



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 requirements.
- Fee-in-lieu amounts will be removed from Brighton Municipal Code(BMC) and will be placed in the annual Fee Resolution.
- Raw water dedication amounts will remain in BMC.



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 on changed or unchanged water status.



Overview of Updates (Cont'd)

Units/Acre	Acre-Feet/Unit Dedication Amount Required for Changed Water	Acre-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	Acre-Feet Dedication Amount Required for Changed Water	Acre-Feet Dedication Amount Required for Unchanged Water
Per unit	0.27	0.30



****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	\$41,189
>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



Staff Recommendation

- City staff recommend that the proposed Ordinance and 2024 Fee Resolution amendment 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.



Options for City Council

- None at this time.
- First reading of the Ordinance will occur on December 5, 2023, and final reading will occur on December 19, 2023.
- Amendment to 2024 Fee Resolution will be presented to City Council on December 19, 2023.



Questions

