

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-15-0023

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. WD-1341, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHING THE RATES AND CHARGES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF, AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AT 12:01 A.M. ON OCTOBER 1, 2015

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. That Resolution No. WD-1341 of the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach, entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. WD-1326 FIXING RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL BY ORDINANCE," adopted by said Board on June 18, 2015, and the rates fixed in the Resolution to be charged for water and sewer service be and the same are hereby approved.

Section 2. This is an emergency measure and is urgently required for the reason that in order to carry on the affairs, functions and business of the Long Beach Water Department during the fiscal year which begins on October 1, 2015, it is necessary to authorize the rates and charges for water and sewer service and that this ordinance be passed as an emergency measure, to take effect at 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2015.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, sum,

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1 percentage, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be
 2 unconstitutional, invalid or void, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining
 3 portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed
 4 this ordinance, and every section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, sum, percentage,
 5 clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections,
 6 subsections, subdivisions, sentences, sums, percentages, clauses or phrases thereof is
 7 declared unconstitutional, invalid or void.

8 Section 4. This ordinance is an emergency ordinance duly adopted by
 9 the City Council by a vote of five of its members and shall take effect immediately. The
 10 City Clerk shall certify to a separate roll call and vote on the question of the emergency of
 11 this ordinance and to its passage by the vote of five members of the City Council of the
 12 City of Long Beach, and cause the same to be posted in three conspicuous places in the
 13 City of Long Beach, and it shall thereupon take effect and shall be operative on and after
 14 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2015.

15 I hereby certify that on a separate roll call and vote which was taken by the
 16 City Council of the City of Long Beach upon the questions of the emergency of this
 17 ordinance at its meeting of September 8, 2015, the ordinance was declared
 18 to be an emergency by the following vote:

19 Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Lowenthal, Price, Supernaw,
 20 Mungo, Andrews, Austin, Richardson.
 21 _____
 22 _____
 23 Noes: Councilmembers: None.
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 25 Absent: Councilmembers: Uranga.
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I further certify that thereafter, at the same meeting, upon a roll call and vote on adoption of the ordinance, it was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Lowenthal, Price, Supernaw,
Mungo, Andrews, Austin, Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Uranga.

I further certify that the foregoing ordinance was thereafter adopted on final reading of the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

Approved: _____
(Date)

Mayor

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1 RESOLUTION NO. WD-1341

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH
4 BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS AMENDING
5 RESOLUTION NO. WD-1326 FIXING RATES AND
6 CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO ALL
7 CUSTOMERS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE
8 CITY COUNCIL BY ORDINANCE

9
10 The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach resolves as
11 follows:

12 Section 1. That the following rates and charges for potable and
13 reclaimed water service and for sewer service are hereby established, and the Long
14 Beach Water Department ("Water Department") of the City of Long Beach ("City") is
15 hereby authorized and directed to charge and collect the same in accordance with the
16 provisions of this resolution, subject to a Public Hearing on September 3, 2015.

17 Section 2. For all metered services the charge for potable and reclaimed
18 water shall consist of both a service charge based on the size of the service and a
19 quantitative charge for water delivered.

20 A. On October 1, 2015, the service charge shall be in
21 accordance with the following table:

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Daily Service Charge</u>
5/8 or 3/4 inch	\$0.470
1 inch	\$0.708
1-1/2 inch	\$1.322
2 inch	\$1.959
3 inch	\$4.058
4 inch	\$6.420

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<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Daily Service Charge</u>
6 inch	\$11.833
8 inch	\$18.572
10 inch	\$30.418
12 inch	\$37.175
16 inch	\$61.525

B. On October 1, 2015, the quantitative charge for all water delivered shall be as follows, based on monthly meter readings:

1. For single family residential customers of potable water who have been granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax in accordance with Chapter 3.68 of the Long Beach Municipal Code:

Tier IA	First 5 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$1.372
Tier II	Next 10 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$2.744
Tier III	Over 15 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$4.116

2. For single family residential customers of potable water who have not been granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax:

Tier IB	First 5 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$2.470
Tier II	Next 10 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$2.744
Tier III	Over 15 Billing Units (or fraction thereof)	\$4.116

3. For duplex residential customers of potable water who have been granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax in accordance with Chapter 3.68 of the Long Beach Municipal Code:

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Tier IA	First 2.5 Billing Units (or fraction thereof per dwelling unit)	\$1.372
Tier II	Next 10.5 Billing Units (or fraction thereof per dwelling unit)	\$2.744
Tier III	Over 13 Billing Units (or fraction thereof per dwelling unit)	\$4.116

4. For duplex residential customers of potable water who have not been granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax:

Tier IB	First 2.5 Billing Units (or fraction thereof per dwelling unit)	\$2.470
Tier II	Next 10.5 Billing Units (or fraction thereof per dwelling unit)	\$2.744
Tier III	Over 13 Billing Units (or fraction thereof per dwelling unit)	\$4.116

5. For multi-family residential customers of potable water who have been granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax in accordance with Chapter 3.68 of the Long Beach Municipal Code:

Tier IA	First 2.5 Billing Units (or fraction thereof per dwelling unit)	\$1.372
Tier II	Next 6.5 Billing Units (or fraction thereof per dwelling unit)	\$2.744
Tier III	Over 9 Billing Units (or fraction thereof per dwelling unit)	\$4.116

6. For multi-family residential customers of potable water who have not been granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax:

1	Tier IB	First 2.5 Billing Units (or fraction thereof per dwelling unit)	\$2.470
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3	Tier II	Next 6.5 Billing Units (or fraction thereof per dwelling unit)	\$2.744
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5	Tier III	Over 9 Billing Units (or fraction thereof per dwelling unit)	\$4.116
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8 7. For commercial customers of potable water, \$2.744 per
9 billing unit, or fraction thereof.

10 8. For industrial customers of potable water, \$2.744 per
11 billing unit, or fraction thereof.

12 9. For irrigation customers of potable water, \$2.744 per
13 billing unit, or fraction thereof.

14 10. For City of Long Beach Departments using potable
15 water, \$2.744 per billing unit, or fraction thereof.

16 11. For reclaimed water users whose use is "peaking" as
17 defined herein, \$1.921 per billing unit, or fraction thereof.

18 12. For reclaimed water users whose use is "non-peaking"
19 as defined herein, \$1.372 per billing unit, or fraction thereof.

20 13. For reclaimed water users whose use is "interruptible"
21 as defined herein, \$1.372 per billing unit or fraction thereof.

22 14. These quantitative charges shall be subject to
23 adjustment as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

24 15. There shall be no charge for water used through fire
25 hydrants for extinguishing fires.

26 Section 3.

27 A. Unmetered water service may be rendered to unoccupied or
28 occupied property where it is not practical to meter the water, and on

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1 October 1, 2015, the rate for unmetered water service shall be:

2 <u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
3 5/8 or 3/4 inch	\$2.294
4 1 inch	\$3.881
5 1-1/2 inch	\$9.560
6 2 inch	\$15.038

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8 B. The rates for unmetered water service shall begin on the date
9 of use of water by the customer, as determined by the General Manager of
10 the Water Department ("General Manager").

11 Section 4. By Resolution the Board of Water Commissioners has
12 established a Water Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Plan (the Plan). Pursuant
13 to the Plan, the Board may declare that a Stage 1, Stage 2 or Stage 3 Water Supply
14 Shortage exists, in its sole discretion. Upon such declaration, the Board may increase
15 water rates, by an amount necessary, as determined by the Board but not to exceed the
16 following percentages:

17 Stage 1 Water Supply Shortage Rate. Water rates may be increased by an amount not
18 to exceed 10% above the pre-shortage rate.

19 Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage Rate. Water rates may be increased by an amount not
20 to exceed 25% above the pre-shortage rate.

21 Stage 3 Water Supply Shortage Rate. Water rates may be increased by an amount not
22 to exceed 50% above the pre-shortage rate.

23 Section 5. Charges for water service through meters at temporary
24 service connections from fire hydrants or otherwise shall be at the applicable quantitative
25 charge plus the service charge, together with a charge for installing, changing, and
26 removing the meter and fittings in accordance with the "Rules, Regulations and Charges
27 Governing Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sewer Service and the Emergency Water
28 Conservation Plan" of the Water Department.

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Section 6.

A. On October 1, 2015, the service charge for private fire protection service shall be in accordance with the following table:

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
2 inch	\$0.981
3 inch	\$1.678
4 inch	\$2.478
6 inch	\$4.222
8 inch	\$6.190
10 inch	\$8.374
12 inch	\$10.554
16 inch	\$15.475

The service charges in this Section shall only include water used for fire extinguishing purposes and a reasonable amount of water used for testing the fire line.

B. Whenever the Water Department finds that water through a private fire protection service is being used for purposes other than fire extinguishing or testing the fire line, the General Manager may make a determination of the quantity of water used, the quantitative charges for that water, and the service charges to be applied. His determination shall be final. In addition, if water through a private fire protection service is used for purposes other than fire extinguishing or testing the fire line, the Water Department may discontinue the private fire protection service or may install a domestic or fire flow meter, at either the customer's or its expense as the General Manager may determine, and thereafter the service shall be classified as regular service and billed at the rates applicable thereto.

Section 7. The primary purpose of fire hydrants is extinguishing fires and they shall be opened and used only by the Water Department or the Long Beach Fire

1 Department, or such other persons as may be authorized to do so by the General
2 Manager or the Chief of the Fire Department. Where fire hydrants are installed and
3 maintained by the Water Department, there shall be no standby charge made to the Fire
4 Department.

5 Section 8.

6 A. For all sewer service where the sewer lateral connects to a
7 main line maintained by the Water Department, or the sewer lateral is
8 located in the public right-of-way, the charge for sewer service shall consist
9 of both a daily sewer rate and a volumetric sewer rate.

10 B. On October 1, 2015, the daily sewer rate shall be in
11 accordance with the following table:

12 <u>Size of Service</u>	13 <u>Daily Sewer Rate</u>
14 5/8 or 3/4 inch	15 \$0.270
16 1 inch	17 \$0.428
18 1-1/2 inch	19 \$0.780
20 2 inch	21 \$1.132
22 3 inch	23 \$2.341
24 4 inch	25 \$3.708
26 6 inch	27 \$6.831
28 8 inch	\$10.730
10 inch	\$17.553
12 inch	\$21.457
16 inch	\$35.110

29 C. On October 1, 2015, the volumetric sewer rate shall be \$0.375
30 per 100 cubic feet of water furnished where water service size is 5/8 inches
31 or larger. The volumetric sewer rate shall not be applicable to fire services.

32 Industrial customers may apply for separately metered sewer

1 discharge in accordance with the "Rules, Regulations and Charges
2 Governing Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sewer Service, and the Water
3 Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Plan" of the Water Department.

4 D. For volumetric sewer rates, there are the following customer
5 classifications: single family residential; duplex residential; multi-family
6 residential; City Departments; commercial; and industrial.

7 Volumetric sewer rates for single family residential, duplex
8 residential and multi-family residential shall be computed based on the
9 average of actual potable water use during the winter billing periods. The
10 winter billing periods used will be determined by the meter reading schedule
11 for the account. The actual winter usage is divided by the number of winter
12 days to obtain an average volume. The average volume will be the base
13 volume on which the volumetric sewer rate is charged for the next twelve
14 month period beginning with May's billing periods. Each year, the average
15 volume will be recalculated for the succeeding twelve-month period.
16 Exceptions to the above calculation methodology will use the average
17 volume for the water service size in which the customer falls as the average
18 volume or a calculation using available usage information for the account.
19 For those residential customers with no previous history of use during the
20 winter billing periods, the average volume for the water service size in which
21 the customer falls will be used.

22 E. For all users of the sewer system that do not receive a water
23 bill from the City but where the user's sewer lateral connects to a main line
24 maintained by the Water Department, or where the sewer lateral is located
25 in the public right-of-way, the charge for sewer service shall consist of both
26 a daily sewer rate and a volumetric sewer rate. The daily sewer rate shall
27 be as provided in Subsection 8(B) of this Resolution. For these customers,
28 the volumetric sewer rate shall be based on the average volume for the

1 customer's water service size.

2 F. The City shall collect from all developments and all
3 developments shall be required to pay a capacity charge of Ninety-Seven
4 Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (\$97.31) per equivalent fixture unit at the time
5 application for sewer service is made, but in no event later than the time
6 that the City issues a sewer permit for connection to the City sewage
7 system, as set forth in the Long Beach Municipal Code and the "Rules,
8 Regulations and Charges Governing Potable Water, Reclaimed Water,
9 Sewer Service and the Emergency Water Conservation Plan" of the Water
10 Department.

11 G. Upon receipt of an application for sewer service, the City's
12 Department of Development Services (through the Plan Checker for
13 Plumbing) shall calculate the amount of the capacity charge by: 1)
14 determining if this resolution applies to the development; and 2) if this
15 resolution does not apply, indicating same on the application for sewer
16 service and the reason this resolution does not apply, and processing the
17 application in accordance with ordinances, resolutions, and regulations; or
18 3) if this resolution does apply, determining the number of equivalent fixture
19 units in the development and multiplying that number by the capacity
20 charge per equivalent fixture unit.

21 H. The sewer capacity charge shall be subject to annual
22 adjustment, effective October 1 of each year, to reflect the increase of the
23 Construction Cost Index ("CCI") for Los Angeles as published in the
24 "Engineering News-Record". The increase shall be calculated each
25 September by dividing the CCI published in August of the current calendar
26 year by the CCI published in August of the preceding calendar year; that
27 figure multiplied by the sewer capacity charge in effect in October shall be
28 the new sewer capacity charge. No adjustment shall be made to reflect a

1 the new sewer capacity charge. No adjustment shall be made to reflect a
2 decrease in the CCI.

3 I. Funds derived from capacity charges shall be placed in the
4 Sewer Fund and shall be used only for the operation, construction,
5 reconstruction, acquisition, or maintenance of the City sewage system.

6 J. Anyone who has paid a capacity charge may apply for a full or
7 partial refund if within one year after payment: 1) the applicant has not
8 been permitted to connect to the City sewage system; or 2) the
9 development on which the capacity charge was calculated has been
10 modified pursuant to applicable City ordinances, resolutions, or regulations,
11 resulting from a reduction in the number of equivalent fixture units. Refund
12 applications shall be made on forms provided by the City and shall contain
13 a declaration under oath of those facts, along with relevant documentary
14 evidence, which qualify the applicant for the refund. In no event shall a
15 refund exceed ninety percent (90%) of the amount of the capacity charge
16 actually paid.

17 K. Anyone subject to a capacity charge who constructs, deposits
18 money into escrow with the City for the construction of, participates in an
19 assessment district for the construction of, or otherwise contributes money
20 or improvements to the City for the operation, construction, reconstruction,
21 acquisition, or maintenance of the City sewage system shall be eligible for a
22 credit for such contribution against the capacity charge otherwise due. The
23 amount of the credit shall be the value of the contribution as determined by
24 the City provided, however, that the credit shall not exceed ninety percent
25 (90%) of the amount of the capacity charge. Applications for said credit
26 shall be made on forms provided by the City and shall be submitted at or
27 before the time of application for sewer service. The application shall
28 contain a declaration under oath of those facts, along with relevant

1 documentary evidence, which qualify the applicant for the credit.

2 L. The capacity charge and requirements pertaining thereto shall
3 not affect in any way the permissible use of property, density of
4 development, design and improvement standards, public improvement
5 requirements, or any other aspect of the development of land or
6 construction of buildings which may be imposed by the City pursuant to the
7 Long Beach Municipal Code, Subdivision Regulations, or other state or
8 local laws, ordinances or regulations which shall be in effect with respect to
9 all developments.

10 M. The capacity charge is a charge on development that reflects
11 a development's proportionate share of the present depreciated value of the
12 existing City sewage system. As such the capacity charge is additional to
13 and not in substitution of the following: 1) on-site sewer facility
14 requirements imposed by the City pursuant to the Long Beach Municipal
15 Code, Subdivision Regulations, and other state or local laws, ordinances or
16 regulations; 2) sewer permit fees; 3) connection charges; 4) sewer rates;
17 and 5) other fees, rates, and charges including but not limited to sewer
18 standby or immediate availability charges and capital facilities charges for
19 services or facilities other than as a proportionate share of the present
20 depreciated value of the existing City sewer system. In no event shall an
21 applicant for sewer service be obligated to pay fees, rates, or charges in
22 excess of those calculated pursuant to applicable City ordinances, which
23 shall not individually or collectively exceed the reasonable cost of providing
24 sewer service to the development.

25 Section 9. Any term not defined herein which is defined in the Long
26 Beach Municipal Code or in the "Rules, Regulations and Charges Governing Potable
27 Water, Reclaimed Water, Sewer Service, and the Emergency Water Conservation Plan"
28 of the Water Department shall have the meaning stated therein.

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2 Section 10.

3 A. Regular bills for water service and sewer service shall be
4 issued at intervals of approximately one month (commonly called "monthly")
5 except in those cases where the General Manager or the Board of Water
6 Commissioners shall prescribe another billing interval. Insofar as practical,
7 meters shall be read at regular intervals for the preparation of regular bills,
8 and meters shall be read as required for the preparation of opening,
9 closing, and special bills.

10 B. Every water customer and every sewer customer shall be
11 liable for payment of bills for water service and sewer service. Charges for
12 water service and sewer service shall be included in municipal utility bills.

13 C. Anyone who has been granted an exemption under Chapter
14 3.68 of the Long Beach Municipal Code as of the date of this resolution
15 does not need to file a separate application for exemption hereunder.

16 Section 11. Whenever the correctness of any bill for water or sewer
17 service is questioned by a customer, the procedures established in the "Rules,
18 Regulations and Charges Governing Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sewer Service,
19 and the Emergency Water Conservation Plan" of the Water Department shall be followed.

20 Section 12. The following words shall have the meanings defined as
21 follows:

22 A. "Billing unit" means one hundred (100) cubic feet of water and
23 equals 748 gallons;

24 B. "Commercial" refers to activities devoted primarily to business,
25 property management, or a profession;

26 C. "Industrial" refers to activities devoted primarily to
27 manufacturing or processing;

28 D. "Interruptible" refers to reclaimed water service that can be

1 suspended at any time at the Board’s discretion, without liability and
2 dependent upon the Water Department’s reclaimed water system needs for
3 such service.

4 E. “Non-peaking” means total average daily demand occurring at
5 a continuous, constant level over a twenty-four (24) hour period;

6 F. “Peaking” means total average daily demand occurring
7 between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

8 G. “Winter billing period” means the time period used for sewer
9 volumetric calculation purposes, which includes bills with a bill prepared
10 date in December, January, February, or March.

11 Section 13. All other resolutions of the Board of Water Commissioners, or
12 provisions thereof, which conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded. The charges,
13 conditions, and provisions established in this Resolution shall supersede all others
14 previously established.

15 Section 14. The Secretary of the Board of Water Commissioners shall
16 certify to the passage of this resolution and it shall take effect by operation of law
17 following its approval by the City Council by ordinance.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Long Beach at its meeting held on June 18, 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: MARTINEZ; LEVINE; SHANNON
CORDERO; SALTZGAVER

Noes: Commissioners: NONE

Absent: Commissioners: NONE


Secretary
Board of Water Commissioners

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
BY: 
DATE: 6/18/2015