



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor Graham and City Council
From: Dennis Sullivan, Director of Public Works
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: March 3, 2014
Subject: ORDINANCE – Surcharge for Industrial Users, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 51, Section 51.080

List of committees that have reviewed: Public Works.

Background: The City was under a consent decree regarding its application of surcharges to industrial users through mid-2013. Section 51.080 has needed revision for some time to bring it up to industry standard regarding high strength sewage with certain constituents. The rates as proposed are similar to ones applied by other wastewater authorities in the Midwest. We expect protest, but staff feels the increases are reasonable.

Legal Considerations, if any: Normal legal considerations when obtaining professional services.

Budget Impact: The City could see as much as an additional \$250,000 in revenue from the rate changes.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends adoption of the ordinance changes.