

RESOLUTION NO. 1246

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOMMENDING THAT AFTER COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW AND CONDUCT OF PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO PROPOSITION 218 ON OR ABOUT MAY 25, 2021 THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ENACT INCREASED CHARGES AND RATES FOR WATER SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) has considered the 2021 Santa Rosa Water and Wastewater Rate Study report and recommendations of City staff and the BPU Budget Subcommittee on increasing water service charges and rates; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities finds that the rate increases set forth herein are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, debt service, increasing catastrophic reserves, cost of supplies, materials and equipment, and financing capital projects necessary to maintain service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities recommends that the City Council enact an ordinance to amend code sections 14-04.090 and 14-08.010 to revise water service charges and quantity rates as shown in the attached Exhibit.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 18th day of February, 2021.

AYES: (5) GALVIN, ARNONE, BADENFORT, WALSH, WRIGHT

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (2) GRABILL, WATTS

ABSTAIN: (0)

APPROVED: _____ /S/ _____
Daniel J. Galvin III
Chairman

ATTEST: _____ /S/ _____
Roberta Atha
Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____ /S/ _____
City Attorney

Exhibit A: Draft Ordinance Amending Sections 14-04.090 and 14-08.010 of the City Code

Exhibit A

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING SECTIONS 14-04.090 AND 14-08.010 AND RE-ADOPTING SECTION 14-08.015 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE, REVISING MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES AND RATES CHARGED FOR CITY WATER SERVICES

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 14-04.090 of the Santa Rosa City Code is amended to read in full as follows:

"14-04.090 Fixed monthly service charges.

(A) The fixed monthly service charges for water service are based upon the size of the water meter and are as follows for meters connected to the potable water system:

Meter Size (in inches)	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2021	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2022	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2023	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2024
Potable Water - Monthly Service Charge				
5/8" 3/4"	\$14.09	\$14.51	\$14.95	\$15.55
1"	\$31.63	\$32.58	\$33.56	\$34.90
1.5"	\$60.86	\$62.69	\$64.57	\$67.15
2"	\$95.95	\$98.83	\$101.79	\$105.87
3"	\$177.81	\$183.14	\$188.64	\$196.18
4"	\$294.76	\$303.60	\$312.71	\$325.22
6"	\$587.13	\$604.74	\$622.89	\$647.80

(B) The monthly service charges for meters connected to the recycled water system is 90% of the monthly service charge for potable water.

Recycled Water - Monthly Service Charge				
5/8" & 3/4"	\$12.68	\$13.06	\$13.45	\$13.99
1"	\$28.47	\$29.32	\$30.20	\$31.41
1.5"	\$54.77	\$56.42	\$58.11	\$60.43
2"	\$86.36	\$88.95	\$91.61	\$95.28
3"	\$160.03	\$164.83	\$169.77	\$176.57
4"	\$265.28	\$273.24	\$281.44	\$292.70
6"	\$528.42	\$544.27	\$560.60	\$583.02

(C) The monthly service charges for City-maintained meters on private water systems are as follows:

City Meters on Private Systems - Monthly Service Charge				
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5/8" & 3/4"	\$5.39	\$5.50	\$5.61	\$5.72
1"	\$5.77	\$5.89	\$6.01	\$6.13
1.5"	\$8.35	\$8.51	\$8.68	\$8.86
2"	\$9.18	\$9.36	\$9.55	\$9.74
3"	\$15.05	\$15.35	\$15.65	\$15.97
4"	\$20.61	\$21.03	\$21.45	\$21.88
6"	\$29.73	\$30.32	\$30.93	\$31.55

Section 2. Section 14-08.010 of the Santa Rosa City Code is amended to read in full as follows:

"14-08.010 Rates for the delivery of potable and recycled water in addition to fixed monthly charges.

The user charges shall be as follows:

Single Family and Duplex Residential Accounts (Potable Water)

In addition to the fixed monthly charge set forth in section 1, residential users shall pay a user charge for each 1,000 gallons of wastewater generated, on billings rendered on and after July 1, 2021, on and after July 1, for each of the following years through July 1, 2024 as follows:

Tier	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2021	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2022	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2023	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2024
Potable Water – Usage Charge				
Tier 1	\$5.99	\$6.17	\$6.36	\$6.61
Tier 2	\$6.79	\$6.99	\$7.20	\$7.49

Single family residential accounts with no sewer cap due to an absence of irrigation usage and single family residential accounts that are water-only accounts, which do not use City water to irrigate, will have all water billed at the Tier 1 user charge.

Single family residential water-only accounts (i.e. those with no corresponding City wastewater account), and which use City water for irrigation, will be allotted a water cap for purposes of being billed at the tiered rates.

Dedicated Irrigation Accounts

Dedicated irrigation accounts are accounts that have a meter used solely for irrigation. These accounts shall have a user charge based on site-specific water budgets.

The billing period water budget is the amount of water needed to irrigate the specific area of landscape served by the dedicated irrigation account for the specific days covered by the billing period. The billing period water budget is determined monthly in arrears for each account in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Billing Period Water Budget} = \{.7 \times [ET_o - EP] \times [LA_h + LA_m] \times CF\}$$

ET_o (Reference Evapotranspiration) = Evapotranspiration is defined as the amount of water used by the plants (transpiration) and evaporated from the soil (evaporation). It is measured in inches by the Santa Rosa California Irrigation Management Information Systems (CIMIS) weather stations. Reference Evapotranspiration is a standard measurement of evapotranspiration for cool-season turf. The billing period ET_o is the sum of the daily ET_o for the specific days of the billing cycle.

EP (Effective Precipitation) = The depth of rainfall, measured in inches by the Santa Rosa CIMIS weather stations, that offsets ET_o. It is assumed that only one third of total rainfall offsets ET_o. The billing period effective precipitation is for the specific days of the billing cycle.

LA_h (landscape area high) = Square footage of site’s landscape area consisting of high water use plants or uses (turfgrass, ornamental water features, annuals, plants in containers and plants with a plant factor greater than 0.6)

LA_m (landscape area moderate) = Square footage of site’s landscape area consisting of moderate and low water use plants (plants with a plant factor of 0.6 or less)

CF (Conversion factor) = 0.623, the number that converts square feet to gallons

Verifications of the connection site’s landscape measurements may be requested by the customer. Adjustments to the landscape measurements may be made if changes, including but not limited to addition of landscape, changes to the plant type, or removal of landscape, are made to the connection site’s landscape, however the adjustments cannot exceed the acceptable landscape plant mix as defined by the City’s Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (Chapter 14-30). To request a verification or adjustment for the connection site, contact the Water Department.

In addition to the fixed monthly charge set forth in section 1, dedicated irrigation users shall pay a user charge for each 1,000 gallons of wastewater generated, on billings rendered on and after July 1, 2021, on and after July 1, for each of the following years through July 1, 2024 as follows:

(A) For potable water use:

Tier	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2021	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2022	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2023	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2024
Irrigation Potable Water - Usage Charge				
Tier 1	\$6.09	\$6.27	\$6.46	\$6.72
Tier 2	\$7.54	\$7.77	\$8.00	\$8.32

(B) For recycled water use:

Tier*	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2021	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2022	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2023	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2024
Irrigation Recycled Water - Usage Charge				
Tier 1	\$5.79	\$5.96	\$6.14	\$6.38

Tier 2	\$7.54	\$7.77	\$8.00	\$8.32
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**Tier 1 Up to 125% of Billing Period Water Budget*

Tier 2 Over 125% of Water Budget

Multi-Unit Residential Accounts (three units and more):

In addition to the fixed monthly charge set forth in section 1, multi-family residential users shall pay a user charge for each 1,000 gallons of wastewater generated, on billings rendered on and after July 1, 2021, on and after July 1, for each of the following years through July 1, 2024 as follows:

Meters Read on and After July 1, 2021	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2022	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2023	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2024
\$6.33	\$6.52	\$6.72	\$6.98

Commercial and Industrial Accounts:

In addition to the fixed monthly charge set forth in section 1, multi-family residential users shall pay a user charge for each 1,000 gallons of wastewater generated, on billings rendered on and after July 1, 2021, on and after July 1, for each of the following years through July 1, 2024 as follows:

(A) For potable water use:

Meters Read on and After July 1, 2021	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2022	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2023	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2024
\$6.33	\$6.52	\$6.72	\$6.98

(B) For recycled water use:

Meters Read on and After July 1, 2021	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2022	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2023	Meters Read on and After July 1, 2024
\$5.70	\$5.87	\$6.05	\$6.28

(C) For recycled water use requiring special on-site treatment:

Certain customers may require special on-site treatment to utilize recycled water for some commercial / industrial / institutional needs. The Board of Public Utilities may set user rates for such customers on a case-by-case basis that result in the use of recycled water having the same financial impact to the customer as the use of potable water.

Section 3. Section 14-08.015 “Automatic wholesale rate pass through adjustment” of the Santa Rosa City Code is to be deleted

Section 4. 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 changes in service rates and charges set forth above are not discriminatory or excessive, are sufficient under Section 54515 of the Government Code, and are required to meet estimated costs and operating expenses, including increased employee wages and fringe benefits, the cost of purchasing and/or leasing supplies, materials and equipment, financial reserve requirements and the costs of capital improvements, necessary to maintain and provide proper and adequate service to properties and premises served by the City's water utility, an enterprise system. Based on these findings, the City Council finds that the changes in rates and charges set forth in this ordinance are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act under section 15273 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Section 5. Delinquent water service charges and all penalties thereon when recorded as provided in Chapter 14-04 of the Santa Rosa City Code and Chapter 6 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code shall constitute a lien upon the real property served.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be effective following its adoption and publication, provided, however, that the water charges and rates set forth in Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance shall be applied only to billings on water meters read by the City on and after July 1, 2021 and July 1, and for each of the following years through July 1, 2024, as set forth in the above amended sections 14-04.090 and 14-08.010 of the City Code.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

AYES: ()

NOES: ()

ABSENT: ()

ABSTAIN: ()

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney