



**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Title: Recommendation to Approve Water Meter Fees and Revised Ordinance Language for 13.16.150 Meters – Required – Rates.

Presenter: John Lamb

*Please check appropriate box:*

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| Estimated Cost: | None | Budgeted: | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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If NO, please explain how item will be funded:

**Executive Summary:**

City staff has established that current water meter fees in the City Ordinance do not cover the actual costs for the meters and installation. The fees have not been increased since 1990 and the pricing on the meters has increased significantly since that time. Examples of the fee versus cost for the two most common meters are:

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| Ordinance fee for three-quarter (3/4) inch: \$210.00 | Actual Cost: \$370.00 | Difference: \$160.00 |
| Ordinance fee for one (1) inch: \$300.00             | Actual Cost: \$480.00 | Difference: \$180.00 |

Therefore staff is recommending an increase in the meter costs. The average increase is \$170.00 for these most common meters. The fee is charged for new meter installations only and not meter change-outs. In the past two years there have been approximately fifty (50) new meters installed.

Staff is recommending changing the ordinance language for the section applying to meter fees. Instead of listing costs for each meter size the language would state "...paid for by the consumer at fees based on the cost to the City installed plus fifteen percent".

**Attachments:** *(please list)*

Proposed revised ordinance

**Recommendation / Suggested Action** *(briefly explain):*

Staff recommends approval of increase in meter fees and revision in ordinance language for Section 13.16.150 Meters – Required – Rates.

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**13.16.150 Meters - Required - Rates.**

All premises using the city water supply must be equipped with an adequate water meter and backflow prevention device furnished by the city, but paid for by the consumer as fees based upon the cost to the city installed plus fifteen percent.

(Ord. 1990-M-18 § 1; 1979-M-6 § 2; Ord. 1978-M-8 § 3; Ord. 1977-M-4; Ord. 1975-M-15; Ord. 1974-M-1; Ord. 1968-33: prior code § 15.301.)