



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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HPW- 20PMG12 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)'s Annual Public Health Service (PHS)

Agenda Item#: 1.

Background:

SUBJECT: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)'s Annual Public Health Service (PHS) Fees.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize payment of the TCEQ invoices totaling \$2,325,612.15 for the annual PHS fees for the City of Houston (City's) seven separate public water systems.

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION: This is a request to authorize payment of invoices received from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the annual PHS fees for the City's seven separate public water systems for TCEQ Fiscal Year 2021. The current invoices cover the period from *September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 corresponding to TCEQ's fiscal year 2021*. The annual fees are based on the number of service connections for each public water system.

The PHS fee rate schedule is found in TCEQ's regulations, 30 Texas Administrative Code § 290.51. This fee became effective December 21, 1993 and was last amended in 2016. The current fee rate is \$2.45 per connection. The revenue resulting from the PHS Fees pays TCEQ's expenses to schedule analyses of drinking water for chemical content, collect samples of drinking water for chemical analysis, review system data for the evaluation of sampling waivers, inspect PWSs, review plans for new systems and for major improvements to existing systems, and providing technical assistance as needed.

Recommend that Council approve the Houston Public Works' request to pay TCEQ the invoiced amount of \$2,325,612.15.

FISCAL NOTE:

Funding for this item is included in the FY21 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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Houston Public Works

Prior Council Action:

Motion# M#2019-0596 12/04/2019

Amount of Funding:

\$2,325,612.15 from Water and Sewer System Operating Fund No.8300

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Description

SAP documents
Prior Council Action
TCEQ Invoices
annual fees

Type

Financial Information
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