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ORDINANCE NO. 90

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE AND CONNECTION FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of Forestville Water District Sewer Service Zone, Sonoma County, CA; this Ordinance, No. 90, shall establish the annual sewer service and sewer connection fees for the 2026-27 fiscal year, as authorized in the District's Ordinance #33, and shall supersede all previously adopted sewer rate setting Ordinances.

ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27**.**

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:

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

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 season bi-monthly billing periods of November/December and January/February, 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 its discretion, 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 of last year's (March 1, 2025, to February 28, 2026) median** single-family residential annual usage. For Fiscal Year 2026-2027

the median single-family residential annual usage will **increase** from 34,600 gallons to **34,800** gallons, with a corresponding maximum annual usage charge **increase** from $2,271.74 to **$2,407.46** (Two-thousand four hundred seven and forty-six cents).

Properties with no water meter, yet connected to the public sewer system, shall pay an **Annual Service Charge**, exclusive of debt service charges, of **$1,704.42** per ESD in Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

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. Properties whose wastewater strengths fall significantly below threshold values may be granted a credit based on the surcharge calculation at the discretion of the District.

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 twelve-month average increase of 2.2%. Thus, there will be a **2.2% increase 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 **$17,591.31** 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 **$17,080.35** 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 19, 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 19, 2026.

In regular session of the Board of Directors of the Forestville Water District Sewer Service Zone, introduced, passed, and adopted after hearing this 19th day of May 2026, on regular roll call of the members of said Board by the following vote:

DIRECTORS:

Griffith Aye McDermott Abstain Stapleton Aye Stuart Aye Romeo Aye

WHEREUPON, the Chair of the Board declared the above and foregoing Ordinance #90 to establish annual sewer service and connection fees for FY 2026-27, duly adopted this **19th day of May 2026** and

SO ORDERED,

BY: Matthew McDermott
Chairman, Board of Directors
Forestville Water District

ATTEST:

Dawn Leith
Ex-Officio, Clerk of the Board