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Water Dedication and Fee-in-Lieu Update

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Background Information

- City Staff and consultants wish to provide updates to the City's water dedication and fee-in-lieu of water dedication regulations.
- Fee-in-lieu amounts will be removed from Brighton Municipal Code(BMC), will be placed in the annual Fee Resolution via amendment and updated to reflect current costs (*Resolution will be presented at next regular City Council meeting*).
- Raw water dedication amounts will remain in BMC and be updated by Ordinance (*tonight's agenda item*).

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Overview of Updates

- Removal of one acre size limit on low annual water use projects that can pay fee-in-lieu. Project or parcel size is not always correlated with water usage.
- Removal of Section 13-4-10(e). This section places the City at high risk and is not administratively feasible.
- Differentiate raw water dedication amounts based changed or unchanged water status.

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Overview of Updates (Cont'd)


Units/Acre	Acro-Feet/Unit Dedication Amount Required for Changed Water	Acro-Feet/Unit Dedication Amount Required for Unchanged Water
0 to 3	0.58	0.64
>3 to 4	0.56	0.62
>4 to 5	0.47	0.52
>5 to 6	0.46	0.51
>6 to 7	0.42	0.46
>7 to 9	0.40	0.44
>9 to 10	0.39	0.43
>10 to 11	0.38	0.42
>11	0.36	0.40

Multi-Family	Acro-Feet Dedication Amount Required for Changed Water	Acro-Feet Dedication Amount Required for Unchanged Water
Per unit	0.27	0.30

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****Cost of one acre-foot of water is \$64,357****

Overview of Updates (Cont'd)

- Adopt new fee-in-lieu amounts based on extensive research performed by Whitesands Water Engineers.


Units/Acre	Fee-In-Lieu Payment/Unit
0 to 3	\$41,188
>3 to 4	\$39,901
>4 to 5	\$33,466
>5 to 6	\$32,822
>6 to 7	\$29,604
>7 to 9	\$28,317
>9 to 10	\$27,674
>10 to 11	\$27,030
>11	\$25,743

Multi-Family	Fee-In-Lieu Payment Amount Required
Per Unit	\$19,307

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Staff Recommendation

- City staff recommend the proposed Ordinance be adopted by City Council to ensure the City's water resources are secured for the existing and future residents of the City of Brighton.

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Options for City Council

- Adopt Ordinance as presented
- Reject the Ordinance as presented
- Request that modifications be made to the Ordinance

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