

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

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Amend No. _____

Date Prepared: October 3, 2007

Council Meeting Date: October 16, 2007

TO: Terry Ellis, City Manager

FROM: Brent Mattingly, Finance Director BM

PREPARED BY: Vicki L. Rios, Revenue Manager VR

SUBJECT: Adoption of Notice of Intention to Adjust Rates and Establish Date of Public Hearing

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor and Council adopt a Notice of Intention to adjust the City's water, wastewater, and solid waste rates and establish November 20, 2007 as the date for a public hearing on the proposed adjustments.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2007, the City Council approved the FY08 Budget including funding for the first year of the 10 year Capital Improvement Plan. The approved budget includes capital projects and operational costs that will require funding from the operating revenues of the Water, Wastewater, Residential and Commercial Solid Waste Funds. In order to sufficiently fund the Budget, satisfy the City's bond covenants, and meet the guidelines established in the City's Principles of Sound Financial Management policy, changes in the City's water, wastewater, and solid waste rates will be required.

There are several steps a municipality must complete as required by state law to consider and adopt changes to its utility rates. The following table provides a brief outline of the required steps and the dates identified by staff for the City to fully comply with Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS9-511.01):

Utility Rate Adjustment Calendar

October 16, 2007	Council adopts "Notice of Intention" – notice to the public that the City is considering changes in rates.
October 19, 2007	Written rate report is placed on file at the City Clerk's office.
October 19, 2007 & October 26, 2007	Publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the municipality specifying the public hearing date, time and

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	location.
November 20, 2007	Public Hearing – Council holds public hearing and considers adoption of recommended utility rate changes.
November 20, 2007	Tentative Council adoption of the new rates.
January 2, 2008	New rates become effective

SUMMARY:

In summary, staff is requesting that the Mayor and Council approve the attached Notice of Intention and establish November 20, 2007, as the date for a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed rate changes and to allow Council to consider adjusting rates.

ATT: Notice of Intention

CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADJUST WATER, WASTEWATER, AND SOLID WASTE RATES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Peoria proposes to adjust water, wastewater, and solid waste (sanitation) rates currently charged by the City and to modify certain components of these rates imposed by the City.

A written report supporting the increased rates and modifications to the rates is on file in the Office of the City Clerk. Copies of the written report can be reviewed or obtained from:

Office of the City Clerk
City of Peoria, Arizona
8401 West Monroe Street, Room 150
Peoria, AZ 85345
(623) 773-7340

A public hearing will be held on November 20th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. before the Peoria City Council. The public hearing will be held at the City Council Chambers, Peoria Municipal Office Complex, 8401 West Monroe Street, Peoria, Arizona. All interested persons are invited to attend and give comment.

Dated: _____

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Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk