



Department Source: City Utilities - Water and Light

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 6, 2019

Re: Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to water rates

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to rates charged by the water utility.

Discussion

At the January 22, 2019 public hearing for amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to water rates charged by the water utility, an individualized block rate structure was proposed and approved for residential customers. Establishment of a winter average consumption with a 4ccf minimum for residential water rates was proposed to be part of the adopted rate structure. Assigning the minimum winter average consumption of 4 ccf per month was omitted from the ordinances approved by City Council. This legislation would add the 4ccf minimum winter average consumption to the residential water rate ordinance.

The ordinance also has proposed changes to clarify that during move in/move outs that an individual's winter average consumption will not transfer with them. The previous tenant's or owner's usage is used until a new winter average consumption can be established. The utility billing system is designed to keep the winter average consumption on the account (address) and not transfer with the customer. Staff believes this is the best approach and recommends codifying that the winter average consumption remains with an account (address) and does not transfer with a customer to be clear and transparent. Also, for new accounts that have not established a winter average consumption, the average for that customer class will be assigned.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

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

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

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



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Legislative History

Date	Action
01/22/2019	Council Bill 11-19: Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to water rates.

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends Council adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to rates charged by the water utility as described above.