

ORDINANCE NUMBER O- 19648 (NEW SERIES)

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 16 2007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTING THAT CITY WATER AND SEWER CUSTOMERS BE BILLED ON A BI-MONTHLY BASIS.

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2002, the Mayor and City Council directed that City water and sewer customers be billed on a monthly basis instead of the bi-monthly basis then in effect; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2003, the Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution No. R-297388, which approved the implementation of monthly billing as set forth in City Manager's Report No. 02-250, including the estimation of water consumption for every other bill; and

WHEREAS, estimated water consumption has resulted in some customer confusion, and also necessitated periodic tier-rate adjustments as described in Report to City Council No. 07-071; and

WHEREAS, additional postage, bill printing and envelope costs associated with monthly billing has resulted in increased costs of approximately \$622,000 annually over bi-monthly billing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to San Diego City Charter Section 26.1, water and sewer services shall be provided under such terms and conditions as may be authorized by the City Council by ordinance; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

Section 1. That the Mayor or his representative is directed to implement tier-rate adjustments, as described in Report to City Council No. 07-071, every two months instead of every six months, by November of 2007 and continuing thereafter until the City returns to bi-monthly billing for water and sewer services.

Section 2. That the authority to adopt monthly water and sewer billing in Resolution No. R-297388 is hereby rescinded, and the Mayor or his representative is directed to return to

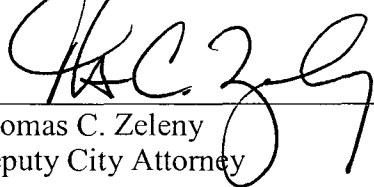
bi-monthly billing for water and sewer services by April of 2008, except for those customer accounts which the City reads the water meters on a monthly basis or where a different billing frequency is established by contract.

Section 3. That this activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act because it is not a "project," pursuant to sections 15378 and 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA guidelines, nor will the activity result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment pursuant to section 15060(c)(2).

Section 4. That a full reading of this ordinance is dispensed with prior to passage, since a written copy was made available to the City Council and the public prior to the day of its passage.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth day from and after its final passage.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By  _____
Thomas C. Zeleny
Deputy City Attorney

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Or.Dept:Water
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at its meeting of JUL 10 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND, City Clerk

By  _____
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7.16.07
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor