

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025 -**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-2442, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2521, AND ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, AND 2029-2030.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of National City (“City”) provides wastewater service to more than 17,000 customers within the incorporated area of the City, and owns and operates approximately 100 miles of sewer pipeline, 2,000 manholes, and two lift stations; and

**WHEREAS**, in the fall of 2024, the City retained an outside consultant, Ardurra Group, Inc., to perform a sewer rate study in order to develop a wastewater multi-year financial plan, cost of service analysis, and rate design for the City (the “Study”); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2025, the City Council accepted the Study, which recommended increasing sewer service charges to reflect current costs of providing sewer service to customers within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2025, the City mailed the “Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Adjustments to Sewer Service Charges” to all City property owners to satisfy the notice requirements of Proposition 218; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 6, 2025, no majority protest of such property owners was presented upon conclusion of the noticed Proposition 218 public hearing to consider the proposed adjustments to sewer service charges.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** That the City Council hereby repeals Ordinance No. 2017-2442, as amended by Ordinance No. 2023-2521, which established sewer service charges for Fiscal Years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 and extended said charges for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

**Section 2:** That, in order to meet the current costs of providing sewer service to customers within the City of National City, as established by the sewer rate study accepted by the City Council on March 4, 2025, the City Council of the City of National City hereby approves, adopts, and authorizes the sewer service charges for Fiscal Years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, and 2029-2030, including adjustments in conformance with California Government Code section 53756, as set forth in the attached Exhibit “A”, which is incorporated herein by reference, effective July 1, 2025.

**Section 3:** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days (30) from the date of its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage, it or a summary of it, shall be published once, with the names of the members of the City Council voting for and against the same in the Star News, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of San Diego, California.

**Section 4:** The City Council declares that the judicial invalidity of any subsection or portion of this chapter shall not affect the validity of any other remaining section or portion; that the City Council would have adopted each of those remaining portions, notwithstanding any later declared invalidity. If any provision determined invalid under the preceding sentence can either be judicially severed or interpreted in a way that could harmonize it with the remaining provisions, then it may be severed or interpreted and applied so as to give full purpose, meaning and effect to the remaining provisions of this chapter.

**Section 5:** The proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) under Section 15061(b)(3) – general rule; the project is not considered a project under CEQA as there is no possibility that the activity raised by this Ordinance may have a significant impact on the environment; the City currently charges sewer services fees and by this ordinance will substitute the existing fee schedule with an updated schedule.

**Section 6:** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall publish in accordance with the law.

**INTRODUCED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, California, held on the 6th day of May, 2025.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Ron Morrison, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney

**Exhibit A**

**Annual Sewer Service Charges for FY 2025-2026 to FY 2029-2030**

	EXISTING					
	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030
<b>Residential: \$ Per Month</b>						
Single Family	\$ 51.18	\$ 52.72	\$ 54.30	\$ 55.93	\$ 57.60	\$ 59.33
Multi-family/Condo	\$ 39.92	\$ 41.12	\$ 42.35	\$ 43.62	\$ 44.93	\$ 46.28
Mobile Homes	\$ 31.22	\$ 31.53	\$ 31.85	\$ 32.17	\$ 32.49	\$ 32.81
<b>Non-Residential: \$ Per HCF</b>						
Commercial - Low	\$ 5.25	\$ 5.67	\$ 6.12	\$ 6.61	\$ 7.14	\$ 7.71
Commercial - Medium Low	\$ 5.66	\$ 6.06	\$ 6.48	\$ 6.93	\$ 7.42	\$ 7.94
Commercial - Medium	\$ 6.80	\$ 7.28	\$ 7.79	\$ 8.33	\$ 8.91	\$ 9.54
Commercial - Medium High	\$ 7.95	\$ 8.43	\$ 8.93	\$ 9.47	\$ 10.04	\$ 10.64
Commercial - High	\$ 9.88	\$ 10.42	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.60	\$ 12.24	\$ 12.91

\* Duplexes or a single family with a single ADU on one property are charged one single family rate and one multi-family rate.