ORDINANCE NO. 26-1325

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 3.19 OF THE LAKE FOREST PARK MUNICIPAL CODE, SEWER, STORMWATER AND SURFACE WATER SERVICE TAX; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Chapter 3.19 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code established a tax on the provision of sewer, stormwater, and surface water services at ten percent of the gross income from those services; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the City Council passed Resolution 1989 authorizing a 50% low-income discount for sanitary sewer and stormwater ratepayers; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the city's best interest to increase the rate to [11-16] percent, and maintain the low-income discount.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. AMENDEMENT. The City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park hereby amends chapter 3.19 LFPMC, Sewer, Stormwater and Surface Water Service Tax, section 3.19.010 as follows:

Chapter 3.19 Sewer, Stormwater and Surface Water Service Tax.

3.19.010 Imposed.

There shall be levied on every business engaged in the sale, delivery, distribution, or furnishing of sewer services, or stormwater and surface water services, a tax equal to ~~10~~ [11-16] percent of the total gross income derived from the operation of such business, to be charged to the customers of such business. The City of Lake Forest Park, as a provider of sewer services, and stormwater and surface water services shall be subject to the tax imposed by this chapter.

Section 2. SEVERABILITY. Should any portion of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. After passage and publication, this ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2027.

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY of the Lake Forest Park City Council this ___ day of November, 2026.

APPROVED:

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Thomas French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Matthew McLean
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Kim Adams Pratt
City Attorney

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