



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2344, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

8/17/2026

Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing and consider a proposed drainage charge rate change for Austin Watershed Protection as part of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 proposed budget.

Lead Department

Austin Watershed Protection.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

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Additional Backup Information:

Proposed Drainage Charge Rate Change for Fiscal Year 2026-27

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed change to the drainage charge as part of the Fiscal Year **2026-2027** proposed budget for the Austin Watershed Protection (WPD). The proposed rate change increases the monthly Drainage Charge for the median residential customer from \$14.05 to \$14.92, which reflects an approximate 6.2% increase to the drainage charge. That is a monthly increase of about \$0.88, or an annual increase of \$10.56, for a median residential customer with 3,100 square feet of impervious cover and 37% impervious cover. The change for any given property will vary based on the amount and percent of impervious cover on each property. The new rate will be effective October 1 and will be reflected on November 2026 utility bills. For additional information, please visit the drainage charge web page at www.austintexas.gov/drainagecharge, or call 512-974-2540.

- **Current Charge (Fiscal Year 2025-26)**

Monthly Drainage Charge: Impervious Cover (Sq. Ft.) x Monthly Base Rate x Adjustment Factor

Monthly Base Rate: \$0.00593

% of Impervious Cover: Impervious Cover/Property Size

Adjustment Factor (AF) is unique to each property based on % of impervious cover

AF: (1.5425 x % Impervious Cover) + 0.1933

- **Proposed Charge (Fiscal Year 2026-27)**

Monthly Drainage Charge:

Impervious Cover (Sq. Ft.) x Monthly Base Rate x Adjustment Factor

Monthly Base Rate: \$0.00630

% of Impervious Cover: Impervious Cover/Property Size

Adjustment Factor (AF) is unique to each property based on % of impervious cover

AF: (1.5425 x % Impervious Cover) + 0.1933

- For a median Single-Family home with 3100 Sq. Ft. and 37% of impervious cover
 - Current Charge: \$14.05 per month
 - Proposed Charge: \$14.92 per month.