

Consider Amending
Appendix A Fee Schedule
Bulk Water Meter Deposit

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Purpose

- Question – Should the City Council approve an an Ordinance Amending LVCC, Appendix A Fee Schedule, Section A8.005 Bulk Water Permit to increase bulk water meter deposit fees
- Options
 - Approve
 - Approve with modifications
 - Deny
- Declaration
 - Recommend approval as presented

Background

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

Purpose/Background

- Code currently states:
- “Sec. A8.005 - Bulk water permit
 - (a) Permit fee: \$65.00.
 - (b) Deposit: \$1,000.00.
 - (c) Water fee: \$3.70/1,000 gallons.”
- 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) Edwards Aquifer fee \$0.62/1,000 gallons.”**

SAWS vs COLV

TYPE OF FEE	SAWS	Proposed COLV
Metered Water Sales (1,000 gal)	\$3.087	\$3.70
Water Supply Fee (1,000 gal)	\$3.541	--*
Edwards Aquifer Authority Permit Fee	\$0.33	\$0.62/1,000 ga.
Fire Hydrant (Bulk) Meter Availability Charge	\$1,839	\$2,500
Daily Availability Charge (meter rent)	\$6.00	--
Monthly Penalty for Failure to Bring in FH Meter for calibration / inspection	\$144.00	--**
Monthly Penalty for Failure to Report Meter Reads Monthly	\$733.00	--**
FH Meter – Irrigation Use (1,000 gal)	\$10.55	--***
FH Meter – Irrigation Use Water Supply Fee (1,000 gal)	\$8.77	--***

*Developer pays impact fee which covers water supply

**Water Utility Staff provides this in the field

*** We don't differentiate water used for construction vs landscaping



Fiscal Impact

- Bulk meters used to cost approximately \$1,000 per meter, but price went up to \$2,500 per meter
 - If contractor fails to return meter or loses meter, they are required to forfeit the deposit as compensation
 - The increased fees will ensure enough deposit is received to cover cost of the bulk water
- The Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) fee should also be added, as this is a pass-through fee & must be paid regardless of use

Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of this Ordinance