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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-295587

ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 16, 2001

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO INCREASE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES BY 7.5% IN FISCAL YEARS 2002, 2003, 2004, AND 2005; REQUIRING SEMI-ANNUAL CIP REPORTS FROM THE METROPOLITAN WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT; DEDICATING 2.5% OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES TO PIPE REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION; CREATING A SEWER SERVICE PUBLIC OVERSIGHT COMMISSION; ENCOURAGING SMALL-CONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION AND OUTREACH IN PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS; ENCOURAGING SMALLER PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS; AND PROVIDING FOR ANALYSIS OF RATE INCREASES.

WHEREAS, San Diego Municipal Code section 64.0404 provides that sewer service charges may be established by resolution of the City Council upon the giving of ten days notice of intention to establish such charges; and

WHEREAS, such notice of intention has been given by posting in the office of the City Clerk; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that pursuant to San Diego Municipal Code section 64.0404 and consistent with the Sewer Revenue Fund Financing Plan adopted by the Council on October 19, 1995, and as set forth in detail in City Manager Report No. 01-209, the City Manager is hereby directed to increase the sewer services charges in Fiscal Years 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005, as follows:

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1. By 7.5% in Fiscal Year 2002, effective March 1, 2002;
2. By 7.5% in Fiscal Year 2003, effective March 1, 2003;
3. By 7.5% in Fiscal Year 2004, effective March 1, 2004; and
4. By 7.5% in Fiscal Year 2005, effective March 1, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Wastewater Department is hereby directed as follows:

1. To provide semi-annual reports to the Natural Resources & Culture Committee and the Clean Water Task Force on the status of the municipal capital improvement program, beginning in April 2002;
2. To encourage the increased use of small-contractor participation on MWWD projects by 10% above current rates; and
3. To pursue a strategy for small-contractor outreach on MWWD projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the issue of sewer rates is referred to the Rules Committee for review of the following matters:


1. Dedication of a minimum 2.5% of the annual sewer rate increase, above 5% for inflation and energy costs, toward sewer and pipe replacement and rehabilitation; and
2. Creation of a Sewer Service Public Oversight Commission to assure citizens that the rate increases are well spent. The Rules Committee will report to the Natural Resources & Culture Committee on its proposal for a such Commission, which shall include citizen participation and report at least semi-annually to the Natural Resources & Culture Committee and the Clean Water Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby directed to provide the following information to the Council for review prior to the March 2002 sewer rate increase:

1. An analysis of capacity charges in the Cost of Service Study as they relate to cost recovery for new connections;
2. An analysis of baseline allowance rates in the Cost of Service Study as they affect affordable low-income housing; and
3. An analysis of Metropolitan Sewer System charges to the Participating Agencies as they affect the City's own rates.

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