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**HOUSE BILL 432  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/25/19**

Short Title: Water/Sewer to Contiguous Dwelling Units.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 25, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT IF THE UTILITIES COMMISSION APPROVES A FLAT  
3 RATE TO BE CHARGED BY A WATER OR SEWER UTILITY FOR WATER OR  
4 SEWER SERVICES TO CONTIGUOUS DWELLING UNITS, THE LESSOR OF THE  
5 UNITS MAY PASS THROUGH AND CHARGE THE TENANTS THAT SAME FLAT  
6 RATE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 62-110 reads as rewritten:

9 "**§ 62-110. Certificate of convenience and necessity.**

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11 (g) In addition to the authority to issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity  
12 and establish rates otherwise granted in this Chapter, for the purpose of encouraging water  
13 conservation, the Commission may, consistent with the public interest, adopt procedures that  
14 allow a lessor to charge for the costs of providing water or sewer service to persons who occupy  
15 the leased premises. The following provisions shall apply:

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17 (1b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (1a) of this subsection,  
18 if the Commission approves a flat rate to be charged by a water or sewer utility  
19 for the provision of water or sewer services to contiguous dwelling units, the  
20 lessor may pass through and charge the tenants of the contiguous dwelling  
21 units the same flat rate for water or sewer services, rather than a rate based on  
22 metered consumption, and an administrative fee as authorized in subdivision  
23 (2) of this subsection. Bills for water and sewer service sent by the lessor to  
24 the lessee shall contain all the information required by sub-sub-subdivisions  
25 e.2. through e.5. of subdivision (1a) of this subsection.

26 ...."

27 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

