



Memorandum

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Rodney Johnson, Public Works Director

CC: Stevie Cox, City Manager

DATE: June 10, 2024

REF: Sewer Use Ordinance – Tap Fees

Summary:

The City of Trinity currently contracts the installation of sewer taps on non-subdivision lots. This is common practice for several neighboring municipalities. Recently, neighboring municipalities have opted to go with a permit and inspection fee and having the owner/builder to hire a licensed utility contractor for the work themselves. Trinity has deep sewer lines. The cost for tap installation has increased every year for several years and has become burdensome to the City. We currently charge \$3,800 for “short-side” taps, while “long-side” tap fees are based on quotes from a contractor. This ordinance change will align the City with neighboring municipalities, while assuring the City is no longer losing revenue due to the rising costs of installation.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that City Council approve the change in the Sewer Use Ordinance to allow the City to charge a permit and inspection fee, while allowing owners of property to hire a licensed utility contractor to install their tap.

Attachments:

Current Sewer Use Ordinance language
Proposed Sewer Use Ordinance language update