



# Town of Vienna

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## Legislation Text

**File #:** 18-849, **Version:** 1

### **Subject:**

Intent to adopt FY 2018-19 Water and Sewer Rates

### **EXPLANATION AND SUMMARY :**

A Water and Sewer Rate Study has been performed by Municipal & Financial Services Group (MFSG). The goals of the study were to maintain financial health of the fund; fairly balance consumption and revenue; ensure that rates cover full cost of operations and debt service, which finances capital projects; and underscore Council's initiative of conservation by incorporating an incentivized rate structure.

Based on recommendations from MFSG, a five-year rate plan was presented to Council at the March 5, 2018 work session; a public hearing was held April 9, 2018. Water and Sewer rates will be reviewed and adjusted as needed each year. This is a departure from the previous procedure of reviewing and/or raising rates every other year, but it is necessary to maintain the financial health of and address infrastructure improvements covered by the fund.

Consumption charges proposed for FY 2018-19 are as follows, and include a change in block limits, consumption rates, and quarterly base rates (service charges).

<u>Residential</u>	<u>Block Structure (Quarterly Basis)</u>
Water Consumption Charge	0 - 9,000 gallons \$5.10 per 1000 gallons 9,001 - 18,000 gal \$5.55 per 1000 gallons 18,001 plus gallons \$6.40 per 1000 gallons
Sewer Consumption Charge	0 -9,000 gallons \$6.65 per 1000 gallons 9,001 - 18,000 gal \$7.20 per 1000 gallons 18,001 plus gallons \$8.35 per 1000 gallons
Residential Base Rate:	\$17.75/quarter
<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Block Structure (Quarterly Basis)</u>
Water Consumption Charge	0 - 120,000 gallons \$5.10 per 1000 gallons 120,001 - 360,000 gal \$5.55 per 1000 gallons 360,001 plus gallons \$6.40 per 1000 gallons
Sewer Consumption Charge	0 - 120,000 gallons \$6.65 per 1000 gallons 120,001 - 360,000 gal \$7.20 per 1000 gallons 360,001 plus gallons \$8.35 per 1000 gallons
Commercial Base Fee:	5/8" meter \$25.50/quarter 1.0" meter \$63.75/quarter

1.5" meter \$127.50/quarter  
2.0" meter \$204/quarter  
3.0" meter \$408/quarter  
4.0" meter \$637.50/quarter

Water non-consumption based charges have been increased to match fees charged by FCWA. There are no changes to sewer availability fees in FY 2018-19. All fees are attached as part of Town Code Section 1-13, Schedule of Public Works Fees.

**Departmental Recommendation** : Recommend approval of water and sewer rates as presented.

**Finance Recommendation** : Recommend approval of water and sewer rates as presented.

**Purchasing Recommendation** : N/A

**Town Attorney Recommendation** : The Town has advertised the proposed water and sewer rates, and Town Council conducted a public hearing on April 9, 2018. Town Council may approve the proposed FY 2018-19 water and sewer rates in its discretion.

**Town Manager's Recommendation** : I recommend the Town Council approve an ordinance setting water and sewer rates for the 2018-2019 fiscal year as presented.

Cost and Financing: \$8,601,190

Account Number: various

Decision Needed by This date: May 7, 2018

#### **PROPOSED/SUGGESTED MOTION**

"I move to approve an ordinance setting water and sewer rates for the 2018-19 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 as presented."

And

"I further move that the Town Clerk be directed to advertise a Notice of Adoption."

Or

Other action deemed necessary by Council.