



Department Source: City Utilities - Sewer/Stormwater

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 6, 2018

Re: Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to sewer rates

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to rates charged by the sewer utility.

Discussion

Part of Chapter 22 of the City Code governs the charges paid by customers of the sewer utility. An overall one percent increase in sewer fees is proposed for the Fiscal Year 2019 budget year. This one percent increase is related to coverage of bond indebtedness.

The following are each proposed section change with a brief discussion of the proposed change.

Sec. 22-263 (b)(1) – proposed change will:

1. Increase the residential base fee from \$12.25 per month to \$12.37 per month.
2. Increase the non-residential base fee approximately (given rounding variation) one percent for each of eleven water meter sizes.
3. Increase the volume rate, for all customers, from \$2.52 per CCF to \$2.55 per CCF.

Sec. 22-263 (b)(2) – proposed change will:

1. Increase the unit charge for BOD (biochemical oxygen demand) in dollars per pound from \$0.321 to \$0.324.
2. Increase the unit charge for suspended solids in dollars per pound from \$0.220 to \$0.222.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Increase revenue by one percent, from fees charged, over Fiscal Year 2018 rate.

Long-Term Impact: Increase revenue by one percent, from fees charged, over Fiscal Year 2018 rate.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History	
Date	Action
07/16/2018	R100-18 Setting a Public Hearing to consider changes to the sanitary sewer utility rate and waste hauler disposal service fees.
09/19/2017	B223-17 Approved an ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to sanitary sewer utility rates and connection fees.
09/19/2017	B228-17 Approved an ordinance to amend Chapter 13 of the City Code as it relates to hauled liquid waste rates.
09/05/2017	PH31-17 Public Hearing to consider changes to the sanitary sewer utility rate, sanitary sewer utility connection fees and hauled liquid waste rate
7/17/2017	R94-17 Setting a Public Hearing to consider changes to the sanitary sewer utility rate, sanitary sewer utility connection fees and hauled liquid waste rate
09/19/2016	B196-16 Approved an ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to sanitary sewer utility rates and connection fees.
09/19/2016	B194-16 Approved an ordinance to amend Chapter 13 of the City Code as it relates to hauled liquid waste rates.
09/06/2016	PH29-16 Public Hearing to consider changes to the sanitary sewer utility rate, sanitary sewer utility connection fees and hauled liquid waste rate
07/18/2016	R94-16 Setting a Public Hearing: consider changes to the sanitary sewer utility rate, sanitary sewer utility connection fee and hauled liquid waste rate
09/21/2015	B225-15 Approved an ordinance increasing the sewer connection fee from \$1,200 to \$1,600 for residential and 5/8 inch water meters
09/15/2014	B235-14 Approved an ordinance to amend Chapter 13 of the City Code as it relates to hauled liquid waste rates and amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to sanitary sewer utility rates and connection fees.
07/07/2014	Burton & Associates presented rate recommendations for the Sanitary Sewer Utility at pre-council meeting
03/04/2014	Agreement with Burton & Associates for Sanitary Sewer Utility Cost of Service and Rate Study
01/21/2014	Ordinance 21965 – Declaring the results of the special election



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Ordinance 21760 – Calling a special election of whether to issue the Sewer System Revenue bonds

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends that Council amend Chapter 22 as outlined in the accompanying ordinance.