

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

BILL NO. 2022-20

(Updates LVMC 14.04.030 and 14.04.210 to implement increases in sewer service charges and sewer connection fees, including subsequent four percent annual fee increases and annual Consumer Price Index increases through calendar year 2032)

This business impact statement was prepared pursuant to NRS 237.090 to address the impact of the contents of a proposed ordinance, Bill No. 2022-20, that will update LVMC 14.04.030 and 14.04.210 to implement increases in sewer service charges and sewer connection fees, including subsequent four percent annual fee increases and annual Consumer Price Index increases through calendar year 2032.

1. The following constitutes a description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their responses and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Notification of the proposal was provided by email or US mail to approximately 15 businesses, organizations representative of businesses, and other organizations likely to be impacted by or interested in the proposal. Notification was also provided by one weekday publication and one weekend publication in the Las Vegas Review Journal. Recipients of the notification were invited to respond in writing and to submit comments, data or arguments regarding whether the proposal would impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a business or directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a business.

The City received one written response to the solicitation. The response was from the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association, indicating no objection to the proposal. The preceding sentences of this paragraph are the means by which the summary is made available to interested persons.

2. The estimated economic effect of the rule on businesses, including, without limitation, both adverse and beneficial effects, and both direct and indirect effects:

Adverse effects:

The proposed increases will add to the costs of development, costs of housing and the costs of doing business, some of which can be expected to be passed along to customers, purchasers, etc.

Beneficial effects:

The increases will help the City continue to maintain an efficient and reliable sanitary sewer system.

Direct effects:

See adverse and beneficial effects above.

Indirect effects:

None identified.

3. The following constitutes a description of the methods the local government considered to reduce the impact of the rule on businesses and a statement regarding whether any, and if so which, of these methods were used:

Not applicable.

4. The estimate of the annual cost to the local government for enforcement of the rule is:

No additional cost for enforcement.

5. If the rule provides for a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount expected to be collected is:

Approximately \$4.6 million, consisting of approximately \$4 million in sewer service charges and \$600K in sewer connection fees.

6. If the rule provides for a new fee or increases an existing fee, the money generated by the new fee or increase in existing fee will be used by the local government to:

Help fund capital infrastructure improvements and ongoing maintenance to ensure capacity for growth and to meet regulatory and level of service commitments.

7. If the rule includes provisions that duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, the following explains why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

None identified.

8. The reasons for the conclusions regarding the impact of the rule on businesses:

It is believed that the proposal represents a reasonable approach to the funding of infrastructure and sewer service without unduly burdening businesses.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, the information contained in this business impact statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

By: _____
City Manager

Date: June 24, 2022