



## **AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS**

Project/Issue Name: 21-20 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, by Amending Title VIII, Fees, Regarding Sewer Rates.

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### **Issue Statement**

Proposed Wastewater Rate Structure through 2025 based on the commissioned Rate Study conducted by Burns and McDonnell in coordination with the Wastewater Master Plan.

### **Discussion and/or Analysis**

The City of Republic last amended the sanitary sewer rates in 2014, since that time the City has invested in the Wastewater Master plan creating the necessary improvements for the City's growth and ongoing compliance issue. Utilizing this planning and engineering effort the City commissioned a 3<sup>rd</sup> party rate study with the purpose of defining a rate structure that would facilitate the master plan and the associated capital improvements.

In 2011 the City was issued a Voluntary Compliance Order by MDNR requiring the City to correct the compliance issue of the wastewater treatment plant. In 2016 the order was extended 5 years. In October of 2021, this agreement will expire, and the City has requested to be placed into an Administrative Order that will establish the improvements required, the allowable timeline and resulting penalties if compliance is not achieved.

The proposed rate structure shown and associated timeline of implementation is planned accordingly in order for the City to properly fund the debt necessary to achieve compliance and expand the system to facilitate the estimated growth of the City over the life of the debt.

### **Recommended Action**

Staff recommends approval.