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**Memorandum**

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

**From:** Tim Howe, Assistant City Manager

**Subject:** Abandonment of On-Site Sewage Facilities and associated Wastewater Impact Fees / Tap Fees

**Date:** June 2, 2026

**Historical Background**

In general, public wastewater systems are preferred over on-site sewage facilities because public wastewater service centralizes pollution removal, rigorously monitor water quality, and prevents localized contamination, thereby significantly reducing the risk of raw sewage leaking into local groundwater and nearby surface ecosystems. For this reason, the city may install wastewater infrastructure in certain areas so residents can abandon the use of their on-site sewage facilities (OSSFs) and connect to the public wastewater collection system. In 2019, City Council approved a resolution that provided lower impact fees and tap fees to encourage and assist the customer with their effort to abandon their OSSFs and connect to public infrastructure. The previous resolution had an expiration date and is currently expired, however, without the lower impact fee option, the objective of installing the infrastructure is compromised by the hardship on these customer's ability to pay the impact fee.

**Action Requested**

Consider a resolution reinstating the wastewater impact fees at \$1,213 and tap fees at \$470.00 which may be payable on the customer's utility bill for homeowners who had OSSFs at the time the public infrastructure was installed, as determined by City Staff.

**Staff Recommendation**

It is recommended that the proposed resolution be approved.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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