



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 6, 2019
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 17, 2019

DATE: September 9, 2019
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Ordinance adopting the City of Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances for wastewater rates and establishing winter quarter averaging for residential wastewater billing

CAPTION:

Second Reading Ordinance amending the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55, Utilities, revising residential wastewater billings beginning in March 2020 by establishing residential wastewater winter quarter averaging based upon the average of three complete monthly water utility billings from December 2019 through February 2020, and recalculating the winter quarter average for residential wastewater customers every year thereafter.

SUMMARY:

This item is the second reading of the Ordinance adopting the City of Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55, revising wastewater rates and establishing winter quarter averaging for residential wastewater billing.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

City Charter requires City Council to review and act on changes to the Code of Ordinances. The City of Corpus Christi is proposing amending the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55, Utilities, revising wastewater rates beginning in March 2020 by establishing winter quarter averaging for residential wastewater billings based upon the average of three complete monthly water utility billings from December 2019 through February 2020, and recalculating the winter quarter average for residential wastewater customers every year thereafter.

By direction of the City Council during the Council meeting on September 6, 2019, staff is separating the original Ordinance brought forth for changes to the Schedule of Fees and Water/Wastewater rates. The original ordinance combined fee/rate changes for water, wastewater, Metrocom and Parks and Recreations. The ordinance was passed during the 1st reading, but Council directed staff to separate the four items into individual ordinances for the 2nd reading.

ALTERNATIVES:

Approval of the Rates and Fees is required to approve the Operating Budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The financial impact from the wastewater rate change is an increase in revenue of approximately \$675,000 for FY 2019-2020.

Funding Detail:

Fund:

Organization/Activity:

Mission Element:

Project # (CIP Only): N/A

Account:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the recommended changes to the Code of Ordinances for the wastewater.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

FY 2019-2020 Ordinance for Fee Schedule