrest Drive	February 10, 2022	April 5, 2022

3. On February 10, 2022, the Public Utilities Department (PUD) received a request from Frank Pittman, the engineer for the property owner of 249 Fourth Street, for an exception to WS-011.

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**FACTS & ISSUES:**

1. To qualify for an exception under WS-011, the parcel must meet the following criteria:
  - a. the parcel must have been subdivided prior to February 7, 1992;
  - b. the parcel must be located no greater than one lot from the existing public water and/or sanitary sewer system; and
  - c. all requests for exception to this policy must be reviewed and recommended by the Public Utilities Director and subsequently approved by the M&C.
2. The property owner provided information to PUD that demonstrates the lot of record existed prior to February 7, 1992.
3. The property at 249 Fourth Street does not have direct access to the public water or sanitary sewer system. Public water and sanitary sewer are available in Fourth Street, in front of 245 Fourth Street (**Attachment #1**).
4. Not granting this exception puts the owner in the role of developer, which will require:
  - a. hiring a professional engineer to design an extension of a public water and sewer main;
  - b. hiring a construction contractor to build approximately 75 feet of public water and sewer mains;
  - c. payment of plans review and inspection fees; and
  - d. provision of a performance bond.
5. The proposed private water and sanitary sewer service lines to 249 Fourth Street will be located in a private utility easement which will traverse 245 Fourth Street. The affidavit providing for future easement documents will be forwarded to the Attorneys Office and the Chief Plumbing Inspector for review and approval.

6. Upon approval of the exception to WS-011 for 249 Fourth Street, public water and sanitary sewer service will be provided. The property owner is responsible for the fees below which are associated with the proposed water and sewer service:

Water:	
¾ Inch Water Meter:	\$ 335.00
¾ Inch Short Side Water Stub:	\$ 1,085.00
Water Connection Fee:	\$ 2,000.00
Sewer:	
4" Sewer Stubs	\$ 815.00
Wastewater Connection Fees	\$ 3,100.00
Pavement Cuts	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
Total Water and Sewer Fees:	\$ 8,535.00

7. This recommendation supports the following ACCGov Strategic Plan Goal & Strategy:
- Built and Natural Infrastructure Goal, Strategy B: *Ensure equitable access to infrastructure to enhance safety and identity*

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**OPTIONS:**

1. Mayor and Commission approve an exception to Policy/Procedure Statement WS-011: Water and/or Sanitary Sewer Services, to allow public water and sewer service to be provided to 249 Fourth Street, Athens, Georgia, subject to the property owners' payment of the appropriate fees as identified under Facts and Issues No. 6 for the property.
2. Mayor and Commission deny the request.
3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

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**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Option #1

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**DEPARTMENT:** Public Utilities

Prepared by: Hollis Terry IV



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June 29, 2022

Date:

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**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:** Option #1



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Manager

July 14, 2022

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Date:

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment #1 - Map

