CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	November 5, 2026
Originating Department	Municipal Services/Finance
Contact Person	Matt McLean, City Clerk
	Leslie Peterson, Finance Director
Title	Ordinance 26-1325/Amending Chapter 3.19 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code, Sewer, Stormwater and Surface Water Service Tax

Legislative History

- First Presentation November 5, 2026

Attachments:

1. Ordinance 26-1325

Executive Summary

The City Council is asked to consider a utility tax rate for sewer, stormwater and surface water services and provide direction for completing Ordinance No. 26-1325. The draft ordinance would amend LFPMC 3.19.010 to increase the current 10% tax to a rate Council selects within the proposed range of 11% to 16%, or another range Councilmembers see fit. The proposed effective date is January 1, 2027.

Background

The draft ordinance applies the tax to gross income from sewer, stormwater and surface water services, including services provided by the City, with the tax charged to customers. The draft also states the intent to maintain the 50% low-income discount for sanitary sewer and stormwater ratepayers authorized by Resolution No. 1989 in 2024.

Council may select a rate within the proposed 11%–16% range (or choose a different rate), retain the current 10% rate, or request additional analysis before selecting a rate.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

Additional City revenue will depend on the selected rate, taxable utility revenues and applicable discounts. The interactive spreadsheet that the Council received earlier provides the potential revenues.

Staff Recommendation

Review the ordinance and decide on a proposed utility tax rate for sewer and surface water. Staff will bring back the updated ordinance at a future meeting.