



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of April 20, 2021
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of April 27, 2021

DATE: April 6, 2021
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Winter Quarter Average for 2021-2022 Wastewater Charges

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending Section 55-100 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances to use the 2020 Winter Quarter Average (calculated from December 2019 – February 2020) for wastewater charges from May 2021 through April 2022.

SUMMARY:

This amendment to continue using the current Winter Quarter Average from 2020 for wastewater billing is due to Winter Storm Uri impacts on residential customers.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

As part of the Water Utility Bill Relief Program for residential customers impacted by the extreme weather during February 2021, the Wastewater Winter Quarter Average (WQA) for all residential customers will not be recalculated this year. The WQA from 2020 (calculated from December 2019 – February 2020) will continue to be used. This City Council action does not impact the wastewater rate for commercial customers.

Due to the extreme winter weather in February 2021, many water customers experienced higher-than-normal water usage due to water line breaks, faucets dripping, and other weather-related events. This could have led to a much higher WQA for wastewater charges. Customers may request a review of their WQA calculation by the Utilities Business Office on a case-by-case basis if they have objections with their 2020 WQA.

Example: 2020 WQA continues to be applied as a Residential Customer's WQA.

- 2020 Winter Quarter Average 4,000 gallons May 2020-April 2021
- 2021 Winter Quarter Average 4,000 gallons May 2021-April 2022

PROCUREMENT DETAIL: N/A

ALTERNATIVES: Calculate Winter Quarter Average based on three consecutive billing cycles after December 1, 2020, which will include the higher-than-normal water usage month of February 2021 caused by Winter Storm Uri.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING DETAIL: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance