

# Ordinance Fact Sheet

June 10, 2024

TO:

Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM:

City Attorney / City Prosecutor's Department

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 4,

CHAPTER 4.52, SECTION 4.52.020 OF THE PASADENA

MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SANITATION SEWER USE RATES

## TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 4, CHAPTER 4.52, SECTION 4.52.020 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SANITATION SEWER USE RATES

### **PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE:**

As directed by the City Council on May 6, 2024, this ordinance amends the municipal code to implement the change to the approved sewer use fee rate structure and rates.

## **REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:**

The sewer use rates reflected in existing Section 4.52.020 of the Pasadena Municipal Code are outdated. This ordinance updates Section 4.52.020 to reflect the rates adopted by City Council on May 6, 2024 and to permit Council to update rates by resolution, which is consistent with City practice.

## PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The Departments of Public Works and Water and Power will implement this ordinance.

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

On May 6, 2024, the Council found that this ordinance is not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Public Resources Code Section 21065, 21080(b)(8) and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(a) and (b)(4), and that even if it were a project, the proposed sewer use fee increases are statutorily exempt pursuant to Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges) under State CEQA Guidelines and as such, is not subject to environmental review.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City adopted revised sewer use rates, which is anticipated to generate an additional \$3.9 million in revenue in FY 2025 to address the cost of service and to start building reserves. There is no direct fiscal impact of amending this ordinance to implement the new rates.

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