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ORDINANCE ADOPTING SEWER COLLECTION SERVICE CHARGE RATES FOR PARCELS WITHIN THE CITY OF SAUSALITO FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025/26, 2026/27, 2027/28 AND 2028/29

WHEREAS, in adopting this Ordinance, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District, Marin County, California ("District") finds that:

A. On May 7, 2024, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 102 pertaining to Sewer Service Charge Rates, which reflects the District's costs of providing sewer treatment services to parcels served by the District for fiscal years 2024/25 through 2028/29, which includes serving parcels within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Sausalito ("City"); and

B. Ordinance No. 102 was codified and reflected in Chapter 3.05 of the Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District Code, entitled "Sewer Service Charges"; and

C. On August 22, 2025, the District entered into a Bill of Sale and Confirmation of Operational System Transfer with the City by which (generally), effective fiscal year 2025/2026: (1) the City agreed to transfer the City sewer collection system to the District, and the District agreed to undertake the operation of the City sewer collection system; (2) the City agreed to cease directly charging parcels for the cost of providing the City sewer collection services, and the District would undertake charging parcels for costs to be incurred by the District; and

D. The City had previously set rates for the cost of providing the City sewer collection services based on the "City of Sausalito FY 2024-25 Sewer Rate Study dated April 25, 2024 ("Rate Study") prepared by HF& H Consultants LLC, which included an analysis of costs and rates through fiscal year 2028/29; and the rates set forth in this resolution are based on the analysis of costs set forth in that Rate Study; and

E. The Board of the District has reviewed the proposed sewer service charge rate schedule set forth in this resolution, to cover the cost of providing City sewer collection services to parcels within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City, and has determined that the annual sewer service charge rates should be established in compliance with Article XIID of the California Constitution (Proposition 218), in order to meet operating expenses, purchase materials, meet financial reserve needs, and provide for capital projects necessary to maintain service for the City sewer collection system; and

F. A Notice of Public Hearing containing information on the proposed sewer service charge rate schedule was duly mailed to every property owner receiving the City sewer collection service from the District at least 45 days prior to the public hearing scheduled for January 27, 2026; and

G. The District conducted a public hearing on January 27, 2026, and at the public hearing, residents and property owners who wished to comment on this matter were heard; and

H. All written protests presented by the affected property owners were considered and tallied at the meeting, and the District was not presented with protests by a majority of the owners of the identified parcels affected by the proposed City sewer collection service changes; and

I. The amount of the charges imposed does not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to the properties receiving service, and revenues from the charges and fees are not being used for any other purpose than that for which they are imposed; and

J. The charge is imposed only on those properties receiving service or those for which service is immediately available; and

K. This action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15273(a) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of the State CEQA Guidelines, in that the sewer service fee is being charged to meet operating expenses, purchase materials, meet financial reserve needs and provide for capital projects necessary to maintain service within the existing service area.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED by the Board of the Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The Board of the Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District does hereby find that the above-referenced recitals are true and correct and material to the adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Amended. Section 3.05.120 of the District Code is hereby amended to re-letter subsection "3.05.120(D)" from "(D)" to "(E)." Thus, as re-lettered, the entirety of former subsection "3.05.120(D)" will now be labeled: "3.05.120(E) Automatic Increases Exceptions."

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Section 4. Amended. A new Section 3.05.120(D) is hereby adopted and inserted into the District Code as follows:

D. Charges for City Collection Services. For customers whose parcels are located within the City limits of the City of Sausalito, in addition to the charge required under District code 3.05.120(A) and 3.05.120(B) for sewer treatment costs, the customers shall pay a charge for the cost of providing City Collection services as set forth below:

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Section 5. Publication. Upon adoption of this Ordinance it shall be entered in the minutes of the Board and it shall be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the District.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective 30 days from the date of passage and adoption.

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Section 8. To the extent that this Ordinance No. 104, or the Sewer Service Charges set forth herein, is challenged and set aside for any reason, Ordinance No. 102 and the Sewer Service Charges specified therein shall be immediately restored and effective until further action of the Board of Directors.

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I certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sausalito-Marín City Sanitary District, Marin County, California, at a meeting held on January 27, 2026, by the following vote.

AYES, and in favor thereof, Directors: Beers, McKibbe, Rheiner, Rycerski & Thornton
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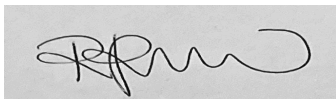
STATE OF CALIFORNIA County of Marin

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid: I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the MARIN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily in the County of Marin, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Marin, State of California, under date of FEBRUARY 7, 1955, CASE NUMBER 25568; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

01/31/2026

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2026.



Signature

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