

City of Littleton

Council Communication

Date	Agenda	Subject
10/4/11	7(c)	2012 Sanitary Sewer Utility Charges
Initiated By:	City Staff and Council	
Action Proposed:	Approve Ordinance on First Reading; Set Public Hearing date.	
Presented By:	Doug Farmen, Finance Director	

INTRODUCTION

This communication presents an ordinance to the City Council establishing the 2012 annual sanitary sewer charges.

HISTORY AND FACTS

During the 2012 Proposed Budget deliberations, the City Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance amending the annual sewer charges for Council consideration. The proposed ordinance would increase the annual charge for both inside city and outside city customers by 2%. The annual charge for an inside city single-family residential customer would increase by \$4.57 and the outside city single-family residential customer would increase by \$4.16. The inside city fee includes a charge to maintain the collection system that serves city customers.

FINANCIAL DETAILS

The proposed sewer service charges for 2012 (current charges also shown) are as follows:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Inside city, single family residential	\$228.45	\$233.02
Inside city, within a sanitation district, single family residential	\$173.38	\$176.85
Outside city, single family residential	\$208.05	\$212.21
Inside city, multi-family residential	\$194.18	\$198.06
Inside city, within a sanitation district, multi-family residential	\$147.37	\$150.32
Outside city, multi-family residential	\$176.84	\$180.38
Inside city, commercial (per 1,000 gal.)	\$4.19	\$4.27
Outside city, commercial (per 1,000 gal.)	\$2.27	\$2.32

LEGAL OPINION

The documents pertaining to this Council Communication have been reviewed by the City Attorney and are in compliance with federal, state and local laws.

CONFLICTS AND/OR COMPLICATIONS

Utility rate setting is a complex and information intensive process. The Council has received a variety of opinions regarding the appropriate fee for sewer service to Littleton citizens and other contract customers.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The staff recommends approval of this ordinance on first reading.

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SUGGESTED MOTION

I move that the proposed ordinance adopting the 2012 Sanitary Sewer Utility charges be approved on first reading, setting the public hearing for October 18, 2011 and publishing the proposed ordinance by posting at the Littleton Center, Bemis Library, Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton website.

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Yes _____ No _____ Absent _____