

## Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council Members  
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Tim Howe, Water & Wastewater Director

Through: Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Proposed Water and Wastewater Rate Adjustment

Date: July 21, 2020

The City of Seguin has been working with Dan Jackson of Willdan Financial Services since March 3, 2015; on this date city staff was authorized to enter into an agreement with Willdan Financial Services to develop a water and wastewater (W/WW) rate study for the City of Seguin. These studies help ensure that rates charged for service will cover the costs of providing these services. One objective of these type of studies is to develop a long-term rate plan that will enable the City to recover sufficient funds to meet all operating and capital expenses, meet all debt service and coverage requirements, while at the same time minimizing the impact on the ratepayers.

The initial 2015 study resulted in a scheduled set of rates for both water and wastewater customers through FY 2019-20. Rates were recommended based on projected SSLGC rates, direct and indirect costs, and a Capital Improvement Program that would allow the City to make much needed infrastructure improvements to the City's water distribution, collection, and treatment systems.

Staff has continued to work with Mr. Jackson since 2015 to help determine rates for the upcoming year and subsequent years beyond that date. City staff has once again reached out to Mr. Jackson to assist in determining if any W/WW rate adjustments are needed above the rates recommended/approved during the FY 2019-20 budget process. Based on this analysis, which included a review of projected SSLGC charges, the Walnut Branch WWTP Decommissioning, Geronimo WWTP Expansion, and adjusted W/WW Capital Improvement Program, it was determined that no increase above the recommended rates for FY 2020-21 will be required at this time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at your convenience. Staff recommends approval.

### PROPOSED WATER RATE SCHEDULE

		Current	Effective Oct-20	Effective Oct-21	Effective Oct-22	Effective Oct-23	Effective Oct-24	Effective Oct-25
<b>WATER Rates</b>								
<b>Base Charge</b>								
Residential		\$ 23.21	\$ <b>23.67</b>	\$ 24.14	\$ 24.63	\$ 25.12	\$ 25.62	\$ 26.13
Non-Residential		50.07	<b>51.07</b>	52.09	53.14	54.20	55.28	56.39
		2.0%	<b>2.0%</b>	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
<b>Volume Rate</b>								
<b>Residential</b>								
-	10,000	4.04	<b>4.12</b>	4.20	4.29	4.37	4.46	4.55
10,001	35,000	4.61	<b>4.70</b>	4.80	4.89	4.99	5.09	5.19
35,001	Above	5.19	<b>5.30</b>	5.40	5.51	5.62	5.73	5.85
		2.0%	<b>2.0%</b>	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
<b>Commercial/Multi Family</b>								
-	12,000,000	4.58	<b>4.67</b>	4.76	4.86	4.96	5.06	5.16
12,000,001	Above	3.91	<b>3.98</b>	4.06	4.15	4.23	4.31	4.40
		2.0%	<b>2.0%</b>	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
<b>Surface -- Tyson/Rio Nogales/Niagra</b>								
-	Above	3.44	<b>3.51</b>	3.58	3.65	3.72	3.80	3.87
		2.0%	<b>2.0%</b>	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
<b>Surface -- NBU</b>								
-	Above	3.19	<b>3.19</b>	3.19	3.19	3.25	3.32	3.39
			<b>0.0%</b>	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%

### PROPOSED WASTEWATER RATE SCHEDULE

		Current	Effective Oct-20	Effective Oct-21	Effective Oct-22	Effective Oct-23	Effective Oct-24	Effective Oct-25
<b>WASTEWATER Rates</b>								
<b>Base Charge</b>								
Residential		\$ 30.99	\$ <b>33.16</b>	\$ 34.48	\$ 35.86	\$ 37.30	\$ 38.04	\$ 38.80
Residential Outside		38.73	<b>41.45</b>	43.10	44.83	46.62	47.55	48.50
Commercial/Ind		51.11	<b>54.69</b>	56.88	59.15	61.52	62.75	64.01
		7.0%	<b>7.0%</b>	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	2.0%	2.0%
<b>Volume Rate per 1,000 Gallons</b>								
<b>Residential</b>								
2,001	Above	4.64	<b>4.97</b>	5.17	5.37	5.59	5.70	5.82
		7.0%	<b>7.0%</b>	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	2.0%	2.0%
<b>Residential Outside</b>								
2,001	Above	5.80	<b>6.21</b>	6.46	6.72	6.99	7.13	7.27
			<b>7.0%</b>	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	2.0%	2.0%
<b>Commercial</b>								
-	8,000,000	4.77	<b>5.11</b>	5.31	5.52	5.74	5.86	5.98
8,000,001	Above	3.74	<b>4.01</b>	4.17	4.33	4.51	4.60	4.69
		7.0%	<b>7.0%</b>	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	2.0%	2.0%
<b>Metered Rate</b>								
-	8,000,000	4.64	<b>4.97</b>	5.17	5.37	5.59	5.70	5.82
8,000,001	Above	3.53	<b>3.78</b>	3.93	4.09	4.25	4.34	4.42
		7.0%	<b>7.0%</b>	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	2.0%	2.0%

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## PROPOSED WATER & WASTEWATER MONTHLY IMPACT

Water	WW	Current	Effective Oct-20	Effective Oct-21	Effective Oct-22	Effective Oct-23	Effective Oct-24	Effective Oct-25
<b>Residential</b>								
5,000	5,000	\$ 88.32	\$ 92.33	\$ 95.14	\$ 98.04	\$ 101.04	\$ 103.06	\$ 105.12
		<b>3.79</b>	<b>4.01</b>	<b>2.81</b>	<b>2.90</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>2.02</b>	<b>2.06</b>
		4.5%	4.5%	3.0%	3.1%	3.1%	2.0%	2.0%
<b>Residential</b>								
10,000	8,000	122.45	<b>127.84</b>	131.65	135.60	139.67	142.46	145.31
		<b>5.10</b>	<b>5.39</b>	<b>3.82</b>	<b>3.94</b>	<b>4.07</b>	<b>2.79</b>	<b>2.85</b>
		4.3%	4.4%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.0%	2.0%
<b>Commercial</b>								
30,000	30,000	381.77	399.12	411.26	423.81	436.78	445.52	454.43
		<b>16.11</b>	<b>17.35</b>	<b>12.14</b>	<b>12.55</b>	<b>12.97</b>	<b>8.74</b>	<b>8.91</b>
		4.4%	4.5%	3.0%	3.1%	3.1%	2.0%	2.0%