



City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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TO: Eric Campbell, City Manager
FROM: Chris Brown
DATE: May 3, 2019
RE: Ordinance amendment adjusting water and sewer rates.

Summary: This is an amendment to Section 7-4-1 of the Harrisonburg City Code to increase water and sewer rates and monthly minimums in order to meet revenue projections established by the 2019/2020 City budget.

Background: Section 7-4-1 of the Harrisonburg City Code establishes water and sewer rates and minimum monthly charges. The proposed increases in water and sewer rates and minimum monthly charges are set forth in the accompanying draft ordinance. These increases are necessary to meet revenue projections set forth in the recently approved City budget.

Key Issues: The increase in water rates and minimum charges will generate an increase in revenues of approximately \$588,000.00. This increase is necessary for operating expenses and to fund the Shenandoah Raw Waterline Project.

The increase in sewer rates and minimum charges will generate an increase in revenues of approximately \$150,000.00, which is necessary for operating expenses and to fund certain improvements required by HRRSA.

Environmental Impact: None

Fiscal Impact: Generation of approximately \$588,000.00 in additional water service revenue and \$150,000.00 in sewer service revenue.

Prior Actions: City Council supported the Harrisonburg Raw Water Management Plan and its Shenandoah Raw Water supply component in September, 2017 and with a water rate increase in 2018 as the first step in funding the Raw Water Management Plan.

Alternatives:

- (a) Approve the rate schedules as presented,
- (b); or evaluate other rate schedules.
- (c)

Community Engagement: A notice of public hearing has been published and a public hearing must be held prior to adopting the proposed ordinance amendment.



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Recommendation: Staff recommends that Council approve the proposed ordinance amendment.

Attachments:

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Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.

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