Meeting Date: 11/18/20 (03)

ORDINANCE NO. 10693 (N.S.) AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ESTABLISHING FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE BY COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 137 (LIVE OAK SPRINGS WATER SYSTEM)

The Board of Supervisors (Board) of the County of San Diego ordains as follows:

Section 1. PURPOSE. The Board finds and determines that it is beneficial to establish fees and charges for services provided by County Service Area (CSA) No. 137 - Live Oak Springs Water System, operated and maintained by the County of San Diego Department of Public Works (DPW). All fees and charges listed in this ordinance are independent of one another.

Section 2. WATER SERVICE CHARGES. The rate structure for the CSA water service charges shall have two components: (1) a base charge and (2) a consumption charge.

Base Charge: All permanent water meter connections shall be subject to a base charge, regardless of the volume of usage, based on the size of the water meter serving the property.

Fixed Base Charge	Monthly Rate			
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021 -22	FY 2022-23	
Meter size - 5/8" x 3/4"	\$93.22	\$96.48	\$99.86	
Meter size - 3/4"	\$109.95	\$113.80	\$117.78	
Meter size - 1"	\$143.39	\$148.41	\$153.60	
Meter size - 1- 1/2"	\$344.05	\$356.09	\$368.55	
Meter size - 2"	\$544.71	\$563.77	\$583.50	

Consumption Charge: A consumption charge shall be imposed based on the amount of water delivered to a property in units, with one unit equal to one hundred cubic feet or 748 gallons. A Tier 1 rate is applied to water deliveries greater than zero and up to four hundred cubic feet (HCF) per month. A Tier 2 rate is applied to the water deliveries above four HCF per month.

Variable Consumption Charge	Monthly Rate		
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021 -22	FY 2022-23
Tier 1 (per HCF)	\$10.28	\$10.64	\$11.01
Tier 2 (per HCF)	\$12.79	\$13.24	\$13.70

Section 3. BULK WATER RATE. Bulk water sales shall be evaluated on a case by case basis, dependent upon available water supply. The bulk water rate shall be \$30 per 1,000 gallons of usage. The customer shall pay a non-refundable administrative fee of \$200 at the time of application. Water can only be drawn from a metered connection designated by

- DPW staff, with a temporary water meter to be provided by DPW staff.
- **Section 4**. WATER METER INSTALLATION FEE. This fee shall be imposed for costs to install, re-install, or relocate a water meter, or to increase or decrease the water meter size. Labor and materials will be charged at cost. An estimate of costs will be provided in advance, and payment of 75% of the estimated cost shall be paid prior to installation. The remaining fee shall be billed on the next statement.
- **Section 5.** SERVICE ACTIVATION OR REINSTATEMENT FEE. New customers and customers requesting reinstatement of water service shall be charged a \$115 administrative fee. If applicable, customers requesting reinstatement shall pay any additional amounts owed prior to restoration of water service.
- **Section 6**. TEMPORARY WATER SHUT-OFF FEE. A customer requesting service to be shut off shall pay a fee of \$115 for each occurrence.
- **Section 7.** WATER CONNECTION FEE. Each new connection to the water system shall pay a one-time connection fee of \$1,700.
- **Section 8.** ANNEXATION AND DETACHMENT FEES FOR WATER SERVICE. The following fees shall be due and payable for each connection at the time of application:
- a. Application Fee. Customers seeking annexation or detachment of territory to CSA No. 137 shall pay a non-refundable application fee of \$600.
- b. San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission Fee(s). In addition to the fee established in Section 8(a) of this Ordinance, customers seeking annexation or detachment of property to CSA No. 137 shall pay any fees determined by San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission. If the proposed annexation is discontinued, the annexation fee shall be refunded upon written request.
- **SECTION 9.** WATER REPAIR CHARGES. Charges for any other work not previously specified will be completed on a time and materials basis. The estimated cost of the service must be deposited with the County prior to the commencement of work.
- **SECTION 10.** LATE FEE ON PAST DUE ACCOUNTS. Payments must be received in full by the date posted on the statement. A late fee of 10% will be charged and added to the outstanding balance of any account not received by the posted due date. Service may be discontinued when charges remain unpaid in excess of 30 days.
- **Section 11.** SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER SERVICE ORDINANCE. This ordinance incorporates by reference the San Diego County Water Service Ordinance No. 9678 (WSO), including any amendments. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between this Ordinance and the WSO, this Ordinance shall prevail.
- **Section 12.** DISPOSITION OF WATER SERVICE REVENUES. All revenues from water service charges shall be deposited with the San Diego County Treasurer. These funds shall

become part of the County's pooled investment fund. Interest earned shall be credited to the appropriate Live Oak Springs Water System fund.

Section 13. FEES AND CHARGES MAY BE COLLECTED WITH TAXES. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ordinance, the water service charges may be collected on the tax roll in the same manner and together with the general taxes of the water system as described in the San Diego County Water Service Ordinance.

Section 14. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on January 1, 2021 or upon formation of CSA No. 137, whichever occurs later.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

By:		
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	Suedy Alfaro, Senior Deputy	
	County Counsel	

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of

San Diego this 18th day of November 2020.

GREG COX ()

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

County of San Diego, State of California

The above Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Cox, Jacob, Gaspar, Fletcher, Desmond

ATTEST my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors this 18th day of November 2020.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By

Joana Santiago, Deputy

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