



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 19, 2023

TITLE:

Consider action to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-37 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, amending the Bastrop Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Fee Schedule, Article A13.02.004 Water Service Charge, as attached in Exhibit A; providing for: findings of fact, enactment, repealer, severability, providing for an effective date, codification, proper notice and meeting, and move to include on the October 12, 2023 agenda for a second reading.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Submitted by: Laura Allen, Senior Accountant

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The City Manager engaged NewGen Strategies and Solutions in May 2018 to perform a Water and Wastewater Rate Study and in 2022 for a Wholesales Rate Study update. Both studies were to evaluate revenue requirements forecasted out over five (5) years and review current water and wastewater rate ordinance along with billing methodology. The consultant provided city staff with a rate model tool to be used to forecast rate scenarios based on actual and projected revenue and expense assumptions.

The Water and Wastewater Rate Study recommended that the city use a phase-in approach to increasing the demand charge by meter size for water meters to reflect the American Waterworks Associations meter equivalency standards. This step increase will continue through FY 2025.

Demand Charge by Meter Size - Water

Meter Size	# of Units	Current Rate	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
1.5"	73	82.06	84.65	87.24	89.83	92.42
2"	97	124.19	130.10	136.01	141.92	147.83
3"	14	232.86	243.94	255.02	266.10	277.18
4"	4	296.46	337.85	379.24	420.63	462.02
6"	2	714.14	766.60	819.06	871.52	923.98

The proposed budget for FY2024 included an assumption that the water base rate increase of \$5.00 for ¾" meter and equivalent change to all other meter sizes will be required. These rate

increases were informed by the update of the rate model based on new debt and capital improvement projections.

Article III, Section 3.01(13) states the City Council has the power and duty to provide for a sanitary sewer and water system. Section 3.14 (9) states that action requiring an ordinance includes the amending or repealing of a previously adopted ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Water and wastewater revenue

RECOMMENDATION:

Larua Allen, Senior Accountant, recommends approval of the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-XX of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, amending the Bastrop Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Fee Schedule, Article A13.02.004 Water Service Charge, as attached in Exhibit A; providing for: findings of fact, enactment, repealer, severability, providing for an effective date, codification, proper notice and meeting, and move to include on the October 12, 2023 agenda for a second reading.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ordinance 2023-37 (including Exhibit A)

