



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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HPW - 20PMG23 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)'s Annual Public Health Service (PHS) Fees.

Agenda Item#: 12.

Background:

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

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize payment of the TCEQ invoices totaling \$2,420,904.90 for the annual Public Health Service (PHS) fees for the City of Houston (City's) seven separate Public Water Systems (PWS).

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION: This is a request to authorize payment of invoices received from the TCEQ for the annual PHS fees for the City's seven separate PWS for TCEQ Fiscal Year 2024. The current invoices cover the period from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024 corresponding to TCEQ's fiscal year 2024. The annual fees are based on the number of service connections for each PWS.

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 PWS, 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 \$2,420,904.90.

FISCAL NOTE: Funding for this item is included in the FY24 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

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Carol Ellinger Haddock, P.E.

Director

Houston Public Works

| Estimated Spending Authority | | | |
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| DEPARTMENT | FY2024 | OUT YEARS | TOTAL |
| Houston Public Works | \$2,420,904.90 | \$0.00 | \$2,420,904.90 |

Prior Council Action:

Motion No. 2022-0619, dated 12-07-2022

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$2,420,904.90 - Fund No. 8300 - Water and Sewer System Operating Fund

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description

SAP Documents
 Prior Council Action
 Annual Fees Table
 Invoices

Type

Financial Information
 Backup Material
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 Backup Material