



Legislation Text

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Resolution establishing sewer service rates for the fiscal year 2023-24; amending the Master Fee Schedule to include the fiscal year 2023-24 Sewer Service Rates; adopting the Report of Annual Sewer Rentals Charges for the fiscal year 2023-2024, and continuing the low-income sewer rebate program

WHEREAS, Chapter 14.12 of the South San Francisco Municipal Code authorizes the City Council to assess sewer rates by resolution; and

WHEREAS, in January 2022, following the requirements of Proposition 218, the City notified the owners of property within South San Francisco of the proposed five-year rate plan and the Water Quality Control Plant's ("WQCP") capital improvement needs, state regulatory changes, the proposed rate increase and the structure of the rate changes; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2022, the City Council conducted a properly noticed public hearing, at which there was not a majority protest, and approved the five-year rate plan; and

WHEREAS, the adopted five-year rate plan included a 2% increase for all rate classifications for the fiscal year 2022-2023; a 3% increase, if needed, for all rate classifications for the fiscal years 2023-2024; through 2026-2027; and,

WHEREAS, the City Clerk, as required by law, noticed the proposed rates for the fiscal year 2023-2024. The City Clerk published notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2023, the City Council held a public hearing on the implementation of the fiscal year 2023-2024 sewer rates as stated in the five-year rate plan; and

WHEREAS, the rates reflected in the Report of Annual Sewer Rentals and Charges are consistent with the five-year financing plan; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2023, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing to consider the proposed 3% increase for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and related Report of Annual Sewer Rentals and Charges for the fiscal year 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the City Council approved via Resolution No. 78-2018 a sewer rebate program for residents who qualify for the California Water Service Low Income Rate Assistance (LIRA) program, and which rebate program has continued through the past few years, and the City Council desires to affirm its intention to continuing the low-income sewer rebate program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco hereby approves the schedule of sewer rates as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated into this resolution, which is consistent with the previously approved financing plan, and hereby amends the City's Master Fee Schedule for sewer service rates, consistent with the schedule of rates set forth in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby affirms the continuation of the low-income sewer rebate program adopted via Resolution No. 78-2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby adopts the Report of Annual Sewer Rentals and Charges for the fiscal year 2023-24, as set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein, and directs that the rates so established shall be collected on the official tax assessment roll, together with real property taxes, and that the amount shall constitute liens upon the properties which shall be effective at the same time and to the same extent as is provided for by law in the case of real property taxes, with like penalties for delinquencies.

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