

RESOLUTION NO. 6524(22)

**A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lompoc,
County of Santa Barbara, State of California,
Modifying the Wastewater Charges Winter Averaging Calculation Method**

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2015, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 6002(15), rescinding Resolution No. 3705(88) and adopting Utility Billing Service Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Utility Billing Service Rules and Regulations, Section 1, Adoption of Rules and Regulations allows the Management Services Director or designee to make such rules and regulations that may be necessary or desirable to aid in the administration or enforcement of the provisions of the Lompoc Municipal Code and the Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Utility Billing Service Rules and Regulations requires periodic updating to reflect changes in procedures, fees, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the conversion of management system software from Alpha to Munis by Tyler Technologies requires the City Utility Billing Department to update its billing procedures to eliminate the six-year winter averaging for determining units to bill for wastewater consumption; and

WHEREAS, the current version of Munis only allows a winter average calculation based on the January – March 2022 months to determine units to bill for wastewater consumption, and

WHEREAS, prior resolutions related to wastewater billing have been silent as to the treatment of partial units.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The rates and charges from section 2 of Resolution No. 5858(13) that were effective July 1, 2017, remain in effect, along with the minimum charge based on 5 units, and the rates and charges for wastewater services to customers located outside the City limits remain at 1.5 times the rates set forth in Resolution No. 5858(13);

SECTION 2. The Non-Consumption Method from Resolution No. 5858(13) remains in effect.

SECTION 3. The Consumption Method of calculating wastewater usage from Resolution No. 5858(13) is rescinded, and replaced as follows: For customers that have a three-month winter average water consumption from January-March of that same year, they

will be billed for that average number of units for wastewater for the period July 1 to June 30 of the upcoming fiscal year, if that number of units is less or equal to the amount of their monthly bills from July 1 to June 30 of the prior year. For customers that had a three-month winter average water consumption from January-March of that same year greater than the amount of their monthly bills from July 1 to June 30 of the prior year, their winter average consumption for the 4 prior years (excluding 2021) will be calculated, and the lesser of that average or their current year average will be billed. For customers that do not have a three-month winter average water consumption from January-March of that same year, they will be billed at the average winter water consumption for their customer class, for the period July 1 to June 30 of the next fiscal year.

SECTION 4. A cap will be in place beginning with the July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, billing period, so that residential customers units billed will not increase or decrease by more than 4 units per month from one July-June billing period to the next, and commercial customers units billed will not increase by more than 10 units per month from one July to June billing period to the next.

SECTION 5. All wastewater charges will be billed in whole units rounded to the nearest whole unit, with .50 and greater being rounded up and .49 and less being rounded down.

SECTION 6. The provisions of this resolution shall supersede and control over any conflicting provisions in Resolution Nos. 5858(13) and/or 6002(15).

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Resolution is effective on the day of its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was proposed by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____, and was duly passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Lompoc at its regular meeting on July 5, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member(s):
NOES: Council Member(s):
ABSENT: Council Member(s):

Jenelle Osborne, Mayor
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Stacey Haddon, City Clerk
City of Lompoc