

RESOLUTION NO. R2023-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER USER RATES

WHEREAS, Grass Valley Municipal Code Section 13.04.280 states that water rates shall be established and fixed from time to time by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Grass Valley Municipal Code Section 13.04.290 defines the criteria for setting water rates as being at a level that will recover all costs of operating their respective systems; and

WHEREAS, Grass Valley Municipal Code Section 13.12.080 states that wastewater rates shall be established and fixed from time to time by resolution of the City Council and defines the criteria for setting wastewater rates as being at a level that will recover all costs of operating their respective systems; and

WHEREAS, the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, and other charges by this resolution are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits; purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment, or materials; meeting financial reserve needs and requirements; or obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within respective service areas (water and wastewater); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Grass Valley has established a Fee Schedule for fiscal year 2023/24 as part of the Fiscal Year Budget approval process, that includes all fees of the City and a policy for the review and approval of City fees and charges; and

WHEREAS, the City has completed a comprehensive review to calculate the costs of operating and maintaining the water and wastewater systems, as documented in the NBS Government Finance Group report titled "Water & Wastewater Rate Studies"; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023, the City held a public meeting to discuss the Rate Studies and proposed adjustments to water and wastewater user rates; and

WHEREAS, on June 8 2023, the City mailed notices to all property owners and customers of record, notifying them of the proposed user rate adjustments and detailing the available protest procedures; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2023, the City held a noticed public hearing to consider an adjustment in its water and wastewater user fees. and proposed maximum fees scheduled for implementation over a five year period; and

WHEREAS, at the July 25, 2023 public hearing, the City considered public testimony and a tabulation of protests and a majority protest was absent; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY, as follows:

1. That the foregoing statements are true and correct.
2. That the NBS "Water & Wastewater Rate Studies" reports are the basis for the fees.

3. That the Fee Schedule for fiscal year 2023/24 is hereby amended for the water user fees shown in Exhibit "A" and wastewater user fees as shown in Exhibit "B"
4. That the Fee Schedule for proposed maximum water and wastewater rates for fiscal years 2024/25 through 2027/28 are hereby adopted as shown in the respective Exhibits "A" and "B".
5. That this amendment to water and wastewater user fees shall be effective starting on October 1, 2023 and subsequently on July 1st for each fiscal year thereafter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Grass Valley at a regular meeting thereof held on the 25th day of July 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Jan Arbuckle, MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Michael G. Colantuono, CITY ATTORNEY

Taylor Day, CITY CLERK