

Questions and Answers about BexarMet's Impact Fee Application to TCEQ

- 1. Who is responsible for paying the new impact fee?** This fee applies to new connections to BexarMet water mains only. These new connections may occur as part of new developments or as a new connection in an existing BexarMet service area. This fee does NOT apply to existing customers.
- 2. When are these new impact fees paid?** Impact fees are paid by the developer at the time a new subdivision plan is platted and approved by BexarMet. In the case of a new connection in an existing service area, the impact fee would be paid as part of the fees associated with purchasing the new service (see 2 examples below).
 - Example 1:** A homeowner's well stops producing water and they purchase a service in order to connect to a BexarMet water main. New Impact Fee Applies.
 - Example 2:** A new home is built on a vacant lot without a water service connection in an older neighborhood. A new service is installed to provide water for this home. New Impact Fee Applies.
- 3. Who isn't required to pay impact fees?** Existing BexarMet customers are not required to pay impact fees. Existing BexarMet customers who purchase a separate meter for irrigation that is attached to their existing service for their home are not required to pay the additional impact fee. Developers of the Timberwood Park area paid all of the impact fees when the area was first purchased by BexarMet. Therefore none of the new construction in Timberwood Park is required to pay the new impact fees.
- 4. The new impact fee might be as high as \$2,556 per EDU. How is this levied?** The new impact fee is charged at \$2,556 per EDU, or Equivalent Dwelling Unit. Under BexarMet's Capital Improvement Plan, an EDU is equivalent to one residential connection with either a 5/8" or 3/4" water meter serving the location.
- 5. Why is BexarMet increasing this fee?** The existing BexarMet impact fee has been in place since 1997. Costs for infrastructure development have increased steadily since 1997 and development in existing BexarMet service areas is expected to expand greatly through 2015.
- 6. How will the proceeds from this fee increase be used?** The funds from this fee will be applied to the projects identified in BexarMet's Capital Improvements Plan, which forms the basis for the TCEQ Impact Fee Application – and is included in the application. This application is posted on the BexarMet website at www.bexarmet.org and is also available for viewing at the District's Main Offices at 2047 W. Malone Ave., San Antonio, TX 78225. The BexarMet Capital Improvements Plan may be purchased for the cost of reproduction (161 pages at \$0.10 per page = \$16.10 total).
- 7. What is the timeframe for making capital improvements and increasing services?** BexarMet increases capacities to serve new development and the timeframe for these improvements is directly tied to the pace of new development within BexarMet service areas.
- 8. If this Impact Fee only applies to new development and new service connections, why did BexarMet spend the money to mail the application announcement to existing customers?** TCEQ is requiring BexarMet to send the announcement to all customers across the District.

- 9. How do I petition to receive more information on the Impact Fee Notice?** The process for petitioning is included in the Impact Fee Letter that all customers received.
- 10. Who can I contact if I have more questions?** Contact Michael Albach at (210) 357-5707 or Kerry McCullough at (210) 357-5703 for more information and questions.

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