

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-166

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA RE-ADOPTING COUNCIL POLICY NO. 200-20 - PROVISION OF PRIORITY WATER SERVICE TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AND COUNCIL POLICY NO. 200-21 - PROVISION OF PRIORITY SEWER SERVICE TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

WHEREAS, the California legislature has declared the lack of affordable housing is a matter of vital statewide importance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa is committed to the fair and equitable provision of water and sewer services to persons and entities within its service area, in conformance with state law and City policies; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65589.7 enhances the priority granted to lower- income housing by requiring public agencies that provide water or sewer services to adopt written policies and procedures with specific objective standards for providing priority service to residential developments with lower income housing by July 1, 2006, and at least once every five years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2006, the City Council adopted Policy No. 200-20 - Provision of Priority Water Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units and Policy No. 200-21 - Provision of Priority Sewer Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units to comply with Government Code Section 65589.7; and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2011, the City Council re-adopted Policy No. 200-20 - Provision of Priority Water Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units and Policy No. 200-21 - Provision of Priority Sewer Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units as amended; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2017, the City Council re-adopted Policy No. 200-20 - Provision of Priority Water Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units and Policy No. 200-21 - Provision of Priority Sewer Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units as amended; and

WHEREAS, City staff has reviewed the policies and determined no changes are needed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities, at its meeting on August 3, 2023, reviewed these policies and, by Resolution No. 1325, recommended that the Council re-adopt Policy No. 200-20 - Provision of Priority Water Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units and Policy No. 200-21 - Provision of Priority Sewer Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units; and

WHEREAS, re-adoption of these policies regarding provision of priority water and sewer

service to residential developments with affordable housing will allow the City of Santa Rosa to remain in compliance with Government Code Section 65589.7.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Rosa City Council re-adopts Policy No. 200-20 - Provision of Water Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and Policy No. 200-21 - Provision of Sewer Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units, attached hereto as Exhibit B.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 26th day of September, 2023.

AYES: (7) Mayor N. Rogers, Vice Mayor MacDonald, Council Members Alvarez, Fleming, Okrepkie, C. Rogers, Stapp

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Deputy City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
Interim City Attorney

Exhibit A: Council Policy 200-20 - Provision of Priority Water Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units

Exhibit B: Council Policy 200-21- Provision of Priority Sewer Service to Residential Developments with Affordable Housing Units