



Agenda Item: 15.D
Date of Meeting: August 24, 2026
Department: Administration

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Pam Foster
Subject: **RESOLUTION: Amending Resolution No. 2026-05 to Revise Certain Commercial Water and Sewer Classifications and Rates.**
Attachments: Bishop Rate Table Amendments Resolution Draft
Revised Exhibit A - Water and Sewer Rates

Background/History:

The City of Bishop provides water and sewer service to approximately 1,200 connections. The City's Water and Sewer Funds are enterprise funds supported by rate revenues and do not receive tax revenues. The City last adopted comprehensive water and sewer rates in 2026 pursuant to Proposition 218.

In 2025, the City initiated a new water and sewer rate study to evaluate the cost of service, update rate structures, and establish a sustainable five-year rate plan. As part of this effort, the City Council adopted updated Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Plans on October 27, 2025, and staff reduced the near-term water capital program to moderate rate impacts while maintaining essential reinvestment in the system.

On July 1, 2026 the new rates were put into effect and through the process of categorizing businesses into categories it was determined there was a need for clarifications.

Analysis/Discussion:

Following implementation of the revised rates it was determined that certain business types should be reclassified. Additionally, the charges to closed businesses should be eliminated.

The proposed revisions will move churches and meeting halls from Category B to Category A. Grocery Stores that do not cook fresh food onsite and are not required to have grease traps move from Category B to Category A.

Impacts to Council Goals and Strategic Planning Priorities:

This action directly supports Strategic Plan Mission 3 Sustainable Infrastructure, which specifically calls for completing a water and sewer rate study.

Budget Impacts:

Adoption of this revised resolution may impact the amount of water and sewer fees that are

collected, but allows staff to properly bill property owners.

Legal Review:

The City Attorney has reviewed this item and the proposed resolution and finds that the recommended action complies with applicable law.

Recommended Action:

City Council consideration and approval of a resolution to revise certain water and sewer classifications and charges.

Approved By: Ethan Aukee 8/4/2026

Approved By: Pam Foster 8/19/2026

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