

ORDINANCE NO. 88

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE FORESTVILLE WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING
WATER SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the FORESTVILLE WATER DISTRICT that it is hereby amending ORDINANCE NO. 2 (as amended by subsequent ordinances), adopted on the 4th day of June 1985.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Board of Directors of the Forestville Water District does hereby adopt the schedule of CONNECTION FEES as set forth herein, which shall become effective upon approval.

CONNECTION FEES

Any person or entity who adds a new connection to the Forestville Water District’s water distribution system, shall pay the following fees:

METER SIZE	Connection Fee	TOTAL ¹
3/4"	\$6,120.00	\$6,120.00 + Meter Fee*
1"	\$11,023.00	\$11,023.00 + Meter Fee*
1-1/2"	\$21,009.00	\$21,009.00 + Meter Fee*
2"	\$31,802.00	\$31,802.00 + Meter Fee*

* The “meter fee” shall reflect the actual cost, to the District, for the purchase of the meter and all associated components. This meter fee will be charged in addition to the Connection Fee.

The connection fee shall be due and payable upon notice from Forestville Water District, and the fees must be paid in full prior to the connection being made.

¹ TOTAL fee is exclusive of all costs associated with constructing a public water service lateral from the distribution main pipe to the meter box including, but not limited to, hot tap and appurtenances, service lateral pipe, trenching, pavement restoration, meter box and valves. These costs are the responsibility of the customer and all work associated therewith shall be done in accordance with Forestville Water District Standards. All work to construct the private water service lateral (downstream of the meter) is the responsibility of the customer.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED this 12th day of May 2026.

AYES: _____

FORESTVILLE WATER DISTRICT

NOES: _____

By: _____
Chairman

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

Ex-Officio, Clerk of the Board

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ORDINANCE NO. 89:
WATER RATE STRUCTURE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 31
BY ESTABLISHING RATE FOR WATER SERVICE OF THE FORESTVILLE WATER DISTRICT
EFFECTIVE AS OF AUGUST 26, 2026

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of Forestville Water District, Sonoma County, California, as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 400 of Article 18 of Ordinance No. 31 (as amended by subsequent ordinances) of the Forestville Water District, is hereby amended to read and provide in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 18. RATES

400. RATE SCHEDULE. Rates for water service are hereby established as follows:

The Forestville Water District (the District) has modified the methodology by which water customers will be charged. This Ordinance sets forth the methodology for this water rate and billing structure as well as how it shall be modified and implemented.

Equivalent Dwelling Unit:

With this Ordinance, the District shall establish the definition of an Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) as it relates to water customers. The use of the term Equivalent Dwelling Unit and abbreviation EDU has been selected to differentiate from the term Equivalent Standard Dwelling and abbreviation ESD, which is already in use to describe sewer customers serviced by the District. One (1) EDU shall not be assumed to be equivalent to one (1) ESD, as they are calculated from different data. For the purposes of the new water rate structure and this Ordinance, one (1) EDU shall be defined as the average bi-monthly volume of water used by all single-family residential customers. The volume associated with one (1) EDU may be evaluated by the District on an annual basis and updated accordingly to reflect the changing water use patterns of District customers.

For non-residential customers, the number of EDUs assigned shall be based upon the average bi-monthly water used by that customer in the 12 months prior and as reassessed by the District. The average bi-monthly use of the customer shall be divided by the volume associated with the current definition of an EDU, and one (1) EDU shall be assigned for each whole number or fraction thereof from the resultant number.

New non-residential customers without water usage for the 12 months prior shall have an EDU assigned based upon the flows indicated in the attached Exhibit A, Equivalent Single-Family Dwelling Billing Unit for Sonoma Valley CSD or other appropriate references approved by the District Board to determine an approximate anticipated water usage.

Non-residential customers who believe that they have significantly changed their usage due to improved water use technology, operational changes, and/or tenant changes may request, in writing, that the District re-evaluate their assigned number of EDUs. Unless the property occupant or tenant has changed, this request may only be made once within a 12-month period.

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Fixed Charge: Each bi-monthly billing shall include a fixed charge. A bi-monthly fixed charge of **\$38.13** shall be billed for each EDU assigned to the customer. The fixed charge amount is based upon the District’s overhead costs to operate and manage the system regardless of increased or decreased customer water usage. The District may elect to evaluate and adopt a new fixed charge on an annual basis, or more frequently if special circumstances arise.

Volumetric Charge: Each bi-monthly billing shall include a volumetric charge based on the quantity of water delivered by the District to each customer through their water meter. Customers shall be billed a volumetric charge for each gallon of water used. The volumetric charge shall be calculated based upon the quantity of water used under each of the tiered thresholds and associated tiered rates indicated in the following table.

	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Gallons Metered under Tier per EDU	0 to 12,000	12,001 – 23,000	23,001 and greater
Rate Charged for Each Gallon Metered in Tier (\$ per 1,000 gallons in Tier)	\$9.01	\$11.26	\$13.53

The establishment of the Tier 1 threshold shall be based upon the average bi-monthly usage for all single-family residential customers. The Tier 1 threshold shall also be utilized to establish the bi-monthly volume of water associated with a single Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). All Tiers may be adjusted accordingly based on evaluation of the current EDU as well as the cost to the District of purchasing water. This may include clauses or penalties present in agreements in place with the District and the entity from which water is purchased (currently Sonoma Water). The District may use its discretion to round threshold values up or down to the nearest 1,000 gallons.

Each customer class is billed within the new structure as outlined below:

Single-Family Residential Billing: Each single-family residential customer is assigned one EDU. Each single-family residential billing is therefore billed one (1) bi-monthly fixed charge as well as a volumetric charge for each gallon used within a given Tier. The Volumetric Charge shall be billed at the Tier 1 rate for each gallon used up to 12,000 gallons, at the Tier 2 rate for each gallon used between 12,001 gallons and 23,000 gallons, and at the Tier 3 rate for each gallon used over 23,000 gallons.

Multi-Family Residential Billing: Multi-family residential bi-monthly billing shall be done in a similar manner to as single-family residential customers, except that the total number of dwelling units on a property shall be equal to the number of EDUs assigned to the customer. Multi-family residential customers shall be charged one (1) fixed fee for each EDU assigned. The thresholds of each Tier shall also be multiplied by the number of EDUs assigned to the customer when calculating the Volumetric Charge for that customer. Therefore, a multi-family property with two (2) dwelling units would be assigned two (2) EDU and the Volumetric Charge would be billed at the Tier 1 rate for each gallon used up to 24,000 gallons, at the Tier 2 rate for each gallon used between 24,001 gallons and 46,000 gallons, and at the Tier 3 rate for each gallon used over 46,000 gallons.

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Non-Residential Billing: Each non-residential customer shall be assigned an appropriate number of EDUs as determined in the prior sections of this Ordinance. Non-residential customers shall be charged one (1) fixed fee for each EDU assigned. The thresholds of each Tier shall also be multiplied by the number of EDUs assigned to the customer when calculating the Volumetric Charge for that customer. Therefore, the Volumetric Charge for a non-residential customer assigned three (3) EDU would be billed at the Tier 1 rate for each gallon used up to 36,000 gallons, at the Tier 2 rate for each gallon used between 36,001 gallons and 69,000 gallons, and at the Tier 3 rate for each gallon used over 69,000 gallons.

Leak Adjustments: Leak adjustments shall be addressed in a similar manner to the current policies in place for water billing as well as sewer direct service charges. Customers shall be allowed a one-time leak adjustment every 7 years if it can be substantiated that the customer took prompt actions to correct the condition. If the customer is non-residential, the leak adjustment shall be considered when calculating the next year’s EDU assignment.

Surplus Billing: All surplus water shall be sold by the District at the Tier 3 billing rate in effect at the time the water is sold.

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the Forestville Water District, Sonoma County, California, and following a Public Hearing held on May 12, 2026, at a regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors, the rates established by this Ordinance shall be **effective as of June 26, 2025**.

This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its adoption and publication as required by law.

DIRECTORS:

Griffith _____ McDermott _____ Romeo _____ Stapleton _____ Stuart _____

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED this 12th day of May 2026.

FORESTVILLE WATER DISTRICT

BY:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Ex-Officio, Clerk of the Board

ORDINANCE NO. 90

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND FORESTVILLE WATER DISTRICT
SEWER SERVICE ZONE ORDINANCE NO. 39 AS AMENDED BY SUBSEQUENT ORDINANCES**

**THIS ORDINANCE AMENDS "SECTION 1. ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGES" – AND -
"SECTION 3. PAYMENT OF CONNECTION FEES": EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of Forestville Water District Sewer Service Zone, Sonoma County, CA; the following changes to Ordinances #39

SECTION 1: ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGES.

Paragraph 2: SEWER RATES for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 based on Winter Water Use and increases to the cost of providing services: Annual Sewer Direct Charges are based on **up to four (4) factors: (1.) Fixed Charge** – per water meter size for each property; **(2.) Usage Charge** – based on water use per property during bi-monthly billing periods of November/December + January/February each year; **(3.) Debt Service Charge** per property for repayment of debt for use of Sewer System; and **(4.) High Strength Surcharge** for commercial and industrial uses whose wastewater strengths exceed threshold values for influent loading to the treatment plant. The method for determining Sewer Rates will not change; however, certain of the charges factored into the Sewer Rates are proposed to increase as follows:

Sub-Paragraph 2.1: Annual Fixed Charge for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 per meter size as follows:

Meter Size	2026-2027 Annual Fixed Charge
1-inch & Smaller	\$1,120.04
1.5-inch	\$6,451.41
2-inch	\$11,469.20
3-inch	\$25,805.68

The water meter size(s) appropriate for each property shall be determined at the sole discretion of the District Engineer. Properties with no water meter shall be assigned an annual service charge as stipulated in Sub-Paragraph 2.5.

Sub-Paragraph 2.2: Annual Usage Charges for Fiscal Year 2026-2027: \$23.06 for each 1,000 gallons of wastewater discharged to the sewer annually. Annual wastewater discharge volume shall be estimated based on indoor water usage, which shall be the average monthly water usage during the winter bi-monthly billing periods of November/December and January/February of the following year, multiplied by 12, and rounded to the nearest 100 gallons. For properties with industrial and commercial uses where there is little or no outdoor water use, the District may, at the sole discretion of the District Engineer, base wastewater discharge on the total annual amount of water used over the 12-month period beginning with the March/April billing period and ending with the January/February billing period of the following year.

Usage charges for single-family residential properties are **capped at three (3) times the median** single-family residential annual usage. For Fiscal Year 2026-2025 the median single-family residential annual usage will be **34,800** gallons (based on three times of last year's (March 1, 2024- February 28, 2025)

median single-family residential annual usage of 34,800 gallons), with a corresponding maximum annual usage charge of **\$2,407.46** (Two-thousand four hundred seven dollars and forty-six cents).

Properties with no water meter shall be assigned an annual service charge as stipulated in Sub-Paragraph 2.5.

Sub-Paragraph 2.4: An Annual High Strength Surcharge shall be calculated based on the property’s annual wastewater discharge, wastewater strength in excess of the threshold values, and the high strength surcharge rates and surcharge rate to the 2026-2027 surcharge rate as follows:

Constituent	Threshold Value	2026-2027 Surcharge Rate
BOD	340 mg/L	\$1.52 / lb.
TSS	220 mg/L	\$2.33 / lb.

A property’s wastewater strength to be used for calculating the High Strength Surcharge shall be based on the results of laboratory analysis of wastewater samples collected from the property’s discharge by or at the direction of the District, or in the absence of such analysis, on the strength indicated in the “Equivalent Single-Family Dwelling Billing Unit for Forestville CSD.” Wastewater strength for properties with mixed uses will be based upon predominant use or on an appropriate alternative basis at the sole discretion of the District Engineer. Properties whose wastewater strengths fall significantly below threshold values may be granted a credit based on the surcharge calculation at the sole discretion of the District Engineer.

Sub-Paragraph 2.5: Properties with no water meter shall pay an **Annual Service Charge**, exclusive of debt service charges, of **\$1,704.42** per ESD in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 that accounts for annual fixed, usage, and high strength surcharges.

SECTION 3. PAYMENT OF CONNECTION FEES (See specific details below):

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the Forestville Water District Sewer Service Zone, Sonoma County, California, under Section 3. Payment of Connection Fees; subsection "C": Connection Fee Adjustment per ENR-CCI Index: Connection fees shall be adjusted annually based on the Construction Cost Index (CCI), as published in the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index (ENR-CCI) for San Francisco, CA.

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the Forestville Water District Sewer Service Zone, Sonoma County, California, that the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index (ENR-CCI) for San Francisco reported a **% TBD** for the months ending in April 2026. Thus, there will be a **% TBD** **in the Sewer Connection Fees** for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the Forestville Water District Sewer Service Zone. The following fees/charges will remain:

- A. Mirabel Heights Area. All new users who were not levied assessments under the prior governing Sanitation District's jurisdiction for the area commonly known as the "Mirabel Heights Zone of Benefit" (which is now labeled the "Mirabel Heights Area" in this Ordinance) shall pay a connection fee of **\$TBD** for each ESD in that area of the overall Zone.
- B.) Central Forestville Area. All new users who were not levied assessments under the prior governing Sanitation District's jurisdiction for the remaining area of that Sanitation

District (i.e., what is now labeled the "Central Forestville Area" in this Ordinance) shall pay a connection fee of **\$TBD** for each ESD in that area of the overall Zone.

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the Forestville Water District Sewer Service Zone, Sonoma County, California, and following a Public Hearing held on May 12, 2026, prior to a regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors, and under

SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE. This Ordinance shall be and the same is hereby declared **to be in full force and effect as of July 1, 2026**, which is at least thirty (30) days after the date of its passage (May 12, 2026).

In regular session of the Board of Directors of the Forestville Water District Sewer Service Zone, introduced, passed, and adopted after hearing this 12th day of May 2026, on regular roll call of the members of said Board by the following vote:

DIRECTORS:

Griffith _____ McDermott _____ Stapleton _____ Stuart _____ Romeo _____

WHEREUPON, the Chair of the Board declared the above and foregoing Ordinance #85 to amend Ordinances #36 as amended by subsequent ordinances, duly adopted this 12th day of May 2026 and

SO ORDERED,

BY _____
Chairman, Board of Directors
Forestville Water District

ATTEST:

Ex-Officio, Clerk of the Board