

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN, ACCEPTING THE WATER, WASTEWATER, AND STORM DRAIN RATE STUDY FINAL REPORT, AUTHORIZING REQUIRED ACTIONS UNDER PROPOSITION 218, AND SETTING A PROPOSITION 218 PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER RATE INCREASES**

WHEREAS, the City of Kerman engaged Lechowicz + Teng Municipal Consultants (Consultant), a firm with expertise in the analysis of costs relating to utilities to conduct a rate study of the City's municipal water, sewer, and storm drain utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council (Council) held a Study Session on October 11, 2023, to review the draft report from Consultant regarding current rates and the need to increase rates to meet operational costs; and

WHEREAS, the Council received a final report from Consultant at this Council meeting of October 25, 2023, heard from staff on this matter, and sought public comments; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to proceed with the Proposition 218 Process relating to proposed rate increases for water, sewer, and storm drain utilities.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN hereby resolves, finds, and orders as follows:

- SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct.
- SECTION 2. The Council has duly considered the Water Wastewater, and Storm Drain Rate Study Final Report prepared by Lechowicz + Teng Municipal Consultants and hereby accepts the Final Report. A copy of the Final Report is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
- SECTION 3. Staff is directed and authorized to take required actions under Proposition 218 including but not limited to preparation and mailing of required 45-day notices to all rate payers and required ballots to rate payers regarding the proposed storm drain rates.
- SECTION 4. A public hearing shall be held in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 218.
- SECTION 5. The date for the public hearing on the proposed rate increases is hereby set for December 13, 2023, at 6 PM in the Kerman City Council Chamber.
- SECTION 6. Staff are directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate the Proposition 218 process and to ensure an open, transparent, and lawful process regarding the proposed rate increases.
- SECTION 7. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was approved by the City Council to the City of Kerman at a regular meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023, and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

The foregoing resolution is hereby approved.

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Maria Pacheco  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Marci Reyes  
City Clerk