

**Summary of Rates & Finance Subcommittee August 5, 2021, meeting  
For MWPAAC General Meeting August 25, 2021**

1. **King County Biennial Budget Ordinance (Proviso) – A draft report on the shift of sewer rate cost burden to single-family sector from the commercial/industrial/multifamily sector.**

Presenter: Courtney Black – Rates, Capital, & Debt Management Unit Supervisor

Ms. Black gave a presentation on a report that will be required to be provided with WTD's 2022 budget. The County Council has requested that WTD provide certain information regarding the shifting of rate burden including:

- A discussion of the history and rationale for the current rate structure which has resulted in an inequitable shift of rate burden to single family homes from other rate classifications; and,
- Presenting alternative rate structures that would separate the multifamily sewer rate from commercial & industrial rate structures; and
- Provide a discussion of the appropriate balance (cost of providing service) between the residential sector and the commercial & industrial sectors, including providing criteria that impacts those relationships.

The discussion ended with Ms. Black stating that the final report will not make specific recommended changes to the rate structure but will present, based on the data obtained, a structure(s) that are more equitable and more closely reflect the cost of providing services to the various rate classes.

A brief Q&A session occurred with a significant portion of the discussion relating to the volume definition of a residential customer equivalent and if the current definition will be revisited.

A detailed handout of the presentation is available and Ms. Black indicated the final report will be due in July and MWPAAC will receive copies of the final report.

**Questions?**

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