

Authorize Entering into Contract Wholesale Sewer Service San Antonio Water System (SAWS)

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Summary

- Should the City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with SAWS for wholesale sewer service?
- Options
 - Approve
 - Deny
 - Other
- Declaration
 - SAWS is the only entity who can provide sewer treatment services for Leon Valley customers

Purpose & Background

- To consider approval of a Resolution authorizing City Manager to enter a 10-year contract with SAWS for transporting, processing, & treatment of city wastewater
 - Previous contract expired in 2018
- City owns all sewer mains within the city limits
- Wastewater travels through mains to city limit & then transported via SAWS mains to treatment plant for processing

Contract Highlights

- Contract terms are for 10 years, with 3 - 5 yr renewal options
- Requires the city inspect & clean mains every 5 yrs & smoke test every 2 yrs
- Requires city report failures in system within 24 hours of discovery
- Requires the city to collect Dental Amalgam One-Time Compliance Reports for SAWS from dentists prior to connecting or transferring service to a customer

Contract Highlights

- Gives SAWS right to inspect sewer mains & flows, & test effluent, collect data, & make compliance determinations
- Rates would be the same as we have been paying, but it does allow SAWS to raise the rates as authorized by the San Antonio City Council
- SAWS would notify city of rate increase at least 30 days prior

Fiscal Impact

- Rates will remain same, unless San Antonio City Council agrees to raise them in future

Fiscal Impact

MONTHLY SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES

Meter Size†	Water Service Availability Charge	Sewer Service Availability Charge
6"	\$ 298.14	\$ 340.07
8"	\$ 473.94	\$ 340.07
10"	\$ 591.14	\$ 340.07
12"	\$ 825.54	\$ 340.07

† Wholesale water service will not be provided through a meter smaller than 6" in order to comply with fire-flow requirements and the "Criteria for Water Supply and Distribution in the City of San Antonio and its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction."

MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGES

WATER		SEWER	
Usage Gallon - Block Threshold	Rate Per 1,000 Gallons	Usage Gallon - Block Threshold	Rate Per 1,000 Gallons
Base*	\$ 2.7230	All Usage	\$ 4.2560
Over Base	\$ 5.4460		

*The Base Use is defined as 100% of the Annual Average Consumption or as agreed to by the wholesale customer and approved by the SAWS Board of Trustees.

Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with SAWS for wholesale sewer service amendment