

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	28541	Agenda Number	67.
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Meeting Date:	10/24/2013	Department:	Austin Water Utility
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Subject

Approve second and third readings of an ordinance amending the City's water and wastewater impact fee program by adopting updated Austin Water and Wastewater impact fee land use assumptions, capital improvements plan, and assessed fees including the impact fee service area amendments. THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS ITEM WAS HELD AND CLOSED ON OCTOBER 17, 2013. Related to Item # 66.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

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;
 September 10, 2007 - Council approved an ordinance (20070910-007) amending the City's water and wastewater impact fee program by adopting the impact fee land use assumptions and impact fee capital improvements plan year 2007 update, by revising the impact fee service area boundary, and by amending the water and wastewater fees to be charged by the city.

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Boards and Commission Action:

September 11, 2013 - Approved by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote.
 September 26, 2013 - Approved by the Impact Fee Advisory Committee on a 7-0 vote.

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

Under the Texas Impact Fee Act (Local Government Code, Chapter 395), the City is required to update its Impact Fees Land Use Assumptions, Capital Improvements Plan (CIP), and Maximum Allowable Water and Wastewater Impact (capital recovery) Fees every five years and to conduct a public hearing on each update prior to its adoption. This update contains the calculation of the maximum allowable water and wastewater impact (capital recovery) fees, and amends the water and wastewater impact fee service area.

The Impact Fee Act provides what is called fee assessment in order to set the timing for establishing fees for a given

tract of land. As adopted in the previous 5-year update, the assessed fees are set at the maximum allowable amount as calculated in the Impact Fees CIP document, thereby keeping open the option of setting collected fees up to the maximum allowable fee in effect at the time a subdivision plat is recorded.

The water and wastewater collected fees are generally referred to as Austin's impact fees. Historically, the collected amounts have been set by ordinance at amounts lower than the maximum allowable fees as detailed in the Impact Fees Assessed and Collected Fees (ACF) Report. These collected fees will be set under a separate Ordinance.