

RESOLUTION NO. 12-057

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
TO BASE SEWER BILLS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS IN AREAS ZONED OFFICE
PROFESSIONAL OR T-3 FLEX ON WINTER WATER USE

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 975 on December 6, 2011. The ordinance established a volume-based sewer rate structure.

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WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 975 established sewer bills for all non-residential (commercial) customers based on each month's water use (i.e., the sewer bill will change month-to-month); because wastewater generation by commercial customers fluctuates throughout the year, according to changes in business activity, and because many commercial customers have exercised the option of installing separate irrigation water meters.

WHEREAS, there are some existing commercial sewer customers that use high volumes of water for irrigation during the dry season, but do not have separate irrigation water meters.

WHEREAS, City Council considered various options for accounting for irrigation water use by commercial sewer customers at its regular meeting on April 3, 2012.

WHEREAS, wastewater generation by commercial customers in areas zoned Office Professional or T-3 Flex does not fluctuate greatly throughout the year like other commercial establishments. Professional offices generate consistent amounts of wastewater throughout the year, similar to households. Furthermore, these businesses are often located at converted residential properties that have landscaped yards and were originally set up with only one water meter for both indoor uses and landscape irrigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Staff is directed to take steps necessary to amend Ordinance No. 975, so that sewer bills for non-residential customers at properties zoned Office Professional or T-3 Flex shall be determined like Single-Family Residences, as described in Paso Robles Municipal Code Section 14.04.020(a). Areas zoned Office Professional or T-3 Flex include portions of South Vine Street, Vine Street between 10th and 16th Streets, 12th Street, 13th Street, and Spring Street between 16th and 21st Streets.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles this 3rd day of April 2012.

AYES: Strong, Steinbeck, Gilman, Hamon, Picanco

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ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Caryn Jackson, Deputy City Clerk

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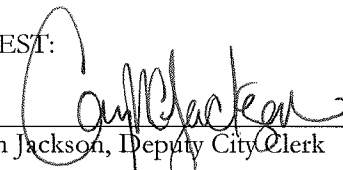
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