

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM IX



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

City Council Meeting of April 6, 2015

From: Brian J. Sullivan, Director

Subject: City Council to consider setting a Public Hearing on Ordinance #10-15 , relative to proposed Amendments to Chapter 160 "Fees" ; Chapter 245 "Sewer" and Chapter 289 "Water" of the Franklin City Code.

Recommended Motions:

1. Councilor moves
"I move that the Franklin City Council schedules a public hearing on Ordinance #10-15 for Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:07 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall."
2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, and the vote.

Discussion:

Over the past few months I have been reviewing various sections of Chapter 160 "Fees"; Chapter 245 "Sewers" and Chapter 289 "Water" of the Franklin City Codes. In doing so I noticed that each was lacking in various definitions as they relate to fees and charges. Ordinance #10-15 adds clarification relating to these three sections of the Franklin City Code. The definitions listed in this proposed ordinance will clearly identify what each fee or charge is for as they are currently listed in listed in Chapter 160 -1. The definitions **do not** have any monetary impact to the current fee schedule. This is a housekeeping exercise providing a clear definition as to the charges listed on the water and sewer bills.

Concurrence:

The opportunity for any public input will take place at the public hearing scheduled for May 4, 2015. Additionally, the Legislative Committee met in a posted meeting on Monday March 23, 2015 at which time there is the opportunity for questions and public comment.

Fiscal Impact:

This ordinance does not have any fiscal impact or change any fees and charges presently listed in Chapter 160 "Fees"

Alternatives:

Not adopting the proposed changes will not provide a clearer definition to the Water and Sewer Ratepayer. I seldom have questions as to the charges but feel there needs to be a better definition in place in each of the related codes.

Attachments/Exhibits:

- > Ordinance #10-15
- > Public Hearing Notice



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ORDINANCE #10-15

AN AMENDMENT TO THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE:

In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Franklin that the following change be made:

Chapter 160 Fees, 160-1 Fees charged for service provided by City of Franklin, ,
Description of Fee.

Water billing rates (availability charge)	Water Billing Rate/Quarterly
Availability Charges	

Chapter 245, Sewers, 245- Definitions and Word Usage:

Add the following:

QUARTERLY BASE RATE – This charge is found on the quarterly sewer bill received by all customers connected to the City Sanitary Sewer System.

SEWER DISPOSAL CHARGE – This is a charge for wastewater based on the amount of water consumed which is read from the City water meter and is measured in cubic feet. The sewer disposal charge, which is identified in City Code Chapter 160-1 Fees, is billed per 100 cubic feet of water consumed. For those sewer customers that do not have City water, two options are used for determining water consumption, one being the "Flat Rate Fee" which is identified in City Code Chapter 160-1, Fees or the property owner can request the City Sewer Department to install a City water meter to measure the well water consumed which would then be the basis for the Sewer Disposal Charge. The City would pay for and install the water meter, if requested.

Chapter 289 – Water, Article III, Rules and Regulations, 289-11 Definitions:

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Add the following:

QUARTERLY AVAILABILITY CHARGE – A charge on the quarterly water bill to each water customer having access to City water by means of a service connection typically known as a curb stop or some other form of control valve. The quarterly availability charge is based on the size of the water meter.

CURB STOP – A curb stop is a control valve typically located at the edge of the property which has access at ground level to turn on or shut off water.

WATER COMMODITY CHARGE – This is a charge for water consumption read from the water meter which is measured in cubic feet. The Water Commodity Charge, which is identified in City Code Chapter 160-1 Fees, is billed per 100 feet of water consumed.

Roll Call:

Councilor Boyd	_____	Councilor Feener	_____
Councilor Clarenbach	_____	Councilor Giunta	_____
Councilor Wells	_____	Councilor Starkweather	_____
Councilor Desrochers	_____	Councilor Barton	_____
Councilor Dzujna	_____		

Approved: _____
Mayor

Passed: _____

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I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of this Certification and that Katie Gargano is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, Franklin, New Hampshire.

A true copy attested:

City Clerk

Date



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CITY OF FRANKLIN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING

In accordance with the provision of Chapter 31, Division 2 of the Franklin Municipal Code, notice is hereby given that the City of Franklin will hold a Public Hearings on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:07 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall regarding Ordinance #10-15 relating to proposed amendments to Chapter 160 Fees, Chapter 245 Sewer and Chapter 289 Water.