



# City and Borough of Sitka

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor Hunter and Assembly Members  
Keith Brady, Municipal Administrator

**From:** Bryan J. Bertacchi, Electric Utility Director

**Cc:** Jay Sweeney, CFAO  
Janet Schwartz, Budget Officer

**Date:** 10/9/2017

**Subject:** Approval of \$75,000 Capital for Harbor Meters

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### Executive Summary

Harbor Meters (\$75,000/year): The capital project to repair the broken Harbor Meters was previously approved by the Assembly and is funded through an increase to the monthly harbor meter rates (and was additionally approved by the Harbor Commission). Although previously approved by the Assembly for FY17 the amount of \$75,000 in the FY18 capital project budget was erroneously missing. This request is to approve the addition of \$75,000 for the harbor meter repair project for FY18 (project code 90829).

### Analysis

The revised electric rates included an increase to the monthly rate for harbor meters (which was reviewed and supported by the Harbor Commission). This increase generates annual revenue of approximately \$75,000 per year to support the needed replacement of failed harbor meters (currently approximately 75 meters out of service out of the approximate 750 meter total). The initial stainless steel prototype power-head is due in Sitka in the next few weeks and will cost approximately \$2500 each. Total installed replacement cost is expected to be approximately \$225,000 which will be funded over three years of the increased monthly rates. Additional failures are expected as the old installed equipment deteriorates.