

RESOLUTION NO. 1261

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ESTABLISHING THAT COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND INSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTS WITH SEWER CAPS KEEP CURRENT SEWER CAPS, WHICH WERE BASED ON FULLY OPERATIONAL BUSINESS, FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

WHEREAS, sewer usage charges for commercial, industrial and institutional sewer and water accounts without a separate irrigation meter are based on indoor water use determined through the calculation of a sewer cap, which is determined by averaging water usage during winter billing periods occurring during the months of November through March and in accordance with policies, rules, or regulations approved by the Board of Public Utilities; and

WHEREAS, sewer usage charges for commercial, industrial, and institutional sewer-only accounts are based on the number of employees and/or students and the hours of operation; and

WHEREAS, during the last winter billing period Santa Rosa businesses were under COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions and not fully operational or were closed or largely unoccupied.; and

WHEREAS, indoor water usage and employee and student usage of facilities during this period was not reflective of normal operations; and

WHEREAS, the State of California reopened on June 15, 2021 and lifted capacity restrictions on businesses, allowing a return to normal operations; and

WHEREAS, the current sewer caps for commercial, industrial, and institutional sewer and water accounts that have sewer caps were based on fully operational business.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities establishes that commercial, industrial, and institutional accounts with a sewer cap should keep the current sewer caps, which were based on pre COVID-19 Pandemic operations, for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

