



CITY OF BRIGHTON

"Providing quality service"

May 31, 2011

Dear City of Brighton Residents:

The City of Brighton City Council has had some tough budget policy decisions to make during the last several months in order to produce a budget for FY 2011-12. Over the past three years, we have reduced our labor/personnel costs by \$2.2 million. There has been over \$200,000 of non-labor related ongoing operating cost reductions achieved during the past three years. We anticipate an additional \$200,000 of non-labor related ongoing operating cost reductions will be achieved in the next two years through a variety of operational changes and actions.

The City of Brighton held additional budget worksessions and the City Manager held two Budget Public Informational Meetings in April. We are sending you a letter in advance of adopted increases to the Refuse User Fee and the Utility Rates that will become effective 7/1/2011.

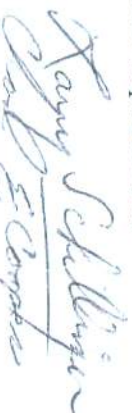
The Utility rates will increase 5.8% for the average utility customer. Attached are the rates as adopted by City Council. The administrative fee is decreasing due to the recent change to the bi-monthly utility billing. The City continues to look for ways to reduce costs. The budget for FY 2011-12 for the Utilities Fund will be \$238,000 less than the current FY 2010-11 year-end projections. The consumption level and new connections to the water and sewer system have been declining in recent years and directly impact the revenue the City receives for our Utilities. This is a major driver of the Utility Rates. We continue to look for ways to reduce costs in order to keep the rate increases at a low level.

The Refuse User Fee will be increased from \$1.91 per month per residential user to \$13.64 per month per residential user. This additional user fee will generate approximately \$380,000 in revenue for the City. The General Fund revenue is decreasing \$281,000 with this additional revenue. In order for the City to maintain its existing level of City services, it became imperative to increase this user fee. The property tax revenue is decreasing for the fourth consecutive year. The General Fund expenditures will be decreasing over \$300,000 as we continue to reduce expenditures.

Sincerely,

City of Brighton City Council





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225-9257

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225-8019

Assessing Assistant
227-9006

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FY 2011-12 Proposed Budget

CITY OF BRIGHTON
 UTILITY RATE COMPARISON
 ACTUAL FY 2010-11 VS
PROPOSED FY 2011-12

	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	\$ VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
Connection Fee Per REU:				
Sewer	\$6,118	\$6,478	\$360	6%
Water	\$2,382	\$2,522	140	6%
Total	\$8,500	\$9,000	\$500	6%

User Fees:	FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12		VARIANCE	VARIANCE
	UNIT CHRG.	UNIT CHRG.	Bi-monthly Charge	Bi-monthly Charge		
Sewer -						
Commodity/1,000 gal.	\$3.48	\$3.38	\$55.68	\$54.08	(\$1.60)	-3%
Administration/Meter/Mo.	\$6.04	\$4.13	12.08	\$8.26	(\$3.82)	-32%
Debt/3/4" Meter/Mo.	\$19.49	\$21.79	38.98	\$43.58	\$4.60	12%
Total	\$29.01	\$29.30	\$106.74	\$105.92	(\$0.82)	(1%)
Water -						
Commodity/1,000 gal.	\$2.15	\$2.71	\$34.40	\$43.36	\$8.96	26%
Debt/1,000 gal.	\$0.00	\$0.00	-	-	-	-
Total	\$2.15	\$2.71	\$34.40	\$43.36	\$8.96	26%
TOTAL SEWER AND WATER			\$141.14	\$149.28	\$8.14	5.8%