



# AGENDA REPORT

## Public Works

<b>DATE:</b>	July 26, 2022
<b>TO:</b>	Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council
<b>FROM:</b>	Joe Leach, Public Works Director Mary Phelps, Project Manager I
<b>Subject:</b>	Public Hearing for the Collection of the Sanitary and Storm Fees for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>	The resolution allows for approximately \$30,000,000 in wastewater enterprise revenues and \$2,000,000 in stormwater enterprise revenues to be collected with the 2022-2023 property taxes. These funds are used to pay all expenditures related to the operation and maintenance of the wastewater and stormwater services including debt services on existing wastewater bond obligations.
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b>	None.
<b>STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:</b>	The City provides wastewater and stormwater collection services which are funded through the collection of annual fees. Public Works staff is recommending that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City to collect these annual sanitary and storm sewer fees for FY 2022-2023 as a separate line item on the property tax rolls, as has been the practice for several years.
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	HOLD a public hearing; and ADOPT a resolution approving a report of sewer service charges for FY 2022-2023 allowing for the sanitary and stormwater fees to be collected on the annual 2022-2023 tax rolls – Public Works (Joe Leach 620-5478/Mary Phelps 621-1269).

**DISCUSSION:**

The City’s wastewater and stormwater collection and treatment services are managed as business enterprises and are separate from the City’s General Fund. The City collects fees to fund these services, which are levied on the property tax rolls.

The proposed resolution (Attachment 1) has been prepared pursuant to provisions of Chapter 12.20 of the Municipal Code of the City of Richmond, which provides that sanitary and storm sewer service charges may be collected in the same manner, at the same time, and together with the general and real property taxes of the City of Richmond.

Article XII, Chapter 12.20 (Sewer System Fees) of the Municipal Code of the City of Richmond provides that City staff submit for confirmation a list of premises, shown on the tax roll in the County Tax Assessor’s Office, which receive sewer service in the City of Richmond as of the first Monday in March 2022. This report (Attachment 2) will be posted to the City’s web site and will also be available in the City Clerk’s Office.

The rates for fiscal year 2022-2023 are listed in Table 1.

The sanitary sewer rates include the 7.0 percent increase approved by City Council via Ordinance 09-20 N.S. on June 2, 2020 (Attachment 3).

The storm sewer rates remain unchanged.

**Table 1**

**Single Unit Residential**

\$1,048/SSU (Sanitary Sewer Rate)  
\$ 32/SSU (Storm Sewer Rate)

**Multi-Unit Residential**

\$842/SSU (Sanitary Sewer Rate)  
\$ 32/SSU (Storm Sewer Rate)

**Commercial & Industrial (based on flow, but not less than \$627/facility)**

\$75.99 per IWU (1 IWU = 1,000 cu.ft. wastewater discharged)  
\$1.608 per lbs. BOD  
\$0.750 per lbs. TSS

**DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

- Attachment 1 - Resolution
- Attachment 2 - DRAFT Director’s Report – 2022-23 Sewer/Storm Fees
- Attachment 3 - Ordinance 09-20 N.S. - Richmond Municipal Code Chapter 12.20
- Attachment 4 - Public Hearing Notice (published in local newspapers)