Fund 501 - WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND

Revenue Sources - Descriptions and Trends

Revenue Source- The Water and Wastewater Fund is an Enterprise Fund for the City, and is used to account for the operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing services (water and sewer) to the general public on a continuing basis is financed or recovered primarily through user charges. The primary revenue source for this Fund is the charges for water and sewer, which are determined via rate studies that are typically performed every five years. Interest on investments and development charges are two other major revenue sources for the Fund. Development charges are levied at the time building permits are requested and help offset the costs for increased capacity in the water and/or wastewater systems to accommodate the growth of the system for the particular development.

Trends- Traditionally, the revenue for this fund increases in direct proportion to the amount of growth in the city as well as through the incremental rate increases dictated by the City Commission's approval of recommendations from the rate study. System growth, meeting regulatory requirements, and replacing aging infrastructure are the three main reasons for increasing revenue for this Fund. Projections are conservative and based on the revenue requirements outlined in the 2004 rate study. Revenue increases of 4% for water and 9% for wastewater are planned for 2005.