

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA
AMENDING SECTION 17.12 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO
ADJUST THE SCHEDULE OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR FISCAL
YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2027

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2025, the City Council approved the noticing and public hearing process, pursuant to the requirements of Proposition 218, for the proposed sewer rate adjustments;

WHEREAS, a notice of public hearing was mailed on May 19, 2025, to affected property owners pursuant to Proposition 218;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on July 8, 2025, to hear oral testimony and consider written statements of protest from eligible property owners;

WHEREAS, written protest was not received from a majority of affected property owners prior to the close of the public hearing;

WHEREAS, without majority protest, the City Council may authorize the proposed sewer charge adjustments upon a four-fifths vote;

WHEREAS, based upon the information presented at the public hearing, the City Council finds and determines that the proposed sewer service charge adjustments constitute the minimum amount necessary to operate and maintain the City's sewer system in a safe adequate and sanitary manner; and

WHEREAS, any changes in the schedule of sewer service charges requires an amendment to the Municipal Code Chapter 17.12, specifically Section 17.12.030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of La Mesa, California as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 17.12030 of the La Mesa Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“17.12.030 Sewer service charge rates.

The sewer service charge for all users shall be as established by City Council Ordinance No. 2022-. Said Ordinance shall be kept on file at all times with the City Clerk.”

SECTION 2: Sewer service charges shall be adjusted effective August 21, 2025, and each July 1st through July 1, 2026, pursuant to the following schedule:

	Sewer Rates Effective 7/1/2024	Proposed Rates Effective 8/21/25	Proposed Rates Effective 7/1/26
	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
	Charge per 100 cubic feet (CF) of water 100 CF = 1 unit = 748 gallons		
Single Family *	\$4.29	\$4.54	\$4.77
Multi Family	\$4.29	\$4.60	\$4.83
Commercial/Industrial			
Low Strength	\$4.54	\$5.08	\$5.34
Medium Strength	\$6.49	\$6.53	\$6.86
High Strength	\$7.46	\$7.69	\$8.08
Extra High Strength	\$13.36	\$13.48	\$14.16
Bi-Monthly Base Charge (applies to all customer accounts)	\$45.84	\$48.65	\$51.09

*A bi-monthly billing cap of 28 units applies to single family residences.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be effective 30 days after its adoption and the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause the same to be published at least once in the newspaper of general circulation within 15 days of its adoption.

INTRODUCED AND READ at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Mesa, California, held the 8th day of July 2025, and thereafter PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular meeting of said City Council held the 22nd day of July 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

MARK ARAPOSTATHIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

MEGAN WIEGELMAN, CMC, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, MEGAN WIEGELMAN, City Clerk of the City of La Mesa, California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2025-_____, duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City on the date and by the vote therein recited and that the same has been duly published according to law.

MEGAN WIEGELMAN, CMC, City Clerk

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