

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: December 17, 2024
TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Crystal Caldera, Ph.D., City Manager
FROM: David Dimaline, Assistant Director of Public Works
SPONSORS: N/A

SUBJECT: Presentation and Discussion to Consider Approval of an Ordinance Amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Appendix A Fee Schedule, Article A8.000 Building and Construction Related Fees, Section A8.005 Bulk Water Permit to Amend Fees Associated with Bulk Water Permit Deposits

SPONSOR(S): None

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to consider approval of an Ordinance amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Appendix A Fee Schedule, Article A8.000 Building and Construction Related Fees, Section A8.005 Bulk Water Permit, to increase the deposit fee for a bulk water meter. In addition to an increase in the deposit, it is recommended that the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) fee be added, as this is a pass-through fee and must be paid regardless of the use of the water.

Bulk water meters are used by construction companies for site work and building construction, as they provide much more water at a lower price than regular meters. The City has issued nine of these permits in the past twelve months for new construction of subdivisions and other developments.

FISCAL IMPACT

Bulk meters used to cost approximately \$1,000 per meter, but the price has gone up to \$2,500 per meter. If the contractor fails to return the meter or loses the meter, they are required to forfeit the deposit. The current deposit fee will not cover the full cost of the replacement meter.

The code currently states:

“Sec. A8.005 - Bulk water permit

- (a) Permit fee: \$65.00.
- (b) Deposit: \$1,000.00.**
- (c) Water fee: \$3.70 per 1,000 gallons.”

The proposed revision is:

“Sec. A8.005 - Bulk water permit

- (a) Permit fee: \$65.00.
- (b) Deposit: \$2,500.00.**
- (c) Water fee: \$3.70 per 1,000 gallons.
- (d) EAA fee: \$0.62 per 1,000 gallons.”**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Appendix A Fee Schedule, Article A8.000 Building and Construction Related Fees, Section A8.005 Bulk Water Permit to increase bulk water meter deposits and add the EAA fee.

APPROVE: _____ DISAPPROVE: _____

APPROVE WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

ATTEST:

Sandra Passailaigue, TRMC
City Secretary