

JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION



JIM CARNS

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT V
Suite 230
716 Richard Arrington, Jr. Blvd. N
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
Telephone (205) 325-5503
FAX (205) 325-5960

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jim Carns Says “No” to Automatic Sewer Rate Increases

Birmingham, Alabama, December 3, 2008 – This morning during the regularly scheduled Environmental Services Committee meeting, Commissioner Jim Carns introduced a resolution that would place a stop to the automatic sewer rate increases sanctioned by an ordinance approved in February of 1997. Jim Carns stated, “The public does not want rate increases. Here is an opportunity to make sure we do not have to have them. Rate increases could automatically go up by 20% if this resolution is not approved.”

Carns’ resolution would require a vote by the majority of the Commission to increase sewer rates. Carns went on to say, “The people have suffered enough, and it is time to put a stop to out-of-control rate increases. With the passage of this resolution, Commissioners will be accountable to the people. No longer will Commissioners be able to stand behind an outdated resolution that legitimizes annual increases on rate payers who are already paying too much.”

The resolution was voted out of Committee this morning and will appear on the Pre Commission agenda this Thursday, December 4, 2008. The resolution will then be voted on for approval or denial during Commission meeting on December 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers on the second floor of the Courthouse.

###

If you would like more information please contact the Office of Commissioner Jim Carns at 205.325.5503.