

CITY OF DELANO



REQUEST FOR ACTION

<p align="center"><u>Department Head</u></p> <p align="center">Marlene E. Kittock, City Clerk</p>	<p align="center"><u>City Council Date</u></p> <p align="center">May 4, 2010</p>	<p align="center"><u>Agenda Item</u></p>
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ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND

In accordance with the City Code Chapter 6, entitled Sewer and Water, Section 610.01, Sub 8 states as follows:

Subd. 8. Charges for General Users – Domestic, Commercial, Institutional and Governmental Users.

A. The Category B (User) for general users shall be based on water meter records. The amount of Category B revenues that the City determines is necessary for the annual operation and maintenance of the treatment facilities, less the user fees collected from the other contract users and industrial users, this difference divided by the total annual volume of metered water utilized by the general users and multiplied by 1,000, shall be the cost factor for the general user charge per 1,000 gallons of water used. The cost factor shall take effect at the conclusion of the first quarter and shall remain in effect for one year unless adjusted by Council action on the interim basis. The total annual volume of metered water, utilized by the general users shall be the sum of the first and fourth quarter water meter readings for the previous year, multiplied by two for each residential water user plus the water meter reading during the quarter for commercial, institutional and governmental users for the previous year. **The cost factor times the volume as determined by water meter readings in the fourth quarter of the previous year plus the first quarter of the current year and divided by six, shall be the monthly user charge for domestic users for the calendar months of May, June, July, August, September and October. The cost factor times the volume as determined by the water meter readings in the current month shall be the monthly user charge for domestic users for the calendar months of November, December, January, February, March, and April.** The cost factor times the volume determined by water meter readings during each quarter and divided by three shall be the monthly user charge for all commercial, industrial, and governmental users for the following quarter. Contract users shall be charged monthly at the rate of 1/12 of the annual rates define in the contract with the City.

With the unusually warmer and earlier than normal spring, numerous requests have been received by City Staff requesting an adjustment to the sewer user fee due to water of the lawns within the month of April. In the past Council has given staff blanket authorize to make reasonable adjustments for early or late season yard watering or winter ice rink flooding. On at least one occasion within the last 10 to 15 years Council has authorize a blanket variance to the averaging period for summer usage do a similar scenario. Thus staff is requesting that for the 2010 Summer Averaging Season that a five month average be used (Do not use the April usage) for the seven month billing period of April, May, June, July, August, September, November.

City Staff has already alerted the Staff at the Delano Municipal Utilities that this request is being present tonight, in order for them to begin any early formula changes within the billing system.

If the Council has any questions regarding this request please feel free to contact me.

FUNDING

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

None