SUBJECT: Amend Ordinance No. 20180911-002 to increase the rate of the Austin Water Industrial Waste Surcharge for Ammonia-Nitrogen from $1.559 to $1.641 per pound of ammonia-nitrogen discharged into Austin Water’s wastewater system by an Industrial User when the ammonia-nitrogen concentration is in excess of 35 mg/l. The surcharge fee for ammonia nitrogen will be charged to an Industrial User that uses or produces ammonia-nitrogen in a manufacturing process. The surcharge fee for ammonia-nitrogen will be determined by calculating the difference between the average concentrations discharged from such an Industrial User and the 35 mg/l threshold.

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Industrial Waste Surcharge for Ammonia-Nitrogen is proposed to increase due to a recently approved chemical contract which has increased the cost of magnesium hydroxide used to treat ammonia discharged into Austin Water’s wastewater system. This proposed surcharge rate increase will ensure customers who discharge extra-strength ammonia will be charged appropriately to cover the costs of providing this service.

This Council action will amend the Fees, Fines, and Other Charges ordinance approved for Fiscal year 2018-2019.