

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE AMENDING CHAPTERS 29 AND 37 OF THE OCEANSIDE CITY CODE TO AUTHORIZE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES TO BE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside, through its Water Utilities Department, provides water and wastewater services to residents and commercial customers via an extensive system of treatment plants, pump stations, lift stations, and distribution and collections pipelines and appurtenances;

WHEREAS, the costs of providing such water and wastewater services are paid by the consumers of those services according to rate schedules approved and adopted by the City Council;

WHEREAS, the current rate schedules for water and wastewater services set forth in Chapters 29 and 37 of the City Code have been approved and adopted by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that adoption of rates for water and wastewater services by resolution rather than by ordinance will allow for greater flexibility in timing for implementation of new rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 29.17.1 of the Oceanside City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 29.17.1. Class specific monthly service charge.

“All wastewater service customers of the city shall be subject to a monthly customer charge according to customer usage characteristics that are defined by rate classification. Commencing with rates effective as of January 1, 2026, such charges may be established by a resolution of the City Council.”

SECTION 2. Section 29.17.3 of the Oceanside City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 29.17.3. Fixed monthly customer charge.

1 "All wastewater service customers of the city shall be subject to a monthly customer
2 charge, which may be changed from time to time by a resolution of the City Council."

3 SECTION 3. Section 29.18 of the Oceanside City Code is hereby amended to read as
4 follows:

5 "Sec. 29.18. Flow charge.

6 "Residential and non-residential customer flow charges shall be based on the quality and
7 quantity of sewage. All wastewater service customers, except for special users, of the city shall
8 be subject to a monthly flow charge as may be updated from time to time by a resolution of the
9 City Council. All charges effective January 1, 2026 and thereafter shall be updated by a
10 resolution of the City Council.

11 "(a) *Special user flow charge.*

12 "Each special user shall pay monthly flow charges that shall be determined by a
13 calculation based on actual monitoring data of flow, biochemical oxygen demand,
14 total suspended solids, and ammonia as follows:

15 Industrial Special User Monthly Flow Charge	2024	2025
16 Per unit (748 gallons) discharged	\$2.78	\$2.79
17 BOD (per lb.)	\$0.85	\$0.85
18 TSS (per lb.)	\$0.50	\$0.51
19 Ammonia (per lb.)	\$0.48	\$0.50
20 TDS (per 1,000 lbs. above existing permit limit as of January 1, 21 2019	\$12.22	\$12.53

22 "Charges calculated per estimated sewer flow. Rate of return based on individual monitoring.

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24 "Flow charges will be computed in December of each year. An overall charge will be
25 calculated using the unit rates and the average concentrations measured for each loading
26 parameter. This new charge, as adopted by resolution of the City Council, will then be in effect
27 for the following year."

28 SECTION 4. Section 37.34 of the Oceanside City Code is hereby amended to read as
follows:

1 “Sec. 37.34. Monthly service charge.

2 “All customers shall pay a monthly service charge based on meter size, which may be
3 updated from time to time by a resolution of the City Council.”

4 SECTION 5. Section 37.35 of the Oceanside City Code is hereby amended to read as
5 follows:

6 “Sec. 37.35. Monthly consumption charge.

7 “All customers shall pay a monthly charge for water usage based on fees which may be
8 updated from time to time by a resolution of the City Council.

9 “All water service customers of the city shall be subject to a Monthly Watershed
10 Protection Program (formerly Clean Water Program) charge per unit of consumption, which
11 may be updated from time to time by a resolution of the City Council.

12 “There is hereby established a pass-through water surcharge on City of Oceanside water
13 customers. This charge may be established by resolution of the City Council as necessary and
14 shall be passed on to rate payers directly as the San Diego County Water Authority changes
15 rates.”

16 SECTION 6. Section 37.36 of the Oceanside City Code is hereby amended to read as
17 follows:

18 “Sec. 37.36. Monthly fire service fee.

19 “A fire service fee on water accounts that provide a fire service connection within the
20 City of Oceanside is hereby established and shall be made on a flat-rate basis, subject to change
21 from time to time by resolution of the City Council.”

22 SECTION 7. Nothing in this ordinance shall affect or modify the current charges and
23 rates for water and wastewater services previously adopted by City Council. This ordinance
24 modifies only the method by which new rates and charges may be adopted.

25 SECTION 8. The City Clerk of the City of Oceanside is hereby directed to publish this
26 ordinance, or the title hereof as a summary, pursuant to state statute, once within fifteen (15)
27 days after its passage in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Oceanside.

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1 SECTION 9. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth (30th) day
2 from and after its final passage.

3 INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oceanside,
4 California, held on the ___ day of _____, 20__ and, thereafter,

5 PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of
6 Oceanside California, held on the ___ day of _____, 20__, by the following vote:

7 AYES:

8 NAYS:

9 ABSENT:

10 ABSTAIN:

11 _____
12 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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14 ATTEST:

15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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17 CITY CLERK

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19 _____
20 CITY ATTORNEY

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