Department Source: City Utilities - Sewer/Stormwater

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 7, 2017

Re: Amending Chapter 13 of the City Code as it relates to hauled liquid waste rates

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the City Code at it relates to hauled liquid waste rates.

Discussion

Chapter 13 of the City Code governs the charges paid by liquid waste haulers that discharge material at a designated disposal facility. An overall six percent increase in sewer fees, including disposal services, are proposed for the Fiscal Year 2018 budget year.

One percent of the increase is related to coverage of bond indebtedness and five percent is to address increased cost of operation and maintenance.

Included below is a list of sections proposed to be changed and the changes.

Sec. 13-192 (b)(1) – increases the charge for sludge from package wastewater treatment plants and stabilization pond sludge from $0.045 per gallon to $0.048 per gallon.

Sec. 13-192 (b)(2) – increases the charge for waste not covered by (b)(1) from $0.086 per gallon to $0.091 per gallon and removes grease trap waste from accepted waste at the Columbia Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Sec. 13-192 (b)(3) – increases the charge for treatment service availability from $11.56 per load to $12.25 per load.

Sec. 13-192 (d) – changes disposal of grease trap wastes at the Columbia Sanitary Landfill to be in accordance with landfill charges in Section 22-163. This is necessary to recover the cost of landfill operation for waste disposed at the landfill instead of wastewater treatment plant operational costs.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Increase sewer revenue by six percent, for services provided, over Fiscal Year 2017 rate and recover actual landfill operation costs for Solid Waste.

Long-Term Impact: Increase sewer revenue by six percent, for services provided, over Fiscal Year 2017 rate and recover landfill operation costs for Solid Waste.

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

[Vision Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/CMS/vision/reports/visiongoals.php)

Primary Impact: Environment, Secondary Impact: Development, Tertiary Impact: Community Facilities and Services

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/city-manager/)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Operational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/community_development/comprehensive_plan/documents/ColumbiaImagined-FINAL.pdf)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Environmental Management, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

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| Date | Action |
| 7/17/201709/19/201609/06/201607/18/2016 | R94-17 Public Hearing to consider changes to the sanitary sewer utility rate, sanitary sewer utility connection fees and hauled liquid waste rateB194-16 Approved an ordinance increasing the disposal service ratesPH29-16 Public Hearing to consider changes to the sanitary sewer utility rate, sanitary sewer utility connection fees and hauled liquid waste rateR94-16 Setting a Public Hearing: consider changes to the sanitary sewer utility rate, sanitary sewer utility connection fee and hauled liquid waste rate |

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends that Council amend Chapter 13 as outlined in the accompanying ordinance.