



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 23-2717, Agenda Item #: 5.**

**8/18/2023**

### **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 2023-2024 proposed budget.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Water.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

July 20, 2023 - Council set a public hearing for August 16, 2023 to receive public comment on the proposed rate and fee changes for Austin Water as part of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Budget.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

July 19, 2023 - Not reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission due to a lack of quorum.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

This action requests City Council to conduct a public hearing to hear public comments on the water, wastewater, and reclaimed rate changed proposed in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget City Council is scheduled to adopt the budget on August 16, 17, and 18, 2023. The City Code in Section 2-5-45 specifically requires a public hearing prior to the City Council approving any changes in electric, water, wastewater, and garbage collection rates.

Austin Water's Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget includes the following changes to the current water and wastewater rates:

	Combined Water & Wastewater Rates	
	Average Bill Impact% <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Bill Impact \$ <sup>(1)</sup>
<b><u>Retail Customers:</u></b>		
Single Family (Non-CAP)	3.28% Increase <sup>(3)</sup>	\$2.65 Increase <sup>(3)</sup>
Single Family (CAP)	No Change	No Change
Multifamily	3.59% Increase	Varies <sup>(4)</sup>
Commercial	3.59%	Varies <sup>(4)</sup>
Large Volume <sup>(2)</sup>	3.63% Increase	Varies <sup>(4)</sup>

<b>Wholesale Customers:</b> <sup>(2)</sup> No Change No Change		
<b>Water Wastewater</b>		
<b>SYSTEM-WIDE RATE INCREASE</b>	2.56% Increase	4.31% Increase

*(1) Water Rate percentage impacts shown for all customer classes include Revenue Stability Reserve Fund and Community Benefit Charge*

*(2) Large Volume and Wholesale customers each have individual rates*

*(3) Based on average residential water consumption of 5,800 and average residential wastewater flows of 4,000*

*(4) Multifamily, Commercial, and Large Volume average bill impacts by dollar amount will vary due to dissimilarities in average water consumption and average wastewater flows within each of these customer classes.*

The attached schedules provide detailed current and proposed water, wastewater, and reclaimed rates for all retail and wholesale customer classes.