



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2499, **Agenda Item #:** 2.

8/28/2019

Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed rate and fee changes for Austin Water as part of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Proposed Budget.

Lead Department

Austin Water

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

Recommended by the Water & Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Michel's motion and Commissioner Ho's second on a 10-0-0-1 vote with Commissioner Parton absent.

Additional Backup Information:

This action requests City Council to conduct a public hearing to hear public comments on the water, wastewater rate changes proposed in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget. The City Code in Section 15-9-3 requires a public hearing prior to the City Council approving any changes to utility services rates.

Austin Water will increase support for the Customer Assistance Program (CAP) customers by reducing the volumetric water and wastewater rates which will result in an additional \$4.00 or 8.3% decrease for the combined average monthly CAP bill.

Austin Water's proposed changes to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget includes changes to the current water and wastewater rates for all retail Customer Assistance Program (CAP) customers (See Exhibit A).