

1 notices were provided to all property owners and tenants directly liable for water service fees
 2 within the City not less than 45 days prior to the public hearing on the proposed establishment of
 rates and fees as set forth herein; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the City Council conducted a public hearing on June 18, 2024, in order to
 4 receive oral and written testimony regarding this Ordinance and the proposed rate increases. Said
 public hearing date and time was not less than 45 days after the mailing of the notice; and

5 **WHEREAS**, at the conclusion of the public hearing, written protests against the proposed
 6 rate increases were not presented by a majority of the record owners of parcels upon which the
 7 water service fees are imposed and tenants directly responsible for the payment of water service
 fees; and

8 **WHEREAS**, it is deemed to be in the best interests of the City to adopt the rate increases
 9 due to the fiscal impacts referenced above.

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLTON,**
 11 **CALIFORNIA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

12 **Section 1.** All of the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and the City Council so
 13 finds and determines. The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein, are made findings and
 determinations of the City Council, and are made an operative part of this Ordinance.

14 **Section 2.** The City Council hereby finds and determines that written protests against
 15 the proposed rate increases were not presented by a majority of the record owners of parcels upon
 16 which water service fees are imposed and tenants directly responsible for the payment of water
 service fees. The City Council therefore finds and determines that a majority protest does not
 17 exist and it is authorized to impose the rate increases as set forth herein.

18 **Section 3.** The City Council has evaluated and hereby approves the rates for water
 19 service fees in the amounts and on the effective dates set forth in the tables below.

MONTHLY FIXED SERVICE CHARGE (\$/METER SIZE)						
Meter Size	Rates and Effective Dates					
	1/1/25	7/1/25	7/1/26	7/1/27	7/1/28	
5/8-inch meter	\$30.37	\$33.41	\$36.75	\$38.95	\$41.29	
3/4-inch meter	\$30.37	\$33.41	\$36.75	\$38.95	\$41.29	
1-inch meter	\$48.12	\$52.93	\$58.23	\$61.72	\$65.42	
1.5-inch meter	\$92.49	\$101.74	\$111.92	\$118.63	\$125.75	
2-inch meter	\$145.74	\$160.31	\$176.34	\$186.93	\$198.14	
3-inch meter	\$287.73	\$316.50	\$348.15	\$369.04	\$391.19	
4-inch meter	\$447.47	\$492.22	\$541.44	\$573.93	\$608.36	
6-inch meter	\$891.19	\$980.31	\$1,078.35	\$1,143.05	\$1,211.63	
8-inch meter	\$1,601.15	\$1,761.27	\$1,937.39	\$2,053.64	\$2,176.86	
10-inch meter	\$2,133.62	\$2,346.98	\$2,581.68	\$2,736.58	\$2,900.78	
Commercial Fire Meters – Fixed Service Charge						
4-inch meter	\$89.53	\$98.48	\$108.33	\$114.83	\$121.72	
6-inch meter	\$200.05	\$220.06	\$242.07	\$256.59	\$271.98	

1	8-inch meter	\$347.42	\$382.16	\$420.38	\$445.60	\$472.33
2	10-inch meter	\$543.90	\$598.29	\$658.12	\$697.61	\$739.47

MONTHLY COMMODITY CHARGE (\$/HCF)						
All Customer Classes	Rates and Effective Dates					
	1/1/25	7/1/25	7/1/26	7/1/27	7/1/28	
Rate per HCF of Water Consumed	\$2.39	\$2.63	\$2.89	\$3.06	\$3.25	

Section 4. The City Council finds that the revenues derived from the water service charges established by this Ordinance: (1) do not exceed the funds required to provide water service; (2) shall not be used for any other purpose than that for which the rates and charges are imposed; (3) do not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to each customer; (4) provide services which are immediately available to the customer; and (5) are not levied for general governmental purposes.

Section 5. The City Council further finds and determines that the administration, operation, maintenance and improvements of the City water system, which are to be funded by the increased water service rates set forth herein, are necessary to maintain service within the City's existing service area and are not in excess of the reasonable costs of providing the water services.

Section 6. The City Manager is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to implement the authorized rates as set forth herein.

Section 7. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, City staff has determined that the increases in water service charges are not a project subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) because the charges constitute the creation of a funding mechanism or other governmental fiscal activity which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. In addition, even if the action is considered a "project" subject to CEQA, it is exempt under Section 15273 of the CEQA Guidelines and Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(8) because the increased charges are for the purpose of meeting operational and maintenance expenses of the aforementioned services. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings have been based are located at 650 N La Cadena Drive, Colton, CA 92324. The custodian for these records is the City Clerk.

Section 8. All ordinances, resolutions, or administrative actions by the City Council, or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby superseded only to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 9. Within 15 days after adoption of this Ordinance, a summary of the Ordinance shall be published with the names of those members of the City Council voting for and against this Ordinance and a certified copy of the full text of this Ordinance, along with the names of those City Council members voting for and against this Ordinance, shall be posted in the office of the City Clerk.

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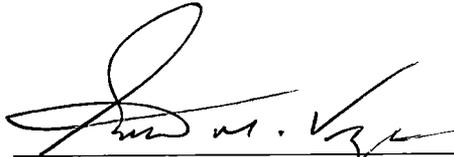
Section 10. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase in this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases or the application thereof be held invalid.

Section 11. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF JULY 2024.


FRANK J. NAVARRO
Mayor

ATTEST:


STEPHANIE M. VARGAS
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Best Best & Krieger LLP
City Attorney

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) ss.
CITY OF COLTON)

CERTIFICATION

I, **STEPHANIE M. VARGAS**, Deputy City Clerk for the City of Colton, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of **ORDINANCE NO. O-06-24**, duly adopted by the City Council of said City, and approved by the Mayor of said City, at its Regular Meeting of said City Council held on the **16th day of July 2024**, and that it was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBER Toro, González, Echevarria, Mayor Navarro
NOES: COUNCILMEMBER Chastain
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBER None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Colton, California, this ____ day of _____, ____.

STEPHANIE M. VARGAS
Deputy City Clerk
City of Colton

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