



## FINANCE

**To:** Mayor and Town Council

**From:** Betty Pamplin, Finance Director

**Through:** Harlan Jefferson, Town Manager  
Chuck Springer, Executive Director of Administrative Services

**Re:** Town Council Meeting – September 8, 2020

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**Agenda Item:**

Consider and act upon an ordinance amending Appendix A, "Fee Schedule," to the Town's Code of Ordinances by repealing existing Section IX, "Water and Sewer Rates," and replacing it with a new section IX, "Water and Sewer Rates"; and repealing existing Section XI, "Rates for Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables," and replacing it with a new section XI, "Rates for Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables; and adding a new section XXII "Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Rates". (BP)

**Description of Agenda Item:**

Section IX, Water and Sewer rates - The enterprise fund for Water and Sewer Utilities is intended to be self-sufficient by charging its consumers the costs of its services. The only change staff is recommending to the current rates is to increase the water and sewer rates to out-of-town customers from the same rate as in-town customers to a rate equal to 1.5 times the rate charged to in-town customers. Staff presented these recommendations at the August 11, 2020 and August 25, 2020 Town Council meetings.

Section XI, Rates for Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables – The rates are currently listed in the adopted fee schedule for each service type provided. Staff is recommending removing the rates from this section as they are updated each year per contractual obligation with the current solid waste provider.

Section XXII, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Rates – The current EMS rates were approved in October 2010. The EMS rates were discussed at the August 25 Town Council meeting, and staff was directed by Town Council to include an increase to the fees with the FY 2020-2021 proposed budget.

**Budget Impact:**

The rates and fees listed in the ordinance were used in calculating the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget.

**Legal Obligations and Review:**

Terrence Welch with Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P., has reviewed and approved the attached ordinance as to form and legality.

**Attached Documents:**

1. Ordinance
2. Proposed changes to utility rate structure

**Town Staff Recommendation:**

Town staff recommends approval of an ordinance amending Appendix A, "Fee Schedule," to the Town's Code of Ordinances by repealing existing Section IX, "Water and Sewer Rates," and replacing it with a new section IX, "Water and Sewer Rates"; and repealing existing Section XI, "Rates for Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables," and replacing it with a new section XI, "Rates for Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables"; and adding a new section XXII "Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Rates".

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve an ordinance amending Appendix A, "Fee Schedule," to the Town's Code of Ordinances by repealing existing Section IX, "Water and Sewer Rates," and replacing it with a new section IX, "Water and Sewer Rates"; and repealing existing Section XI, "Rates for Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables," and replacing it with a new section XI, "Rates for Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables"; and adding a new section XXII "Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Rates".