## 1153.01 Sewer and water Utility advisory board.

There shall be <u>an utility</u> <u>sewer and water</u> advisory board consisting of the city auditor or a representative; the Director of Public Utilities or a representative; the director of finance and management or a representative; <u>seven six(67)</u> citizens of the City of Columbus, one (1) of whom is knowledgeable and representative of residential customers, <u>one (1) of whom is knowledgeable and representative of Columbus Division of Power customers, one (1) of whom is knowledgeable and representative of low-income residential customers, and one (1) of whom is knowledgeable and representative of senior citizen residential customers, and one (1) citizen of a political subdivision other than Columbus which is a customer of the Columbus Division of Water and the Columbus Division of Sewerage and Drainage, appointed by the mayor with the concurrence of city council in accordance with Section 61 of the Charter of the city to serve for a term of four (4) years; the four (4) appointed members of the board currently serving four (4) year terms shall serve those terms to conclusion; the three (3) new members of the board shall initially be appointed as follows: one (1) for a term of two (2) years, one (1) for a term of three (3) years, and one (1) for a term of four (4) years, all subsequent appointments, except those to fill vacancies for the unexpired term, shall be for a full term of four (4) years.</u>

The board shall select one (1) of its members as chairperson, and a rate clerk of the Department of Public Utilities shall act as secretary, but shall have no vote. The board shall meet upon call of the chairperson or any three (3) members upon at least seventy-two (72) hours written notice to each member or at such time as may be set by the board at any regularly called meeting.

The sewer and water <u>utility</u> advisory board shall review at least annually the operation of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, <u>and</u>the Division of Water, <u>and the Division of Power</u> for the purpose of reviewing the adequacy of the rates established for and charged by said divisions and recommending to council such changes in rates, if any, as in the opinion of the board are necessary. In making such review and recommendations, the board shall be guided by Sections 118 through 124 of the Charter of the City of Columbus and the projected needs, and plans of the division, and the past and projected expenses and revenues of the division.

On or before the last Monday of October of each year, or at such other times as requested by council, the <u>sewer and water utility</u> advisory board shall prepare a report to council with the board's recommendations as to whether a rate change is required in <u>either</u> the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, or the Division of Water, or the <u>Division of Power</u>, and if so, the recommended rates that should be established for each such division together with such detailed information and data, and in such form, as the board deems necessary.