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ITEM #13
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MEMORANDUM

March 9, 2011

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric Stuckey, City Administrator *Ein*
Russ Truell, Assistant City Administrator
Steve Sims, Assistant City Recorder & Court Clerk

SUBJECT: Consideration of Revision to Title 18 to Define Residential and Nonresidential Customers

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) with information to consider changes to Title 18 (Water & Sewer) to define Residential customers and Nonresidential customers for the purpose of applying water, sewer, irrigation and reclaimed water rates consistently.

Background

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen approves rates for water, sewer, and irrigation customers as either Residential or Commercial and Inside (the City) or Outside (the City). Reclaimed Water has only one rate currently. The rate charged for consumption is the same for inside customers whether residential or commercial. The Availability Charge for a Residential customer is lower than that of a Commercial (Nonresidential) customer. The same pricing structure holds true for customers outside the city but they pay a higher rate overall (i.e. residential customers outside the city pay a higher rate than residential customers inside the city).

However, the Municipal Code does not classify customers clearly to allow the City to apply rates for utility services consistently (water, sewer, irrigation water, reclaimed water, solid waste and stormwater). In some cases the customer descriptions/classifications contradict each other so that a customer may have some service priced as residential and another priced as nonresidential (commercial).

This ambiguity and contradiction in the various titles of the Municipal Code has resulted in confusion by staff which resulted in inconsistent classification of our customers.

Financial Impact

There will be some indeterminate financial impact to the City and to customers due to varying consumption levels among the various customers. However, it is expected that once the revisions needed to clarify and standardize practices for billing for utility services is completed, this will be revenue neutral when considering all services and all customers.



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Customers primarily impacted will be those served by a master meter where there are multiple end users. Our contract or service agreement is with the Homeowner Association (HOA) or agent. Our service has been priced as Residential - this affects condominiums, apartments, certain mobile home parks, duplexes (only those with a single meter). Additionally, customers whose property is classified by a farm (which produce income to be classified as a farm) will have service charged at Nonresidential rates. Lastly, this will affect HOA associations where the not-for-profit corporation or agent has contracted with the city for service.

Recommendation

Approval of the revision to Title 18 is recommended, allowing the consistent application of pricing rules for all customers and consumer groups.



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May 4, 2012

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric Stuckey, City Administrator
Russ Truell, Assistant City Administrator
Steve Sims, Assistant City Recorder & Court Clerk

SUBJECT: Consideration of Revision to Title 18 to Define Residential and Nonresidential Customers – IMPACT TO CUSTOMERS

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) with information for the impact to customers resulting from changes define Residential customers and Nonresidential customers.

Background

This information stratifies certain selected customers affected by the standardization of rules for classifying customers. The change is needed to standardize definitions for applying monthly service fees, ensure predictability in pricing application for future development, support the water/sewer cost of service study and support the upcoming stormwater study.

This is brought on by existing inconsistencies in applying our billing standards.

Financial Impact

It is expected to very close to a revenue neutral proposition but sewer revenues should decline and residential solid waste revenues should increase.

There will be some customers who will benefit from the changes and some who not benefit. From the data reviewed, the overall impact is a loss of revenue to the City of \$0.77/month. However, this does not have the full impact of the impact on stormwater billings as information about the impervious surface is not available at this time.

Customers primarily adversely impacted will be those privately owned attached residences that are not required to obtain and pay for city residential trash (e.g. Morningside, Del Rio Commons and Hardison Hills). Those positively impacted will those that are having multiple minimums applied (e.g. Generals Retreat, Alara River Oaks, and Viera Cool Springs).

Recommendation

Consider the additional information and move to approve the revision to Title 18 as recommended and direct staff to revise Title 17 (Solid Waste) and Title 23 (Stormwater) to allow for consistency and standardization of customer classification across all services.

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SELECTED PROPERTIES - PRICING IMPACT

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