

City of East Providence Budget Commission

City Hall

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Public Meeting - Ordinance to Increase Wastewater Rates

April 19, 2012 at 6:00 PM

City Hall Room 306

Date Posted: April 16, 2012

1. Introduction of Ordinance on Waste Water Rates.

Vote of City of East Providence Budget Commission

Making Assessments, Rates and Charges Under Rhode Island

General Laws

Section 45-14-1 et seq.

BE IT VOTED by the Budget Commission of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island (the "City") that:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 45 9 6(d)(7), the Budget Commission hereby establishes sewer, assessments, rates and charges.

SECTION 2. Sections 17-183 (b) and (c) of the East Providence City Code are hereby amended as follows:

(b) The fixed meter charge portion of the sewer charge shall be determined as follows:

Such fee shall be prorated quarterly or monthly for users of city water who are billed on a quarterly or monthly basis.

(c) Effective November 1, 2011, the water consumption portion of the sewer charge shall be at a rate of \$7.78 per 100 cubic feet of water used based upon the actual quarterly or monthly meter reading of water consumption less an annual exemption of 3,500 cubic feet. Such exemption shall be prorated quarterly or monthly for users of city water who are billed on a quarterly or monthly basis.

Effective November 1, 2012, the rate per 100 cubic feet of water will increase to \$8.64.

Effective November 1, 2013, the rate per 100 cubic feet of water will increase to \$9.63.

Effective November 1, 2014, the rate per 100 cubic feet of water will increase to \$10.74.

(d) The fixed meter charge and water consumption rate portions of the sewer charge may be adjusted as early as November 1, 2013 pursuant to the findings of a new waste water rate study that the City will commission as expeditiously as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days after the passage of this ordinance; to analyze additional sewer charge distribution options, including but not limited to split sewer charge based on residential, commercial or industrial usage class. Such sewer charge adjustments shall only be made if the new sewer charge schedule retains coverage required by indentures.

SECTION 3. This Vote shall take effect upon its passage and, in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws Section 45-9-6(a), shall have the effect of an ordinance as passed by the City Council and shall be included in the ordinance books maintained by the City of East Providence.

2. Adjourn

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***Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 45-9-6, Budget Commissions are only subject to the Open Meetings requirements of chapter 42-46 of the general laws when taking certain actions specified in that law.**