RESOLUTION NO. 7537

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.10(b) OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 7047

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the sewer rates should reflect the cost of providing sewer service, including the continued repair, replacement and maintenance of the sewer system infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has submitted a report analyzing said operating costs and funding requirements for operating costs and capital improvements of the sewer system; and

WHEREAS, said report recommended an increase in the existing sewer rates to sustain ongoing operating costs, funding of services, capital improvements and emergency repairs; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2017, the City Council designated November 1, 2017, as a Public Hearing date for Proposed Water and Sewer Rates, and approved the Proposition 218 Notice for the year 2018 to 2022 sewer rates to be mailed out at least 45 days prior to the Public Hearing date; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Proposition 218 Notice, on November 1, 2017, a Public Hearing was convened, at which time the City Council considered the written and oral protest filed or presented in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the written protests received are less than 50% of the parcels affected thereby.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Resolution No. 7047 previously establishing sewer rates on May 6, 2009, is repealed effective January 1, 2018.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 30.10(b) of Chapter 30 of the South Pasadena Municipal Code, the City Council does hereby accept and adopt the proposed schedule of sewer rates for years 2018 to 2022 attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

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SECTION 3. The increases in the rates for calendar year 2018 set forth in Exhibit "A' shall be made effective on January 1, 2018, and each succeeding increase shall be made effective on January 1st of each succeeding year.

SECTION 4. Due to wide variations in water use and sewer generation among commercial customers, the commercial rates set forth in Exhibit "A' is being changed from a fixed charge to a flow based charge based upon the actual water consumption as per the methodology set forth in the Water and Sewer Rate Study prepared by Raftelis Financial Services, Inc. dated August 22, 2017. Subject to the exercise of reasonable discretion, the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to resolve discrepancies and complaints concerning the sewer charges and disputes regarding the rate imposed.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 53756, which allows a sewer utility to pass through adjustments for inflation, the City proposed to adjust the sewer rates by any changes attributable to inflation. The amount of the inflationary increase (if any) will be measured by the Los Angeles-Orange County-Riverside Consumer Price Index (all urban consumers, all items) ("CPI"). The City will calculate the pass-through CPI increase using the year-to-year comparison of the then-current year and immediately preceding year. The City may determine, in any given year, not to raise rates, or to raise them less than the CPI inflation increases. The City will calculate these pass-through increase amounts annually. The City will provide all customers written notice of the passthrough increases not less than 30 days before the effective date of the adjustment.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk of the City of South Pasadena shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and its approval by the City Council and shall cause the same to be listed in the records of the City.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON this 1st day of November, 2017.

Michael A. Cacciotti, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

(seal)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, California, at a regular meeting held on the 1st day of November, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

Joe, Khubesrian, Mahmud, Schneider, and Mayor Cacciotti

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAINED: None

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EXHIBIT A

Wastewater Rates	Current	January 2018	January 2019	January 2020	January 2021	January 2022
Single Family Fixed Charge (per EDU per bi-month)	\$29.85	\$26.03	\$27.07	\$28.15	\$29.28	\$30.45
Multi-Family Fixed Charge (per EDU per bi-month)	\$20,16	\$20.45	\$21.27	\$22.12	\$23.00	\$23.92
Commercial Flow Charge (per hcf of water)	\$29.85	\$1.72	\$1.79	\$1.86	\$1.93	\$2.01
Elementary Schools (per ADA per month)		\$0.20	\$0.21	\$0.22	\$0.22	\$0.23
Middle Schools (per ADA per month)		\$0.39	\$0.41	\$0.42	\$0.44	\$0.46
High Schools (per ADA per month)		\$0.58	\$0.60	\$0.63	\$0.65	\$0.68
Nurseries (per hcf of water)		\$0.96	\$1.00	\$1.04	\$1.08	\$1.12