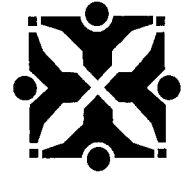


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**Agenda Item Number:** R 120-14

**Department Source:** Public Works

**To:** City Council

**From:** City Manager & Staff

**Council Meeting Date:** July 21, 2014

**Re:** Public Hearing - Sewer Utility Rate Structure Changes

## Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo, Resolution/Ordinance

**Supporting documentation includes:** None

## Executive Summary

Resolution setting a public hearing for September 2, 2014 to consider proposed amendments to Chapters 13, 22 and 27 of the City Code of Ordinances relating to structure changes to the sanitary sewer utility rates, sewer utility connection fees, and increase of the waste hauler disposal service fees.

## Discussion

In order to provide adequate funding to meet current bond obligations, and to operate and maintain the sewer utility, staff is recommending that Chapters 13, 22 and 27 of the City Code be amended to implement structural rate changes in connection with the November 2013 revenue bond package presented to the voters for sanitary sewer utility capital improvements.

The November 2013 ballot issue projected that revenue increases of 6% in FY2015, 5% in FY2017 and 2% in FY2019, were necessary in order to pay the revenue bonds issued to construct \$32,340,000 of sanitary sewer improvements promised to the voters. This is the first of three anticipated changes as recommended by our consultant, Burton & Associates.

Following is a list of the recommended rate structure changes, and increase of the waste hauler disposal service fees effective October 1, 2014.

### **Residential Base Charge:**

from \$7.30 to \$11.01

### **Non-residential Base Charge:**

5/8-inch: from \$7.30 to \$11.01

3/4-inch: from \$12.17 to \$16.52

1-inch: from \$24.33 to \$27.53

1-1/2-inch: from \$48.67 to \$55.05

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2-inch: from \$77.87 to \$88.08  
3-inch: from \$155.73 to \$176.16  
4-inch: from \$243.34 to \$275.25  
6-inch: from \$1,460.04 to \$550.50  
8-inch: from \$1,946.72 to \$880.80  
10-inch: from \$2,676.74 to \$1,266.15  
12-inch: from \$3,650.10 to \$2,367.15

## **Volume charge per Ccf:**

from \$2.414 to \$2.27

## **Sewer Connection Fees:**

5/8-inch: from \$800 to \$1,200  
3/4-inch: from \$800 to \$1,800  
1-inch: from \$1,422 to \$3,000  
1-1/2-inch: from \$3,200 to \$6,000  
2-inch: from \$5,689 to \$9,600  
3-inch: from \$12,800 to \$19,200  
4-inch: from \$22,756 to \$30,000  
6-inch: from \$51,200 to \$60,000  
8-inch: from \$91,022 to \$96,000  
10-inch: from \$142,222 to \$138,000  
12-inch: from \$204,800 to \$258,000

## **Waste activated sludge from package wastewater treatment plants & stabilization pond sludge:**

from \$0.041 per gallon to \$0.043 per gallon

## **Portable/chemical toilet, domestic holding tank, septic tank, grease trap wastes & other waste water:**

from \$0.077 per gallon to \$0.082 per gallon

## **Treatment service availability:**

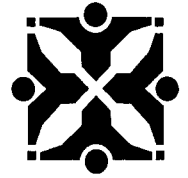
from \$9.26 per load to \$11.01 per load

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>
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Short-Term Impact: Anticipated revenue increases for FY15 include: sanitary sewer utility rates of \$1,103,366; sewer connection fees of \$387,500; and anticipated waste hauler fee increase of \$2,040. Long-Term Impact: A 5% increase is anticipated for FY17 and a 2% increase for FY19.

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## Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Environment, Health, Social Services and Affordable Housing

Strategic Plan Impact: Health, Safety and Wellbeing, Infrastructure

Comprehensive Plan Impact: Environmental Management, Infrastructure, Livable & Sustainable Communities

## Suggested Council Action

Following public input and Council discussion at the public hearing, Council should pass the ordinance amending Chapters 13, 22 and 27 relating to rate structure of sanitary sewer utility rates, sewer utility connection fees, and an increase to the waste hauler disposal service fees.

## Legislative History

8/5/13 - (Ord 21760) Calling a special election of whether to issue the Sewer System Revenue bonds  
11/5/13 - Voters approved the issue of Sewer System Revenue bonds  
1/21/14 - (Ord 21965) Declaring the results of the special election  
3/4/14 - Agreement with Burton & Associates for Sanitary Sewer Utility Cost of Service and Rate Study  
7/7/14 - Burton & Associates presented rate recommendations for the Sanitary Sewer Utility to the City Council during pre-council meeting

Department Approved

City Manager Approved

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ Council Bill No. R 120-14

**A RESOLUTION**

setting a public hearing to consider changes to the sanitary sewer utility rate, sanitary sewer utility connection fee and hauled liquid waste rate.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri in the Council Chamber in the City Hall Building, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri on September 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to consider changes to the sanitary sewer utility rate, sanitary sewer utility connection fee and hauled liquid waste rate. All citizens and interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause notice of this hearing to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Boone County, Missouri.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor