

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING INCREASES TO
WATER RATES FOR CITY DOMESTIC WATER
SERVICE AREA.**

WHEREAS, Chapter 14.04 of the Bakersfield Municipal Code authorizes the City Council to establish rates and fees sufficient for the City to recover the costs of providing domestic water services; and

WHEREAS, City staff prepared and mailed a notice of public hearing to residential and commercial users on May 11, 2021 as required by Proposition 218 notifying them of the proposed rate increases (Cal. Constitution Article XIID, section 6); and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 2, 2021 in order to receive evidence and hear all persons interested in or objecting to the proposed rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of water rate increases is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8); and

WHEREAS the City Council has considered the staff report, rate study, public comments, and information presented at the public hearing, and written protests; and

WHEREAS, the rates and charges set forth in **Exhibit "A,"** attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, do not exceed the reasonable estimated cost of providing the services for which the fees are charged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Bakersfield as follows:

1. The above recitals and findings are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Council finds that insufficient written protests were presented to prevent the proposed rate increases.
3. The Council ratifies the Proposition 218 process followed by the City.
4. The Council adopts the fees established in Exhibit "A," and shall become effective according to the following schedule:
 - a. 4.0% increase will be effective July 1, 2021;

5. The adoption of these fees and charges complies with Proposition 218.
6. This Resolution is effective July 1, 2021.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Bakersfield at a regular meeting thereof held on _____, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBER	ARIAS, GONZALES, WEIR, SMITH, FREEMAN, GRAY, PARLIER
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBER	_____
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBER	_____
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBER	_____

JULIE DRIMAKIS
 CITY CLERK and Ex Officio Clerk of
 the Council of the City of Bakersfield

APPROVED _____

By _____
KAREN GOH
 Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
VIRGINIA GENNARO
 City Attorney

By _____
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 City Attorney

JHR:dll
 Attachment: Exhibit A