



Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

Meeting Date:	April 24, 2023	Staff/Council Member(s): Michael G. Hamp II, City Manager/ Cameron S. McCormick, CPA, Director of Finance
Agenda Item #	10	
Ordinance		
Department:	City Manager's Office/Finance Department	
Subject:	Proposed Water, Sewer, Refuse, and Stormwater Utility Fees for Fiscal Year 2024	

Background: The City Manager's Fiscal Year 2024 recommended budget proposes an increase in the Water, Wastewater, Refuse, and Stormwater funds as listed below.

The water rate is proposed to increase by 9.0 percent from \$5.36 to \$5.85 per 1,000 gallons. Fixed service charges will also increase by 3.0 percent. It is proposed that all new rates would become effective July 1, 2023.

	Current Water Service Charge	Proposed Water Service Charge
5/8-inch meter	\$9.03	\$9.85
1-inch meter	\$23.56	\$25.68
1 1/2-inch meter	\$44.15	\$48.13
2-inch meter	\$76.94	\$83.87
3-inch meter	\$134.92	\$145.57
4-inch meter	\$161.78	\$176.34
6-inch meter	\$202.62	\$220.86
8-inch meter	\$247.46	\$269.73

The sewer rate is proposed to increase by 3.0 percent from \$8.96 to \$9.23 per 1,000 gallons. Fixed service charges will also increase by 3.0 percent. It is proposed that all new rates would become effective July 1, 2023.

	Current Sewer Service Charge	Proposed Sewer Service Charge
5/8-inch meter	\$14.51	\$14.95
1-inch meter	\$27.47	\$28.30
1 1/2-inch meter	\$51.43	\$52.97
2-inch meter	\$80.92	\$83.35
3-inch meter	\$114.29	\$117.72
4-inch meter	\$155.40	\$160.06
6-inch meter	\$247.81	\$255.25
8-inch meter	\$388.63	\$400.29

The stormwater utility fee Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) is proposed to increase by 3.0 percent from \$4.70 per month to \$4.84 per month. An ERU equates to 1,600 square feet of impervious surface. The monthly fee for Multi-Family Residential and Nonresidential shall be calculated by dividing impervious surface on the subject property by 1,600 and multiplying by the ERU rate as established by the City Council except that no fee shall exceed 244 ERU's per month. Single Family Residential Units shall be bill according to the following schedule:

FEE SCHEDULE FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL			
Single Family Residential	ERU's	Current Monthly Fee	Proposed Monthly Fee
Tier (1) <1,200 sq. ft.	0.5	\$2.35	\$2.42
Tier (2) 1,200 to 3,000 sq. ft.	1.0	\$4.70	\$4.84
Tier (3) >3,000 sq. ft.	2.0	\$9.40	\$9.68

The refuse service charge is proposed to increase from \$17.50 per month, per cart to \$20.00 per month, per cart.

City Manager's Recommendation: Hold a public hearing to hear citizen input and consider introducing an ordinance on the 2024 fiscal year utility rates, charges, and fees. The water, sewer, and stormwater rater adjustments are intended to keep the funds stable while balancing affordability with inflation.

The refuse service fee increase is based on capital needs at the Augusta County Regional Landfill as well as inflation pressures.

Suggested Motion(s): Move to introduce the attached ordinance.

Attachments: Utility Rate Ordinance