

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	48308	Agenda Number	69.
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Meeting Date:	8/20/2015	Department:	Watershed Protection
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment regarding the proposed change to the drainage charge as part of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 proposed budget.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	May 21, 2015 – Council conducted a public hearing and approved an ordinance on the proposed drainage charge structure on first and second reading, June 25, 2015 – Council approved an ordinance on third reading (Ordinance No. 20150625-021).
For More Information:	Connie Campa, 512-974-6426
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	April 15, 2015 – Approved by the Council Public Utility Committee. June 17, 2015 – WPD's FY16 budget proposal was unanimously recommended by the Environmental Board on a 7-0 vote.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This public hearing is to receive comments on the change to the drainage charge for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Proposed Budget. State law requires that proposed changes to the drainage charge be published in a newspaper of general circulation three times prior to the public hearing, the first notice of which must be on or before the 30th day before the hearing. The three notices were sent on July 21, August 12, and August 16, 2015. Council is scheduled to adopt the 2015-2016 Proposed Budgets on September 8, 9, and 10, 2015.

The proposed change to the drainage charge structure was approved by Council on June 25, 2015. That change did not affect the total drainage utility charge collected by the Department. The proposed rate for FY16 is \$0.06 / impervious cover square foot per year (\$0.005 / impervious cover square foot per month). Single Family residences were previously charged a fixed amount of \$9.80 per month, for FY16 the typical residential customer with 3,100 square feet of impervious cover and 37% impervious cover, would result in a median charge of \$11.59 per month.