







Clean Energy Partnership
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Franchise Fee Increase and the 2018 Budget

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Current Status of the franchise fee increase and the budget

The Mayor's proposed 2018 budget accounts for a 0.5% increase to the utility franchise fee. Assuming that the ordinance change will be adopted and collection will begin in Spring 2018

~\$2.2M is expected to be collected in the initial year of the increase.

~\$2.8M expected in 2019 and beyond

Current Status of the franchise fee increase and the budget

- \$272,000 to the Green Business Cost Share Program, this will now be ongoing funding.
- \$74,000 to initiate a multifamily building energy benchmarking program (Health Dept)
- \$190,000 to support the Clean Energy Partnership, Green Zone initiative, Homegrown Minneapolis initiative, and other Sustainability office programming, this will now be ongoing funding.
- Approximately \$300,000 to support current staff levels in the City's Sustainability office

Current Status of the franchise fee increase and the budget

- \$1,364,000 the budget set aside for CEP recommendations to the City for use of those funds.
 - The budget currently assumes \$375,000 of that would offset the ongoing annual cost associated with the City's contract with Xcel Energy for Renewable Connect.

- Therefore, we estimate approximately \$1.0M-\$1.2M in 2018, dependent on how the City funds RC.
 - 2019 and beyond depends on future RC contracts

Discussion for EVAC

~\$1.0M - \$1.2M

• What ratio does EVAC support for:

policy development, staffing, and admin versus

programs, outreach/engagement, and incentives?

Next Steps

 December 4th is the Public Hearing for the Franchise Fee Increase

December 6th is the 2018 budget adoption

December 8th is the vote to adopt the ordinance change