

ORDINANCE NO. 884

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13.04 OF THE
CITY OF ROHNERT PARK MUNICIPAL CODE
(CITY WATER SYSTEM)
TO INCREASE WATER SERVICE RATES**

WHEREAS, Section 13.04.030 of the Rohnert Park Municipal Code provides that the City Council shall, by ordinance, establish rates for the sale of water; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to increase water service rates effective July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified the parcels upon which the charges will be imposed, calculated the amount of the charge to be imposed on each parcel, and mailed written notice to all parcels, wherein the City provided notice of the proposed charges, the amount of the proposed charges, the basis for the calculation, the reason for the charge, and the date, time, and location for a public hearing on the proposed charges not less than 45 days after the notice; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held the duly noticed public hearing and considered all written protests; and

WHEREAS, written protests against the water rates were not presented by a majority of the affected parcels;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Rohnert Park does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Findings.

A. The above recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth herein in full and each is relied upon independently by the City Council for its adoption of this Ordinance. In accordance with Article XIII D, Section 6(b), of the California Constitution, the City Council finds that:

B. The revenues derived from the water service charges shall not exceed the funds required to provide water service, because the rates are calculated to allow the City to recover its costs.

C. The revenues derived from the water service charge will not be used for any purpose other than that for which the charge is imposed, because the revenue will be kept in a separate fund used only for costs related to the provision of water service.

D. The amount of the charge does not exceed the proportional cost of the water service attributable to each parcel, because it is based upon necessary pipe size and water consumption.

E. The water service charge will not be imposed upon parcels for which water service is not immediately available.

F. The water service charge will be used to enable the City to provide water service rather than general governmental services.

SECTION 2. Adoption of Increased Water Service Rates. The following water service rate schedules are adopted in accordance with Section 13.04.030 of the Rohnert Park Municipal Code after mailed notice and a public hearing, to be effective July 1, 2015:

July 2015	
<i>Water Usage Rate (\$/gallon)</i>	
Single Family Residential	
Tier 1 (0 to 4,000 gal/mo)	\$ 0.00270
Tier 2 (above 4,000 gal/mo)	\$ 0.00367
Multi- Family and Non- Residential	
All Water Usage	\$ 0.00315
<i>Monthly Service Charge</i>	
1" meter or less	\$ 18.99
1 1/2" meter	\$ 34.78
2" meter	\$ 53.73
3" meter	\$ 97.93
4" meter	\$ 161.08
6" meter	\$ 318.96
8" meter	\$ 508.41
<i>Monthly Fire Protection Service Charge</i>	
2" riser	\$ 22.66
3" riser	\$ 28.84
4" riser	\$ 36.06
5" riser	\$ 44.30
6" riser	\$ 48.42
8" riser	\$ 65.92
10" riser	\$ 79.32
12" riser	\$ 92.70

SECTION 3: Annual Increase. Beginning January 2016 and each year after through 2020, the water rates shall be automatically adjusted to reflect the changes in the water usage rates imposed by the Sonoma County Water Agency, and to also reflect the annual adjustment in the Consumer Price Index, as calculated by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics for the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose area (Series CUURA422SA0). Both rates will automatically increase for a period of five years.

SECTION 4: Environmental Review. This ordinance is not a project within the meaning of Section 15378 of the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change in the environment, directly or ultimately. In the event that this ordinance is found to be a project under CEQA, it is subject to the CEQA exemptions contained in CEQA Guidelines section 15273 (a), because it constitutes the

establishment of charges for the purpose of obtaining funds to meet the water utility's financial and service obligations for ongoing operation and maintenance, debt service, and capital improvements within existing service areas, and CEQA Guidelines section 15061 (b) (3), because it can be seen with certainty to have no possibility of a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 5: Severability. The City Council hereby declares that every section, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase is severable. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity, or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases.

SECTION 6: Effective Date: This ordinance shall be in full force and effective 30 days after its adoption and shall be published and posted as required by law.

SECTION 7: Publication. The City Clerk is directed to cause this ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

This ordinance was introduced by the Council of the City of Rohnert Park on April 14, 2014 and adopted on April 28, 2014 by the following roll call vote:

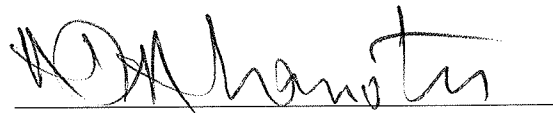
AYES: Five (5) Councilmembers Callinan, Stafford, Mackenzie, Belforte and Mayor Ahanotu

NOES: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

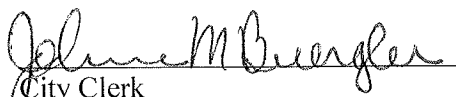
ABSTAIN: None (0)

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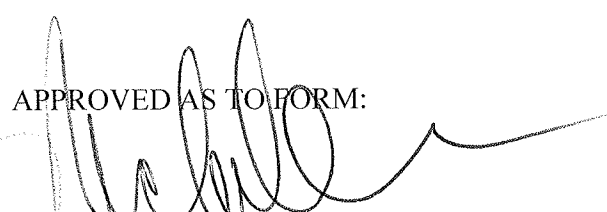
Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney