

RESOLUTION NO. 28888

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING
RESOLUTION NO. 28718 REGARDING WASTEWATER FIXED MONTHLY CHARGES
TO EXISTING COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, Chapter 15-20 of the Santa Rosa City Code provides for the operation of sanitary sewer facilities as a City-owned utility "maintained and operated under the control and direction of the Board of Public Utilities in accordance with the City Charter"; and

WHEREAS, it is a policy of the City that the wastewater (sewer) system, including the wastewater treatment and disposal facilities, be operated as a self-supporting utility and that service charges for its use shall be calculated and changed from time to time in sufficient amounts to operate and maintain the sewer system to meet the needs of all users; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2015, the Santa Rosa City Council adopted Resolution No. 28718 levying and assessing wastewater service charges effective January 1, 2016 in order to operate and maintain the sanitary sewer system of the City of Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, an administrative issue was discovered that impacts existing commercial and multi-family properties, specifically mobile home parks, with fire flow and fire hydrants on a domestic connection of the single main, instead of a designated fire line; and

WHEREAS, in order to alleviate the financial burden of either installing a dedicated fire line throughout the property or continuing to pay for an oversized meter to address fire flow requirements, staff is recommending that language be added to authorize the Director of Water with the ability to charge qualifying properties a lower wastewater fixed monthly charge; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities has reviewed this amendment and is recommending that the Council amend Resolution No. 28718.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa amends Resolution No. 28718 and adds the following language as Section 1(b)(1) to be reflected on billings rendered on and after January 1, 2017.

1. Fixed Monthly Charges

(b) Commercial/Industrial/Multi-Family: The fixed monthly charge per sewer connection for commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential users is based on the size of the water meter to the premises and shall be as follows:

Meter Size (in inches)	Meters Read on and After January 5, 2016	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2016	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2017	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2018	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2019	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2020
5/8" & 3/4"	\$22.74	\$23.42	\$24.12	\$24.85	\$25.59	\$26.36
1"	\$54.75	\$56.39	\$58.08	\$59.83	\$61.62	\$63.47
1.5"	\$108.11	\$111.35	\$114.69	\$118.13	\$121.68	\$125.33
2"	\$172.15	\$177.31	\$182.63	\$188.11	\$193.76	\$199.57
3"	\$321.56	\$331.21	\$341.14	\$351.38	\$361.92	\$372.78
4"	\$535.00	\$551.05	\$567.58	\$584.61	\$602.15	\$620.21
6"	\$1,068.60	\$1,100.66	\$1,133.68	\$1,167.69	\$1,202.72	\$1,238.80

(1) For mobile home parks and multi-family properties where an installed meter is sized larger solely for fire flow purposes, at the discretion of the Director, the wastewater service charges may be reduced commensurate with the meter size that would be used had the fire flow requirement not existed or a separate fire line installed at the time of construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that wastewater service billings shall be based on the amendment to Section 1(b)(1) on billings rendered on and after January 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that delinquent charges and all penalties thereon when recorded as provided in Chapter 6 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code and in Chapter 15-20 of the Santa Rose City Code, as the same now exist or may hereafter be amended, shall constitute a lien upon the real property served (except publicly-owned property) and such lien shall continue until the charge(s) and all penalties thereon are fully paid or the property sold therefore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council, based on the reports, oral and written, of staff, the recommendations of the Board of Public Utilities, the other materials provided and considered, and the testimony and other evidence presented, finds that the language added as Section 1(b)(1) is required and sufficient to meet the estimated costs and operating expenses (including, but not limited to, employee wages and benefits, the cost of purchasing and/or leasing supplies, materials and equipment, financial reserve requirements, including payments on outstanding bonds, and capital costs required for replacements and previously approved improvements, including costs and improvements required to meet regional water quality control wastewater discharge requirements) of the City's wastewater utility, an enterprise system, which are necessary for the utility to continue to provide proper and adequate service to the properties and premises served by it. Based on this finding, the Council finds and determines that the

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changes in the service charges and rates set forth in this resolution are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act under section 15273 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 6th day of December, 2016.

AYES: (7) Mayor Sawyer, Vice Mayor Schwedhelm, Council Members Carlstrom, Combs, Coursey, Olivares, Wysocky

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Interim City Attorney