

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA
ROSA AMENDING SECTION 15-16.030 (F) OF THE SANTA
ROSA CITY CODE
STAFF PRESENTER: LINDA REED, DEPUTY DIRECTOR - ADMINISTRATION
SANTA ROSA WATER UTILITIES
AGENDA ACTION: INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

ISSUE(S)

Shall the Santa Rosa City Council introduce an ordinance amending Title 15 (Sewers), section 15-16.030 (F), to correct a clerical error in the ending date for which persons paying sewer demand fees may request an administrative adjustment from the sewer demand fees established in 2007 to the newly adopted lower sewer demand fees?

BACKGROUND

1. On August 28, 2014, the Santa Rosa City Council conducted a public hearing to consider adopting a revised water and wastewater (sewer) demand fee computation methodology and lowering the demand fees.
2. The deliberation was carried over to the City Council meeting of September 16, 2014, at which time the revised methodology and lower fees were adopted.
3. Sewer demand fees are set by ordinance and Ordinance 4034 became effective 60 days from the second reading and adoption.
4. Ordinance 4034 included a change to the City Code allowing persons or entities paying sewer demand fees beginning August 7, 2014, and ending November 8, 2014, to apply to the Director of Utilities for an administrative adjustment of the fees in accordance with the fees established by the newly adopted ordinance.
5. Because the original item was carried over to a subsequent Council meeting, the new effective date for the sewer demand fees set by Ordinance 4034 became November 15, 2014, instead of November 8, 2014.
6. The proposed ordinance will allow developers and applicants who paid the higher fees between November 8, 2014 and November 15, 2014 to apply for an administrative adjustment to the lower fee.

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ANALYSIS

1. The proposed ordinance will correct an inadvertent clerical error caused by the original item being carried over to a subsequent meeting. The date certain of November 8, 2014 as an end date to the application period was intended to coincide with the date the new fees went into effect.
2. This correction will allow three (3) applicants to apply for an administrative adjustment.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Attorney's Office and Santa Rosa Water Utilities that Council introduce an ordinance amending Title 15 (Sewers), section 15-16.030 (F), to correct a clerical error in the ending date for which persons paying sewer demand fees may request an administrative adjustment from the sewer demand fees established in 2007 to the newly adopted lower sewer demand fees.

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Attachments: NONE