

RESOLUTION NO. 3730-2014

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AMENDING WATER RATES FOR THE FORT BRAGG WATER WORKS

WHEREAS, Fort Bragg Municipal Code Section 14.04.020 provides that water rates shall be set by resolution of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received and considered information indicating that water rates are currently inadequate to meet the operation and maintenance costs of the City's water system; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code Section 50076, fees that do not exceed the reasonable cost of providing the service or regulatory activity for which the fees are charged and which are not levied for general revenue purposes are not special taxes as defined in Article 3.5 of the Government Code; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Proposition 218 notice and hearing requirements, the City gave written notice and provided a method for submitting protests regarding the proposed increases to all owners of identified parcels within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a public hearing on August 11, 2014, with respect to amending the water use rates for the City, and heard all testimony regarding the proposed water use rates and accepted written comments and protests; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the public hearing the City Clerk tabulated the number of protests and reported that there was not a majority protest of the proposed water use rate increase by owners of identified parcels; and


WHEREAS, based on all the evidence presented, the City Council finds as follows:

1. Neither the operation, repair, and maintenance costs of the City's water system nor the proposed water rates needed to cover those costs are excessive or discriminatory;
2. An increase in water use rates is necessary to cover operation and maintenance expenses, upgrading of existing facilities to improve efficiency and/or the quality of water treatment, replacement of existing structures and facilities, and payment of debt service of the City's water system;
3. The proposed water use rates are directly related to the City's actual cost of providing water service and are not levied for general revenue purposes;
4. Proper written notice of the proposed rate increase and notice of a public hearing on the matter has been given to all owners of identified parcels within the City, in accordance with applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby approves the water use rates, to become effective September 1, 2014, as set forth below in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Deitz, seconded by Councilmember Kraut, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 11th day of August, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Deitz, Hammerstrom, Kraut, and Mayor Turner.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Councilmember Courtney.
ABSTAIN: None.



DAVE TURNER,
Mayor

ATTEST:



Cynthia M. VanWormer, MMC
City Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

Customer Classes/Meter Sizes	Revised Rates			
	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
Fixed Monthly Charges				
<i>Single Family Residential Customers:</i>				
5/8 inch & 3/4 inch	\$29.00	\$31.90	\$35.10	\$38.61
1 inch	\$41.25	\$45.38	\$49.92	\$54.92
1.5 inch	\$49.42	\$54.36	\$59.81	\$65.79
<i>Non-Residential Customers:</i>				
5/8 inch & 3/4 inch	\$59.00	\$64.91	\$71.40	\$78.55
1 inch	\$90.56	\$99.63	\$109.60	\$120.57
1.5 inch	\$111.61	\$122.78	\$135.07	\$148.59
2 inch	\$216.82	\$238.52	\$262.40	\$288.66
3 inch	\$322.03	\$354.27	\$389.73	\$428.74
4 inch	\$427.25	\$470.01	\$517.06	\$568.82
<i>Commercial Low-Usage Customers:</i>				
5/8 inch & 3/4 inch	\$29.00	\$31.90	\$35.10	\$38.61
Volumetric Charges				
<i>Single Family Residential Rates per HCF</i>				
Tier 1: 0-5 HCF	\$2.74	\$3.02	\$3.32	\$3.65
Tier 2: 6-10 HCF	\$4.1	\$4.52	\$4.98	\$5.47
Tier 3: 11+ HCF	\$6.7	\$6.78	\$7.46	\$8.21
<i>Non-Single Family Residential</i>				
Rate Per HCF	\$4.73	\$5.20	\$5.72	\$6.30