

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 26, 2010
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER *J*
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE SANITARY SEWER LINE
MAINTENANCE CHARGE

ISSUE: Increase the sanitary sewer line maintenance charge.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council adopt the attached Resolution.

DISCUSSION: The sanitary sewer line maintenance charge (i.e. usage fee) was established to assist in recovering the cost of maintaining, inspecting and improving public sanitary sewer facilities in the City. The current rate (\$1.00 per 1,000 gallons of usage) costs the typical household approximately \$70 annually, or \$17.50 per quarter. The sanitary sewer rate is intended to recover 100% of sanitary sewer operating, debt service, and capital costs. This is considered a "best practice" and is the norm in the United States and many other countries. The \$0.25 per 1,000 gallon increase currently proposed would cost the typical household an additional \$17.50 per year, or \$4.38 per quarter. Without the proposed increase, future sanitary sewer capital projects would be deferred or cancelled. The proposed rate was included in the City's FY 2011 Adopted Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT: The additional projected revenue in FY 2011 from increasing the sanitary sewer maintenance fee to \$1.25 is \$1,312,500.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

STAFF:

Bruce Johnson, Chief Financial Officer
Morgan Routt, Assistant Director, OMB
Michael Stewart, Budget and Management Analyst, OMB
Richard J. Baier, P.E., LEED AP, Director, T&ES
Emily Baker, P.E., Deputy Director/City Engineer, T&ES
Maurice Daly, P.E., Engineering Division Chief, T&ES
Antonio J. Baxter, Division Chief of Administration, T&ES

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA**

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2. That the fees established in Section 1 above shall apply to sanitary sewer line maintenance charge, unless and until revised by the City Council, to such services provided during subsequent fiscal years.

3. That this resolution shall be effective on the date and at the time of adoption.

ADOPTED: June 12, 2010

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jackie M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2403

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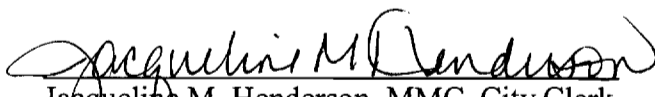
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ADOPTED: June 8, 2010



WILLIAM D. EULLE MAYOR

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Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk