

Code Amendment  
Appendix A Fee Schedule  
San Antonio Water System Sewer  
Impact Fees

City Council Meeting

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# Summary

- Should the City Council approve an Ordinance amending Appendix A Fee Schedule to allow developers to pay SAWS sewer impact fees directly to SAWS?
- Options
  - Approve
  - Deny
  - Other
- Declaration
  - Allowing developers to pay SAWS directly removes the task of accounting for these fees

# Background

- Sewage travels through Leon Valley sewer mains to the city limit & then through SAWS sewer mains
- Sewage then dumps into SAWS-owned wastewater treatment facility, is treated & then discharged
- Both Leon Valley & SAWS assess all new developments an impact fee for new improvements to both water & wastewater systems
- Leon Valley does not need any new improvements to its sewer mains - SAWS does

# Purpose

- SAWS recently increased both water & sewer impact fees
- Leon Valley collects sewer impact fees for SAWS & then mails payment at end of year
- Staff spoke with SAWS about increase in sewer impact fees
- Discovered that San Antonio developers use the SAWS online payment system to pay impact fees

# Purpose

- Staff asked if developers in Leon Valley could use this same system instead of paying Leon Valley & were told they could
  - SAWS will make changes to their software to allow this
- Leon Valley would ensure the fees have been paid by submittal of receipt showing payment prior to setting a meter
- No substantial new development in LV since 2010 – we prepare & account for approximately five new developments per year - not burdensome

# Purpose

- Leon Valley is now expecting over 400 new homes with associated impact fees
- This bypass will assist Leon Valley by removing the task of accounting for these fees
  - Reminder - impact fees may only be used for improvements to the water and wastewater system that are directly related to new development
  - Can't be used to maintain/replace existing systems & can't charge existing customers, unless customer changes use that requires increase in water and/or wastewater treatment usage

# Fiscal Impact

- This amendment will reduce staff time in accounting for SAWS sewer impact fees

# Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of the amendment