

ARTICLE IX. - WATER SUPPLY FEE

Sec. 34-1341. - Assessment of water supply fee.

The assessment of a water supply fee to all San Antonio Water System (~~the~~ "system" or SAWS) customers is hereby authorized. ~~Such fee shall become~~ effective December 1, 2000, ~~and will be applied to all billings after one (1) complete monthly billing period on or about January 1, 2001.~~ Such fee shall apply to all water customers, all types of water usage, and all water supply contracts including but not limited to military installations. The system shall show such fee as a separate line item on each customer bill. In the event there is no recorded usage by the customer during the month, no fee will be reflected on the bill.

(Ord. No. 92753, § 1, 10-19-00)

Sec. 34-1342. - Definitions.

~~Fifty-year water resource~~ Water Management Plan. The fifty-year water resource plan approved by the city council ~~used to ensure long-term water security for SAWS customers. The Plan was first developed~~ in 1998 and ~~as amended, has been periodically updated. SAWS intends to update the Plan approximately every five-years.~~

~~Multi-year financial plan for water supply development. The multi-year financial plan for water supply development accepted by the city council and as amended.~~

Projected water consumption. The total amount of water demand projected to be required to meet the needs of all the customers of the San Antonio water system for a given year.

Water supply fee. The line item fee to system customers derived by dividing the annual water supply development costs by the projected annual consumption. ~~Years 2001-2005 will follow the projects and funding programs set out in the multi-year financial plan for water supply development.~~

Water supply development costs. Such costs include the following:

- Land acquisition and construction, including debt service, and the operation and maintenance of water supply development projects;

- Land acquisition and construction, including debt service, and the operation and maintenance of recycling facilities capable of converting wastewater effluent into water suitable for municipal, industrial, and agricultural uses;

Land acquisition and construction, including debt service, and the operation and maintenance of infrastructure for the integration of new water supplies into the delivery system;

Land acquisition and construction, including debt service, operation and maintenance of aquifer recharge enhancement and other aquifer optimization projects;

Acquisition of new water supplies and water rights including land acquisition and permits;

Water supply development, including consultants' feasibility studies and reports, water quality protection and treatment, aquifer recharge initiatives and aquifer optimization studies, investigations, legal fees, court costs and other costs related to the development of water supplies;

Administrative costs, including overhead and that portion of the system's administrative costs applicable to the activities enumerated in this definition.

The above notwithstanding, no costs will be included which are not in conformance with the current, [approved water resource plan or past Water Management Plans](#).

(Ord. No. 92753, § 1, 10-19-00; Ord. No. 101683, § 1(Att. I), 11-17-05)

Sec. 34-1343. - Water supply fee.

A water supply fee is assessed to all system customers based upon their respective monthly consumption. The water supply fee shall be based on the annual water supply development costs.

(Ord. No. 92753, § 1, 10-19-00; Ord. No. 101683, § 1(Att. I), 11-17-05)

Sec. 34-1344. - Reserved.

Sec. 34-1345. - Water supply fee schedule.

~~The water supply fee which will be applied to all consumption beginning on or about January 1, 2023, is set out in Schedule E to this chapter. Such~~The water supply fee schedule shall remain in effect as set out in Schedule E until the System's Board of Trustees and Council of the City of San Antonio determine that an additional adjustment is necessary to most effectively meet the water supply development needs of system customers.

(Ord. No. 92753, § 1, 10-19-00; Ord. No. 101683, § 1(Att. I), 11-17-05; Ord. No. [2015-11-19-0956](#), § 4(Att. I), 11-19-15, Res. No. 16-302, Att. III; Ord. No. [2017-12-07-0928](#), § 1(Att. I), 12-7-17; Res. No. [19-280](#), 5(Att. III), 11-5-19; [Ord. No. 2022-11-10-0867](#), § 2(Att. II), 11-10-22)

Sec. 34-1346. - Water supply fee calculation.

For purposes of calculating the water supply fee for residential customers, the volume of water for domestic service will be combined with the volume of water for irrigation service. For general class customers, the water supply fee will be applied to the volume of water for domestic service and to the volume of water for irrigation service.

(Ord. No. 92753, § 1, 10-19-00)

Sec. 34-1347. - Reserved.

Sec. 34-1348. - ~~Reaffirmation of the adoption of the fifty-year water resource plan~~ Reserved.

~~The adoption of the fifty-year water resource plan is hereby reaffirmed.~~

~~(Ord. No. 92753, § 1, 10-19-00)~~

Sec. 34-1349. - Accountability procedures.

- (a) The system shall submit [the following information](#) to the city council ~~a semi-in~~ [an annual report](#); ~~and shall brief the city council once per~~ [within 120 days after calendar year](#) ~~in an open session meeting of end or incorporate the city council and information into an annual public document such as further required by the city council.~~ [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#). The ~~briefing report~~ shall include:

- ~~(1) — Progress on the 50-year water resource plan;~~
- ~~(1) — amount~~ [The capacity of water supplies purchased or developed by source with commentary on new supplies acquired since the prior report;](#)
- ~~(2) — Volume of water supply developed~~ [distributed annually by source;](#)
- ~~(3) — Total revenues generated from the water supply fee;~~
- ~~(3) — Total~~ [Sources and](#) [Uses of the water supply fee funds;](#)
- ~~(4) — Operating and maintenance expenditures by supply and capital funded by the water supply fee;~~
- ~~(5) — Total~~ [A schedule of water supply development costs expended pursuant to funds available at the multi-year financial plan;](#)
- ~~(6) — Project status report on all water supply projects;~~

~~(7) Progress reports/updates on the acquisition of additional water resources;~~

~~(8) Maintenance and operational expenses for completed projects; and~~

~~(9)(5) Status on the awarding end of contracts the year; and~~

~~(10)(6)~~ Any other information deemed necessary by the city council or the city's supervisor of public utilities.

(b) The system shall submit its annual budget to the city council for review and consultation in accordance with the requirements of [section 32](#), management of the system, subsection q, of city ordinance no. 75686. In addition, the system shall submit its proposed budget to the city's supervisor of public utilities at the same time it is submitted to the system's board of trustees.

~~(c) The city council shall approve the issuance of all bonded debt by SAWS evidenced by the passage of an ordinance.~~

~~(c) In accordance with section 32.U of city ordinance no. 75686, the system shall submit the second annual update, in addition to (a)(1) above, on the capacity of water supplies purchased or developed as of June 30 to the Supervisor of Public Utilities.~~

(d) The system shall make all ~~status~~-reports submitted ~~to the city council~~ pursuant to this section [publicly](#) available ~~for public inspection in the offices of the city clerk of the city as well as the offices of the system's president/chief executive officer.~~

~~(e)~~ The system shall [brief the city council on the water management plan and/or water supply fee at any time as requested by city council.](#)

~~(e)(f)~~ The system shall [periodically](#) inform its customers ~~through periodic customer bill inserts~~ on the overall progress of the water supply projects. ~~The system shall hold town hall meetings and public outreach each year on the progress of the water resources plan.~~

(Ord. No. 92752, § 7, 10-19-00; Ord. No. 92753, § 1, 10-19-00; Ord. No. 101683, § 1(Att. I), 11-17-05)