



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: Ord. 2020-67 **Version:** 1 **Name:**
Type: Ordinance **Status:** Individual Consideration
File created: 7/27/2020 **In control:** City Council
On agenda: 9/1/2020 **Final action:**
Title: Receive a Staff presentation and hold a Public Hearing to receive comments for or against Ordinance 2020-67, increasing rates established for Water, Wholesale Water, Reclaimed Water, Wastewater Treatment, and Sewer Surcharges; and including procedural provisions; and providing an effective date; consider approval of Ordinance 2020-67, on the first of two readings.

Sponsors:

Indexes:

Code sections:

Attachments: 1. 2020 Water Rates Ordinance.pdf, 2. Exhibit A - WaterWW Rate Change 2020-21.pdf, 3. FY2021 Executed Utility Rate Recommendation.pdf

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/1/2020	1	City Council	approved	Pass

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Meeting date: September 1, 2020

Department: Melissa Neel, Assistant Director of Finance

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: Click or tap here to enter text.

Account Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Funds Available: Click or tap here to enter text.

Account Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: Click or tap here to enter text.

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Choose an item.

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Comprehensive Plan Element (s): [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

- ☐ Economic Development - Choose an item.
- ☒ Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.
- ☐ Land Use - Choose an item.
- ☐ Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.
- ☐ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- ☐ Transportation - Choose an item.
- ☐ Not Applicable

Master Plan: *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*
Choose an item.

Background Information:

The City of San Marcos conducts an annual water/wastewater rate study which was reviewed by the Citizen's Utility Advisory Board (CUAB) and staff. The CUAB recommends a 5% adjustment to water rates and a 3% adjustment to wastewater rates for fiscal year 2021. These adjustments will increase the average residential bill by \$3.75 per month or \$45.00 annually. In addition to the adjustment in fiscal year 2021, the CUAB recommends continuing the practice of implementing small increases annually over the next 2 to 4 years in order to offset a potentially much larger adjustment of 25% to 35% as the debt for the Alliance Regional Water Authority (ARWA) project is issued over several years. The ARWA project will supply San Marcos with an additional 50-year water supply once it is fully implemented.

During a work session council approved the restructure and fee adjustment to Stormwater in FY2021 at 6.5%. The average monthly bill will increase by \$0.78 or \$9.36 annually.

Resource Recovery rate adjustment has been proposed at 3%. This increase represents an average monthly increase of \$0.78 or \$9.36 annually.

Total citizen impact is \$5.31 monthly, or \$63.72 annually (water, wastewater, stormwater, and resource recovery).

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

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Alternatives:

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Recommendation:

Staff recommendation approval of rate increase ordinance.