

GOFORTH BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTS CHANGE TO THE DISTRICT'S WATER SERVICE IMPACT FEE

Please note that on August 24, 2022, by a unanimous vote, the Board of Directors of Goforth Special Utility District, adopted an order changing the District's water service impact fee (Impact Fee). Impact Fees are typically paid by developers or new water customers and are used to fund capital improvement projects to upgrade and expand the District's water system to meet future growth. As a certificated service provider, the District is required by law to continue to upgrade its water system to meet customer service needs.

The new assessed Impact Fee is \$12,657 per service unit, but the Board adopted a phased payment schedule, as follows:

If Paid on or before the close of business on:	Amount of Collected Impact Fee:
September 1, 2023	\$5,500
September 2, 2024	\$8,500
After September 2, 2024	\$12,657

The Board followed the Chapter 395, Local Government Code, process to adopt the Impact Fee. That process included engaging a rate consultant and professional engineering firm to prepare an updated water system capital improvements plan and to study and prepare land use assumptions related to future customer growth. The Board additionally appointed a capital improvements advisory committee (Advisory Committee), as required by Chapter 395. Two public hearings were held by the Board as part of the impact fee evaluation process. The Advisory Committee additionally held various meetings and considered the basis for the capital improvements plan and land use assumptions. The Advisory Committee made a recommendation to the Board that the Board adopt the water service impact fee at the maximum amount.

As part of this process, the Board was informed regarding recent increases in equipment and labor costs, the high cost of new sources of water to the District, and the nature and amount of water service impact fees of nearby water systems and of other systems which purchase water from the same sources as the District.