



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 6.2

DATE: July 28, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Tina Olson, Administrative Services Director

SUBJECT: Hearing to adopt FY 2025-26 Sewer Service and Use Charges Report and authorize Residential Charges to be collected in the same manner, by the same persons, and at the same time as, together with and not separately from, the City's General Taxes.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council hold a public hearing to consider all objections or protests, if any, to the written report describing each parcel of real property receiving wastewater services and the amount of the service charge for each parcel, adopt a resolution approving the residential Sewer Service and Use Charges report, and authorize collection of report amounts on the property tax roll by the Alameda County Tax Assessor.

SUMMARY

In accordance with CA Health & Safety Code section 5470 et seq., City Council must adopt a resolution authorizing collection of residential sewer service charges on the property tax roll after the public hearing for the City Council to hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the report referred to in the hearing notice pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 5473.2. If the City Council finds that protest is made by the owners of a majority of separate parcels of property described in the report, then the report shall not be adopted and the charges shall be collected separately from the tax roll and shall not constitute a lien against any parcel or parcels of land.

Upon conclusion of the hearing, the City Council may adopt, revise, change, reduce, or modify any charge or overrule any or all objections and shall make its determination upon each charge as described in the written report, which determination shall be final. As provided in Livermore Municipal Code section 13.36.180, the City's Administrative Services Director filed a report with the City Clerk on July 3, 2025, that is available for review by the public. This report contained descriptions of each parcel of real property receiving sewer services and the amount of the sewer service and use charge for each parcel.

DISCUSSION

Sewer revenues are generated for the collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater. The City of

Livermore Sewer Enterprise serves all residential and business customers within the city limits. In accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 5473, the City has been collecting the residential sewer service charges on the property tax roll since 1968.

The City follows the annual process described in Health and Safety Code Section 5473 and Livermore Municipal Code 13.36.180 by filing a report with the City Clerk. The report contains a description of each parcel of real property in the residential classification receiving sewer service and the amount of the sewer service charge for each parcel for the forthcoming fiscal year. The FY 2025-26 rates incorporated in this report were adopted by a unanimous vote of the City Council on June 9, 2025, with Resolution 2025-092. Per this report, the total FY 2025-26 residential sewer charges to be collected on the property tax roll are \$26,959,659.24.

Staff recommends the City Council consider oral and written protests, adopt a resolution overruling protests, approving the residential sewer charges report and authorizing the sewer service charges to be collected on the tax roll.

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS

Alameda County collection costs are charged to the Water Resources operating budget. The County charge is 1.7% of the amount collected on the roll, for an estimated FY 2025-26 amount of \$458,000.

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GOAL

17: Ensure effective use of public resources

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution
2. Exhibit A - FY 2025-26 Sewer Service Charge Roll Report

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