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**Subject:** DEQ Drinking Water Fee Rulemaking Feedback

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Good afternoon Tyler,  
Thank you for the opportunity to provide early feedback on the proposed drinking water fee adjustments.

As a councilmember in a fast-growing community, I am particularly interested in understanding how the proposed fee structure will affect both existing ratepayers and the cost of expanding systems to serve new development.

From my perspective, a few points would be helpful to better evaluate the proposal:

- What is the anticipated impact on a per-connection or per-household basis?
- How will the fees scale for systems that are actively expanding infrastructure?
- Will the increase be phased in, or implemented all at once?
- Are there specific service or regulatory improvements tied to the additional revenue?

As we continue to plan and invest in system expansion, understanding how these types of fee changes scale with growth and timing is important from both a financial and policy standpoint.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment, and I appreciate your outreach to local communities at this early stage.

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Thank you again for the detailed response, this is very helpful.

Based on the per-connection figures you provided, it may be helpful to frame the typical household impact in monthly terms, as that is often how residents experience these types of changes.

Given that implementation timing is still under consideration, a phased approach would be helpful from a municipal perspective to better align with local budget cycles, particularly for communities experiencing ongoing growth.

One additional question, have you evaluated how the proposed structure may affect rapidly growing systems compared to those with stable connection counts?

Thanks again for your time and responsiveness.