

City of Galveston

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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October 9, 2020

To: Brian Maxwell, City Manager
Hon. Mayor and City Council Members

From: Trino Pedraza, Director of Municipal Utilities

Re: **Consider for Approval: Payment to the Texas Commission on Environment Quality for Annual Operating Permit Fees for the Water and Wastewater Divisions for the fiscal year. The estimated cost is \$181,387.84.**

I. Background

- A. The City is required to obtain Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits and pay the associated fees each year with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the sewer division operating plants.
- B. In addition to the TPDES permits, the City is required to pay a sludge fee permit.
- C. The City is also required to pay a Consolidated Water Quality Fee.
- D. These fees will be paid throughout Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

II. Current Situation:

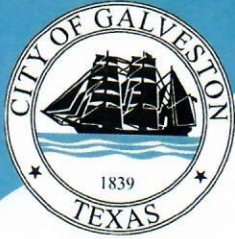
A. The permits required are listed below along with last fiscal years cost:

CWQ0056709	Airport Plant	\$31,876.78
CWQ0056711	Seawolf Park	\$ 620.00
CWQ0056710	Terramar	\$ 5,569.57
CWQ0057080	MUD 1	\$ 3,301.01
CWQ0056708	Main	\$58,892.40
WMS0043848	Sludge Permit	\$ 500.00

Water Quality Permits for Sewer Plants:

SC00251893	Airport Plant	\$ 2,944.62
WQ0011477001	Pirates Beach Plant	\$ 1,650.00





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Water System Fee:

0840003 Water Permit \$76,432.65

B. The cost for the permits and fees are estimated as they may increase as per the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

III. Issues:

Failure to obtain such permits may result in fines of up to \$10,000.00 each day.

IV. Alternatives:

- A. Approve payment.
- B. Do not approve payment.

V. Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of payment.

VI. Fiscal Impact

Requested by:	Trino Pedraza Director of Municipal Utilities
Funding Source:	Water & Sewer Certification & Permit Fees Account
Estimated Costs:	\$181,787.03

Respectfully Submitted,

Trino Pedraza
Director of Municipal Utilities

