



# City Council Report

**Date:** February 27, 2017  
**To:** City Council  
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**Subject:** Wastewater Meter Service  
Citywide Project

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this administrative change to the City's existing (non-residential) Wastewater Meter Service rate is to 1) lower the outfall threshold, 2) eliminate the eligibility requirement that the customer be regulated as an Industrial User, 3) provide additional clarity that certain Multi-Unit Dwelling and Industrial customers are ineligible for the rate, and 4) make some minor clerical corrections.

If Council approves this administrative change, to qualify for the Wastewater Meter Service rate, non-residential customers:

- 1) must discharge a minimum of an average annual volume of wastewater discharged through a single metered outfall of 2,400 kgal (down from 3,000 kgal).
- 2) receive water service from the City with an average annual billed water demand at the same location as the sewer connection (in thousands of gallons or "kgal") of equal to or greater than 11,000 kgal (not including water delivered under Landscape, Fire or Large Turf services), or if a new customer, an anticipated average annual billed usage of equal to or greater than such amount; or discharge water not delivered by the City of Mesa
- 3) will no longer be required to be regulated as an Industrial User as one of the stipulations to qualify for the rate.
- 4) would be ineligible for the rate if they are Multi-Unit Dwelling or Industrial customer.

## Background

The Wastewater Meter Service rate, in its current form is applicable to all eligible commercial, industrial, and public authority utility customers receiving wastewater service inside and outside the City limits for the billing of utilities.

## **Discussion and Fiscal Impact**

Changes to the rate would be applicable for the June 2017 billing cycle. These changes would make the rate more inclusive for the City's existing and potential large non-residential customers. However, customers would continue to be required to receive water service from the City with an average annual billed water demand at the same location as the sewer connection of equal to or greater than 11,000 kgal, OR discharge water not delivered by the City. It is reasonable to meter the wastewater flow for such large customers and charge accordingly for the use of the City's sewer service

Since the rate only applies to eligible large customers, the City does not anticipate a significant fiscal impact.

## **Coordinated With**

Economic Development was coordinated with when preparing this administrative utility rate change, and is in support of the change.