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### **Edinburg Announces New Utility Rates to Support Infrastructure Improvements**

*Edinburg to remain one of the lowest utility rates in the RGV*

**Edinburg, TX** - After careful consideration, the City of Edinburg has made the decision to implement a modest rate adjustment in utility rates, marking the first adjustment in over a decade. The new rates are set to go into effect on March 1, 2024.

In recognizing the financial challenges faced by residents, and prior to implementing the change, the City of Edinburg contracted a utility rate consultant to conduct a comparative analysis and received input from the City's financial advisors. In addition, a Utility Rate Study Task Force was created consisting of local residents to provide community involvement and input.

In the last 12 years, the City of Edinburg has grown substantially, demanding essential infrastructure upgrades and improvements. These enhancements play a crucial role in guaranteeing the ongoing provision of reliable and efficient services to residents. Even with the proposed rate change, Edinburg's water rates remain well below the average of other cities in South Texas. Based on consumption, the rate adjustment will affect homeowners an additional \$2.96 for 5,000 gallons of usage per month beginning March 1, 2024.

"City of Edinburg residents will continue to benefit from water rates that remain below those of neighboring cities and other water service providers. The rates will continue to be less than half the state average," Utility Director Gerardo Carmona said. "Despite maintaining the lowest water rates in the Valley for over a decade, these necessary adjustments are essential to meet current growing demands and fund crucial infrastructure improvements for our community."

To facilitate a smooth transition, a grace period will be in effect through the end of February 2024, allowing residents to adjust to the new rates. The City of Edinburg expresses its gratitude to the community for its understanding and support as it works towards creating a sustainable and resilient future for all residents.

Customers with questions are encouraged to contact 311 or the Utility Department at 956-388-8212.