



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** January 22, 2017

SUBJECT: Consider Ordinance No. 3495, amending Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances to modify the base unit of measurement for water and sewer charges from cubic feet to gallons and modify the Fee Schedule and amend Appendix A of the North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances related to sewer.

PRESENTER: Mark Mills, Finance Director

SUMMARY:

Staff requests City Council to consider Ordinance No. 3495. This ordinance would amend Chapter 78 - Utilities and Appendix A - Fee Schedule of the City's Code of Ordinances effective February 1, 2018. This change provides for the inclusion of gallons as the primary unit of measurement for water and sewer, with a cross reference table in cubic feet.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

On October 2, 2017 the City Council passed Ordinance 3478, which amended Appendix A of the City of North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances. This amendment provided an adjustment to water rates as well as the inclusion of rates for both gallons and cubic feet. This ordinance, however, did not include the addition of rates for gallons to Appendix A for charges related to sewer services. Ordinance 3495 will amend Appendix A and provide rates for both gallons and cubic feet for sewer services. There is no change to the rate structure or the actual rates themselves included as part of this ordinance.

In addition, Chapter 78 establishes that the volume charge of Appendix A use cubic feet as the base unit of measurement, with the ability to change to gallons at a future date. This ordinance will modify Chapter 78 to reflect the base unit of measurement as gallons.

If approved, these changes would become effective February 1, 2018.



RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance No. 3495, amending Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances to modify the base unit of measurement for water and sewer charges from cubic feet to gallons and modify the Fee Schedule and amend Appendix A of the North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances related to sewer.