

RESOLUTION NO 1127

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOMMENDING THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMEND RESOLUTION 28718 TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR OF SANTA ROSA WATER WITH THE AUTHORITY TO REDUCE WASTEWATER FIXED MONTHLY CHARGES FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/MULTI -FAMILY CUSTOMERS

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 September 17, 2015, the Board of Public Utilities by Resolution No. 1099, recommended that the Council adopt a five-year water and wastewater rate structure; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2015, Council approved Resolution No. 28718 establishing a five-year wastewater rate structure; and

WHEREAS, following the adoption of the five-year rate structure, an administrative issue was discovered that impacts the wastewater fixed monthly charge to a limited number of mobile home parks and multifamily properties with fire flow and fire hydrants on a domestic connection of the single main, instead of a designated fire line resulting in higher rates for these users; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that the best course of action to address this issue is to amend Council Resolution No. 28718 to add language providing the Director of Water with the authority to reduce the wastewater fixed monthly charge to existing commercial/industrial/multi-family properties with fire flow and fire hydrants on a domestic connection off the single main, instead of a designated fire line to avoid charges disproportionate with actual flows; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) has considered the report and recommendations of City staff on amending the wastewater service charges for multifamily and mobile home parks; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities finds that the amendment to Council Resolution No. 28718 addresses the issue of higher than appropriate charges placed on a limited number of wastewater accounts in connection with fire flow requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities recommends that the City Council amend Council Resolution No. 28718 by adding the following language to Section 1(b) "The Director of Water is hereby authorized to implement administrative reductions to wastewater fixed monthly charges as appropriate for existing commercial/industrial/multi-family properties with fire flow and fire hydrants on a domestic connection off the single main so as to account for the oversizing due to fire flows."

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 3rd day of November, 2016.

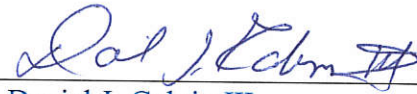
AYES: (7) Galvin, Kaun, Arnone, Dowd, Holt, Tibbetts, and Watts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

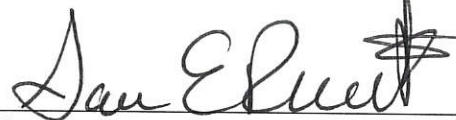
ABSTAIN: (0)_

APPROVED: _____



Daniel J. Galvin III
Chairman

ATTEST: _____



Sara Roberts
Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney