

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE AMENDING
OCEANSIDE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 29, WASTEWATER
SYSTEM BUY-IN FEE INCREASES

WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside through its Water Utilities Department Wastewater Division provides essential public health and safety services to its residents;

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2015, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 15-OR0479-1 related to establishing wastewater system buy-in fees;

WHEREAS, Section 29.11.1 of the Oceanside City Code established wastewater system buy-in fees to be paid as a condition precedent to connection to the City wastewater treatment and disposal system;

WHEREAS, wastewater system buy-in fees are evaluated periodically to maintain an adequate fee structure to recover costs for constructing public wastewater collection, treatment and disposal facilities; and

WHEREAS, the wastewater system buy-in fees established have been analyzed and found to be insufficient to pay for the capital costs of constructing public wastewater collection, treatment and disposal facilities necessary for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside DOES ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 29.11.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 29.11.1 Wastewater system buy-in fees.

Effective sixty (60) days after this ordinance is adopted, all new connections to the city's wastewater system shall be assessed a wastewater system buy-in fee based on water meter size, except residential single-family connections, which will be charged for a 5/8-inch meter regardless of water meter size. Such fee shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Buy-In Fee
Residential Single Family:	
Regardless of meter size	\$ 9,800

Multi-Family and Non-Residential:	
5/8"	\$ 9,800
3/4"	\$ 14,699
1"	\$ 24,499
1½"	\$ 48,998
2"	\$ 78,397
3"	\$146,994
4"	\$244,990
6"	\$489,980
8"	\$783,967

These fees shall be indexed to the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index, and increased each July 1, commencing July 1, 2026, by the percentage change in the index from the prior year.

SECTION 2. Section 29.11(a) is hereby amended to read as follow:

"Sec. 29.11.1(a). Special User Wastewater system buy-in fees.

Effective sixty (60) days after this ordinance is adopted, an additional wastewater system buy-in fee may be imposed based on excess water usage and strength characteristics. Water usage and strength characteristics will be reviewed to determine the loading parameters of flow, biochemical oxygen demand (greater than 300 parts per million), total suspended solids (greater than 300 parts per million) and ammonia (greater than 25 parts per million). Such fee shall be as follows:

Wastewater Capacity Fees - Industrial and High-Strength Dischargers⁽¹⁾	
Parameter	Buy-In Cost
Per meter equivalent (customer costs)	\$ 180.78
Per unit of wastewater discharged	\$ 76.57
Per pound of Biochemical Oxygen Demand Discharged	\$ 10.45
Per pound of Total Suspended Solids Discharged	\$ 5.58
Per pound of Ammonia Discharged	\$ 7.03
Note: (1). Applies to higher-than-normal-strength wastewater.	

SECTION 3. The City Clerk of the City of Oceanside is hereby directed to publish this ordinance, or the title hereof as a summary, pursuant to state statute, once within fifteen (15) days after its passage in the San Diego Union Tribune, North County edition, a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Oceanside.

SECTION 4. Severability.

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of the Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oceanside held on the _____ day of _____, 2025, and, thereafter,

PASSED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California this _____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MAYOR, CITY OF OCEANSIDE

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY CLERK


CITY ATTORNEY

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