



## **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

August 28, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Amend the City of Euless Code of Ordinances, Chapter 30, "Fees", Section 30-35 "Water and Wastewater Service-Monthly Rates" and Section 30-37 "Monitored Group Class".

**SUBMITTED BY:** Vicki Rodriguez, Director of Finance

**REFERENCE NO:** Ordinance No. 1963

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### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Consider First and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1963 amending the City of Euless Code of Ordinances, Chapter 30, "Fees", Section 30-35 "Water and Wastewater Service-Monthly Rates" and Section 30-37 "Monitored Group Class".

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

- Modify the request
- Table the request
- Deny the request

### **SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:**

Ordinance No. 1963 amends the fees charged for water service and consumption, reclaimed water use and wastewater service. Proposed rate changes include a 50¢ increase in the water and wastewater monthly base rate on 5/8" meters (the typical residential meter). This represents a 6.3% increase and as such, the proposed rate changes also include a 6.3% increase in the monthly base meter charge for all other meter sizes. Consistent with our philosophy of keeping the average household usage rate as low as possible and encouraging conservation at the higher consumption levels, the ordinance provides for a 15¢ increase in the volume charge for the highest two water use tiers. Irrigation only meters follow the same tiers as residential customers, with the exception of the first two tiers which begin at \$3.74 rather than the lower rates afforded to household use. The volume charge for Commercial, Multi-family and Industrial users will remain unchanged at \$3.74 and the recommended volume charge for fire hydrant meters and gas wells is proposed at \$9.00.

The Ordinance also establishes a new rate class for reclaimed water-construction meters and gas wells- at a volume charge of \$7.65.

On the wastewater side, proposed rate changes include a 13¢ increase to the volume charge. As a reminder, residential wastewater charges are capped at 90% of water consumption up to 12,000 gallons.

The proposed fee changes would become effective October 1, 2012.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Revenue Sources:

Expenditure Accounts:

Budgeted Fiscal Year(s):

Estimated Expenditure:

Over/Under Projection By:

Other Comments:

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

- Ordinance No. 1963

**APPROVED BY:**

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City Manager's Office

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City Secretary's Office