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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	27809	Agenda Number	2.
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Meeting Date:	10/17/2013	Department:	Austin Water Utility
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 20130909-003, the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Fees, Fines, and Other Charges to be set or charged by the City, to revise Austin Water Utility Impact Fees Collection Policy. Related to Items # 3 and # 73.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	<p>September 9, 2013 - Council approved ordinance (20130909-003) authorizing fees, fines, and other charges to be set or charged by the City for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.</p> <p>September 22, 2011 - Council approved resolution (20110922-052) to develop a joint committee to reassess and adjust financial policies relating to water and wastewater impact fees;</p> <p>September 10, 2007 - Council approved an ordinance (20070910-007) to adopt the impact fee land use assumptions and impact fee capital improvement plan, and revise impact fee service area.</p>
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Boards and Commission Action:	<p>September 11, 2013 - Not approved by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 6-0-1 vote with Commissioner Gray abstaining from the vote.</p> <p>September 30, 2013 - Not recommended by the Impact Fee Advisory Committee on a 4-3 vote with comments from the committee being provided to Council per state law.</p>
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

During the FY 2014 Budget adoption process, Austin Water Utility (AWU) left the Impact Fees unchanged from FY 2013, pending completion of an extensive process that involved input from the Joint Committee on AWU's Financial Plan, the Impact Fee Advisory Committee, the Water and Wastewater Commission, and several stakeholder groups.

This Council action will amend the Fees, Fines, and Other Charges ordinance approved for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (Exhibit A) per the AWU recommendation of Impact Fee Option 4i as detailed in the Impact Fees Assessed and Collected Fees (ACF) Report.

Alternatively, the Water and Wastewater Commission does not recommend the revised 2014 impact fee schedule as reflected in Exhibit A (Option 4i) as they prefer Option 5. Additionally, they adopted a resolution recommending Option 5. Exhibit A, the Impact Fee ACF Report, and the adopted resolution from the Water and Wastewater Commission are attached as separate files to this document. The Impact Fee Advisory Committee discussed many issues regarding Impact Fee collection policy. Four members were in favor of Option 5, which is the maximum allowable Option, for the reasons provided by the resolution approved by the Water and Wastewater Commission. Of the 3 dissenting members, Committee Member Coneway was in favor of Option 4i, Committee Member Moore was in favor of Option 3C, and Committee Member Kidwell had no preference other than the need for a reduction from the calculated maximum allowable amount and was accepting of the Staff recommendation (Option 4i) as consistent with the State law.