

ORDINANCE NO.

ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER SERVICE CHARGES
FOR SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 10A
(CAYUCOS)

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, Sitting as the Governing Board of San Luis Obispo County Service Area No. 10A, ordains as follows:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to California Government Code Section 25215.5, and in accordance with Article XIID of the California Constitution and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act (commencing with California Government Code Section 53750), there are hereby established within San Luis Obispo County Service Area No. 10A, those various service charges, installation charges, deposits and other charges specified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which Exhibit "A" is incorporated herein by this reference, for the purpose of providing water service.

SECTION 2: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declare that they would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and notice phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the enactment of this Ordinance would have a significant effect on the environment (Pub. Resources Code Section 21065; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4), 15061(b)(3)) and because the Ordinance involves the approval of government revenues to fund existing services (Pub. Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8); CEQA Guidelines Section 15273(a)(4)).

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its passage and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after passage of this ordinance, it shall be published once with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California.

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on the _____ day of _____, 20__, and PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, on the _____ day of _____, 20__, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of San Luis Obispo State of
California Sitting as the Governing Board of
San Luis Obispo County Service Area No. 10A

ATTEST:

MATT PONTES
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Deputy Clerk

[SEAL]

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

JON ANSOLABEHERE
County Counsel

By: 
Deputy County Counsel

Date: June 30, 2026

EXHIBIT "A"
SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 10 A

1. Charges for Water Service (per water service connection):

a) Basic Bi-Monthly Charge for Water Service.

2026/27

\$250.45 per bi-monthly period for up to and including 1,400 cubic feet;

plus, \$13.88 per 100 cubic feet of water, or fraction thereof, for the bi-monthly use of water over 1,400 cubic feet

2027/28

\$262.97 per bi-monthly period for up to and including 1,400 cubic feet;

plus, \$14.57 per 100 cubic feet of water, or fraction thereof, for the bi-monthly use of water over 1,400 cubic feet

2028/29

\$276.12 per bi-monthly period for up to and including 1,400 cubic feet;

plus, \$15.30 per 100 cubic feet of water, or fraction thereof, for the bi-monthly use of water over 1,400 cubic feet

2029/30

\$289.93 per bi-monthly period for up to and including 1,400 cubic feet;

plus, \$16.07 per 100 cubic feet of water, or fraction thereof, for the bi-monthly use of water over 1,400 cubic feet

2030/31

\$304.42 per bi-monthly period for up to and including 1,400 cubic feet;

plus, \$16.87 per 100 cubic feet of water, or fraction thereof, for the bi-monthly use of water over 1,400 cubic feet

b) Additional Bi-Monthly Charges for Water Service Connections having 1-inch and Larger Water Meters

1 inch meter	18.75 bi-monthly
1-¼ inch meter	19.75 bi-monthly
1-½ inch meter	20.75 bi-monthly
2 inch meter	24.75 bi-monthly
3 inch meter	30.75 bi-monthly
4 inch meter	36.75 bi-monthly

2. Charges for Establishing a Water Service Connection:

Before any parcel of real property shall receive service from the San Luis Obispo County Service Area No.10, Zone A Water System, the County shall be paid both a meter charge and basic charge, computed as follows:

a) Meter Charge Component of Water Service Connection Charge

The meter charge component of the service charge for water service connection shall be based on the size of the meter.

<u>Size of Water Meter</u>	<u>Service Charge</u>
5/8 or 3/4 Inch Meter	\$ 325.00
1 Inch Meter	\$ 350.00
1 1/4 or 1 1/2 Inch Meter	\$ 375.00

The above meter charges are for water service connections where the service lateral connection, appurtenant facilities, curb stop, and meter box have been installed at owner's/developer's expense. Where this is not the case, and for meters larger than 1 1/2 inch, the meter charge component of service charge for water service connection will be the actual cost of all labor and materials related to the installation of the service lateral connection, appurtenant facilities, curb stop, and meter box.

b) Basic Charge for Establishing Water Service Connection

As a contribution to the capital cost of County improvements, supplemental water supply, and District reserves, a charge of \$10,930 per dwelling unit equivalent (DUE), as determined by the County Director of Public Works, for establishing a water service connection.

Said charge shall be paid before any connection to said system is made in the following manner:

- i. \$1,000.00 deposit at the time of application for a “will-serve” letter, which deposit shall be refundable if the application for a will-serve letter is denied or withdrawn.
- ii. The remaining balance of the water system connection charge component of service charge for water service connection shall be paid upon the issuance of a final “will-serve” letter in the amount as may be in effect upon the date of issuance of the final “will-serve” letter.
- iii. Application Fee

The application fee is \$250.00 and is for the purpose of defraying the administrative costs associated with the processing of an application for a “will-serve” letter.

3. Basic Charge for Modifying Water Service Connection or Meter Size

If, at any time after a water service connection is established, there is an increase in the number of DUE (as determined by the County Director of Public Works) being served on the property due to a change in land use or other development of the property, then an additional charge of \$10,930 per each additional DUE on the property shall be applied as a contribution to the capital cost of County improvements, supplemental water supply, and County reserves.

If, at any time when a water service connection is established, a property desires to change its meter size, there will be a charge equal to all labor and material costs of the County related to changing the meter size.

4. Bills and Payments

All accounts shall be billed bi-monthly for water used in preceding period. These accounts become due and payable upon receipt of statement and shall become delinquent on the 25th day of the month in which the bills are rendered. A late fee of \$25.00 delinquent bill will be charged if payment is not received by the 10th of the month following month of billing.

5. Non-Payment of Bills

If water service is discontinued due to non-payment, the customer must pay all outstanding charges in full before service is restored to the extent permitted by the County of San Luis Obispo’s Water Billing Policy. In addition, a reconnection fee must be paid prior to the restoration of service. The standard reconnection fee of one hundred

dollars (\$100.00) applies to reconnections performed during regular business hours, defined as 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. For reconnections requested outside of regular business hours, the reconnection fee shall be increased by fifty percent (50%) or \$150.00.

6. Other Charges

- a) Service Charge Deposit: \$130.00
- b) Charge for Water Service Reconnection: \$100.00
- c) Charge for Violation of Controls During Emergencies: \$60.00 per violation
(Except for Violation of the Control of Maximum Usage Limits During Emergency)
- d) Charge for Repairs to District Facilities Damaged by Others:

Any customer, person or entity (i.e., individual, construction or utility companies, etc.) causing damage to district facilities will be charged for the full replacement cost including material, labor, equipment and operating overhead.

- e) Charge for Violation of the Control of Maximum Usage Limits During Emergency:

\$5.00 per one hundred cubic feet of water used, or fraction thereof, for the bi-monthly use of water over maximum usage limits specified during an emergency.

- f) Service Charges for Furnishing Water Through Fire Hydrant:

Applicants for temporary water service shall be subject to the requirement of a refundable deposit for use of a fire hydrant meter and backflow prevention device loaned to the applicant by the County as follows:

Meter Size	Deposit Amount
3" Meter + backflow prevention device	\$1,500

All fire hydrant meters will be issued for a period of not to exceed eleven months. Fire hydrant meter accounts not terminated by the stated due date will be subject to a field investigation/follow-up charge of \$100.00. Upon termination of service and return of the hydrant meter to the County, the County shall refund the deposit, less any unpaid water usage, field investigation/follow-up and hydrant meter repair charges.

Bills for all metered service from a fire hydrant meter shall be consistent with the rate schedule identified in Section 1a. On a bimonthly basis, the County shall issue to each fire hydrant meter customer a bill based on the current rate for a 3" meter per Section 1a.

All usage of Fire Hydrant Meters must be in conformance with CSA 10A Regulations. Fire Hydrant Meters may only be connected to public fire hydrants which are owned and operated by the County and which are integral to the County's public water distribution system.

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| g) <u>Charge for Non-Sufficient Fund Checks:</u> | County Fee |
| h) <u>Charge for Meter Testing:</u> | \$165 plus Third
Party Testing Fee |