



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

To: Mayor Graham and City Council
From: Dennis Sullivan, Director of Public Works
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: June 1, 2009
Subject: ORDINANCE – Sewer Base User Rate for Multiple Units on One Water Meter

List of committees that have reviewed: Public Works

Background: Currently, if there are multiple units on a single water meter, each unit is assessed a baser sewer user fee. In the case of the new sewer rates recently passed. A six-unit apartment complex on a single water meter would be charged \$5.00 per unit or \$30. This amendment would change the charge to an amount based on water usage, similar to any other user of water. Say the complex used 30,000 gallons of water during the billing period, then the sewer user fee would be a dollar for each 1,000 gallons of water plus \$4 for a total of \$34. That is if the complex only has a single sewer later. If it had a second lateral, then there would be an additional \$5 charge. The additional charge is a nominal fee for the sewer system tracking this lateral in the system and its potential contribution to I&I (infiltration and inflow).

Legal considerations, if any: None

Budget impact: Over the entire system and the instances where there are multiple units on a single water meter, the impact is considered minimal.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends the ordinance change.