



# Wylie City Council

## AGENDA REPORT

Department: Engineering  
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### Subject

Consider, and act upon, Ordinance No. 2023-44 of the City of Wylie, Texas, amending Wylie's Code of Ordinances, Ordinance No. 2021-17, as amended, Appendix A – Comprehensive Fee Schedule, Article IV (Engineering Fees), amending Section D (Engineering Inspections Fees) regarding the updating of fees in response to the implementation of House Bill 3492; providing for repealing, savings and severability clauses; providing for an effective date of this ordinance; and providing for the publication of the caption hereof.

### Recommendation

Motion to approve the Item as presented.

### Discussion

Texas Local Government Code, §212.906, effective September 1, 2023, prohibits a city from considering the cost of constructing or improving the public infrastructure for a subdivision, lot, or related property development in determining the amount of a fee assessed by the city for an application, review, engineering, inspection, acceptance, administrative, or other fee imposed by the city related to the acceptance, review, or processing of engineering or construction plans or for the inspection of improvements for construction of a subdivision or lot or a related improvement associated with or required in conjunction with that construction.

Previously, the City used a percentage of construction costs to calculate inspection fees (4%). With the passing of HB 3492, the City now proposes to use a cost-per-unit item based on actual inspection costs afforded by the City for construction inspections of projects. Staff used the amount paid to our inspection staff (including fringe benefits) and divided it by an average of four (4) years of inspection quantity data. Additionally, calculations consider time on CIP projects versus development projects (30% and 70% respectively), as well as how much time is spent inspecting each of the drainage, paving, water, and sewer elements on projects (20%, 60%, 10%, and 10% respectively).

The new fee calculations are below. Contractors are required to give City staff the quantities anticipated for construction in each of the categories. Fees will be calculated using the per unit costs.

#### Inspection Fees for Public Improvements on Projects:

- Length of Public Storm Sewer Pipe or Culvert Installation - \$4.86 per Linear Foot (LF)
- Area of Public Pavement, Including Sidewalks - \$2.72 per Square Yard (SY)
- Length of Public Water Main Installation - \$4.40 per Linear Foot (LF)
- Length of Public Sanitary Sewer Installation - \$1.66 per Liner Foot (LF)

City Staff requests approval of this new method of calculating fees and the amendment of the ordinance. This methodology agrees with what some other local municipalities are proposing for their updates this year.