

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mayor and City Council Members  
Douglas Faseler, City Manager

**From:** David Rabago, P.E., CFM, Utility Engineer

**Through:** Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

**Subject:** Proposed updates to Water and Wastewater Maintenance  
Department Fees

**Date:** July 10, 2018

Staff has identified the need to increase the fees of the Water and Wastewater Maintenance Department to recover costs associated with labor, equipment, and materials. The supplemental water and wastewater tap fees and labor and equipment tap fees summaries show the cost breakdown of the resources and time needed to perform the taps. The fees have not increased in over 20 years (last updated April 1997).

The proposed increase in equipment rental rates (per hour) are more indicative of today's municipal rates, which are as follows:

- 1/2 ton pickup increase to \$40.00 from \$25.00
- 3/4 ton pickup increase to \$50.00 from \$35.00
- 1-ton pickup increase to \$60.00 from \$40.00
- Backhoe increase to \$75.00 from \$55.00
- Dump truck 10-yard increase to \$100.00 from \$40.00
- Dump truck 5-yard increase to \$75.00 from \$30.00
- Flat bed tilt trailer increase to \$30.00 from \$20.00
- Sewer rodder increase to \$100.00 from \$55.00
- Tamp machine increase to \$30.00 from \$15.00

The proposed increase in water and wastewater tap fees are needed to recover costs for labor, equipment, and materials required to perform the services, which are as follows:

- Water tap fee for three-fourths inch increase to \$1,800.00 from \$515.00

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- Water tap fee for one inch increase to \$2,000.00 from \$680.00
- Water tap fee for two inch increase to \$3,500.00 from \$1,170.00
- Laid-in-place water tap fee for three-fourths by five-eighths inch water meter increase to \$500.00 from \$305.00
- Laid-in-place water tap fee for one inch water meter increase to \$630 from \$405.00
- Laid-in-place water tap fee for one and one-half inch water meter increase to \$915.00 from \$600.00
- Wastewater tap fee minimum \$1,200.00 from \$500.00
- Laid-in-place wastewater tap fee increase to \$500.00 from \$125.00

The proposed new fees that are needed to recover costs for labor, equipment, and materials required to perform the services are as follows:

- Water tap fee for one-one half inch set at \$2,600.00
- Temporary construction/fire hydrant meter deposit fee set at \$1,750.00
- Temporary construction/fire hydrant meter setup fee set at \$75.00

Staff recommends approval and will be available to answer any questions at the July 17, 2018 City Council Meeting.