

Legislation Text

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Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 4, Section 4-82, Code of Ordinances (2018 Edition), regarding water and wastewater impact fees. (Second Reading)

The City last updated the water and wastewater impact fees in March 2016. At that time, the City made a commitment to review the existing impact fees that new customers are charged for tying into the water and wastewater systems every three years. As part of the process to update the impact fees, the City reviewed and updated the existing land use plan, annexation plan, and the water and wastewater system capital improvement/master plans.

Since the latest plan updates, there are several projects that are anticipated over the next 10 years that will have a direct influence on the new impact fees. These improvements have been included in our Updated Water and Wastewater System Master Plans and in the new impact fee calculation. The current impact fees that are charged to new customers connecting to the City's water and wastewater system are \$4,025 for water and \$2,099 for wastewater per Living Unit Equivalent (LUE).

The proposed impact fees for new customers connecting to the City's water and wastewater system would be \$4,234 and \$1,799 per LUE respectively. If approved, these new impact fees will be assessed to new customers with plats recorded after February 1, 2021. A presentation of the report of the proposed impact fees was made to the City's Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) on November 4, 2020. A recommendation letter from the CIAC is provided in the final report, and is included in the Council packet.

At the November 12th City Council meeting, the Council set the date for the Public Hearing for December 17th. The Texas Local Government Code requires that the City post a notice for a Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in each County in which the Political Subdivision is located, 30 days in advance of the Public Hearing. Therefore, the City advertised the impact fee update in the Round Rock Leader on November 14th.