

Background

- **City Council adopted Financial Management Policy Statements provide guidance on user fees**
- **New user fees recommended to recover costs based on level of public benefit**
- **Annual CPI adjustment to user fees based on Houston MSA for February**



Review Process

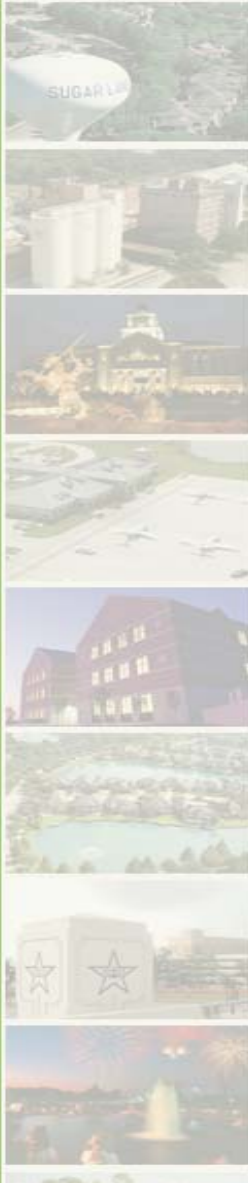
- **Department Review**
 - April- June
- **Finance/Audit Committee**
 - July 27, 2017
- **Council Budget Workshops**
 - August
- **Fee Changes Effective (Most)**
 - January 2018



New Fees

General Fund

- **FY18 proposed budget includes two types of new fees**
 - **Expedited Temporary Food Permit - \$25.00**
 - **Fee for late application submission for temporary food permit**
 - **Late Rental License Permit - \$30.00**
 - **Fee for late submission of annual rental licenses**



Modifications & Adjustments

General Fund

- **Parkland fees in lieu of dedication**
 - **Addition to Code of Ordinance section 2-136**
 - **Previously existed in Development Code but not in fee section**



Modifications & Adjustments

General Fund

- **Building permits**
 - **Adjust code of ordinance language to comply with HB 3329, which prevents a City from charging for an electrical permit**
 - **Building permits which would cover inspections would remain in line with previous electrical permits**
 - **Building permits would also be revised to include plumbing and mechanical services, with fees in line with pervious permits for those activities**



Modifications & Adjustments

General Fund

- **Plan Check Fees**
 - Adjusts language to better correspond to the minimum fee amount already within the ordinance
- **ETJ fire protection fee: full cost of service**
 - \$17.09 to \$17.68 per fire service connection, per month



Modifications & Adjustments

Special Events Application Fees

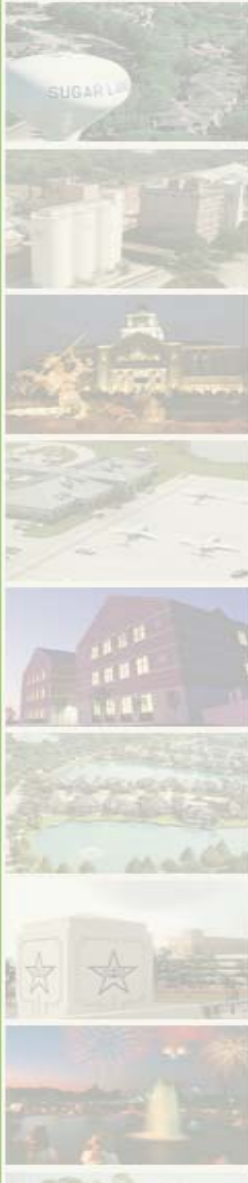
- **Adjusted cost recovery calculation structure**
 - **Creates a more efficient and transparent cost recovery mechanism**
 - **Rates stated by positions most likely involved**
 - **Based on 75th percentile of over-time rates and benefits for each non-exempt position title**
 - **Includes a catch-all for positions not noted**



Modifications & Adjustments

Solid Waste

- **Residential Solid Waste & Recycling**
 - Adjusted 2.5% per contract
 - Increases from \$18.00 to \$18.45 per month
- **Commercial Solid Waste**
 - Adjusted All Rates 2.5% per contract



Modifications & Adjustments

Water/Wastewater Utilities

- No changes to GRP, surface water rates, or water and wastewater rates
 - Stable rates based on Rate Model
 - 2011 - Last Water/WW increase



CPI Adjustment

- Fees were evaluated to determine the need for an increase relative to the CPI
- Certain fees adjusted for CPI
 - February 2017 CPI of 2.10%



Requested Action

- **Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 2109 amending the fees and rates for various services**



Questions/Comments

