

ORDINANCE NO. 1613

**AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA, TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY,
TO INCREASE RATES FOR WATER SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the Woodland City Council has previously established water rates; and

WHEREAS, California law allows the City to recover the full cost of providing water service to customers, including the cost of sources of water, treatment facilities, pipelines, and other infrastructure, through the establishment of water rates; and

WHEREAS, the City determined that the existing water rates do not adequately recover the City's costs of providing water service to customers, and the City contracted with the firm HDR Engineering, Inc. to prepare a water rate study, which analyzed the City's water rate revenues and cost of water operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on January 17, 2017, authorized City staff to mail the notices required by Proposition 218 to all property owners and water customers and on that same date set March 7, 2017, as the date for a public hearing on the proposed adoption of increased water rates; and

WHEREAS, the City sent mailed notices to all property owners and water customers on January 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Proposition 218, the City Council intends to establish water rates that do not exceed the cost to the City of providing the service for which the fees and charges are imposed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on March 7, 2017, and took testimony from all interested persons and accepted written protests from all persons wishing to protest the adoption of the new water rates, as required by Article 13D, Section 6 of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing closed, the City Clerk attested that written protests against the proposed fee or charge were not presented by a majority of owners or customers of the affected parcels.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND
DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Council hereby adopts the recitals and findings set forth above and in the staff report prepared in connection with this ordinance.

Section 2. The City Council hereby adopts, pursuant to its powers under sections 7 and 9 or Article XI of the California Constitution authorizing the provision of utility services and the police power to adopt regulations for the health, welfare, and safety of City residents, the water rate schedule set forth in **Exhibit "A,"** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. This Ordinance supersedes and voids all prior ordinances, resolutions, and other Council actions, which are inconsistent with its terms, including all prior ordinances and resolutions establishing or amending water rates.

Section 4. Adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines (14CCR 15061(b)(3)). CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. It is therefore found and declared that the adoption of the water rate schedule in this ordinance will not have a significant effect on the environment, as the consumption-based water rates herein adopted will encourage water conservation.

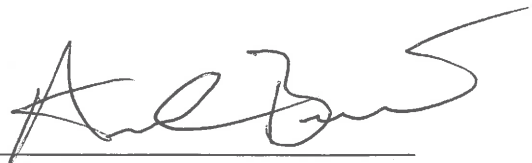
Section 5. This is an urgency ordinance necessary for the public health and safety, passed by a four-fifths vote of the City Council. An urgency ordinance is needed because there is an urgent need to provide additional funds to the City's water fund. Providing adequate water service to City residents and other customers is a matter of public safety, and the additional funds to the water fund are necessary to maintain the public health and safety.

Section 6. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof and intends that the invalid portions should be severed and the balance of the Ordinance be enforced.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect immediately, and the increased water rates shall be effective as of April 1, 2017.

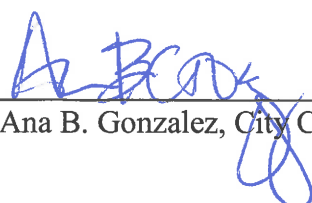
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council this 21st day of March, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davies, Fernandez, Stallard and Mayor Barajas
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Council Member Rodriguez



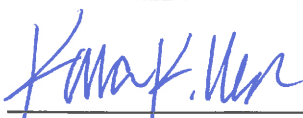
Angel Barajas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ana B. Gonzalez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kara K. Ueda, City Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"
Water Rate Schedule

The water rates and the effective dates for their implementation are as follows:

Monthly Rates					
	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
	4/1/2017	1/1/2018	1/1/2019	1/1/2020	1/1/2021
<u>Meter Charge (All customer classes)</u>					
3/4"	\$44.85	\$47.30	\$49.95	\$52.70	\$55.65
1"	44.85	47.30	49.95	52.70	55.65
1 1/2"	44.85	47.30	49.95	52.70	55.65
2"	44.85	47.30	49.95	52.70	55.65
3"	84.25	88.90	93.80	99.00	99.00
4"	140.40	148.10	156.40	165.00	165.00
6"	280.35	295.70	312.20	329.40	329.40
<u>Consumption (per CF)</u>					
<u>Residential -</u>					
0 - 1200 CF	\$0.0320	\$0.0338	\$0.0357	\$0.0377	\$0.0398
1201 - 3600 CF	0.0385	0.0407	0.0430	0.0454	0.0479
3600 + CF	0.0474	0.0500	0.0528	0.0558	0.0589
<u>Multi-Family, Commercial, Institutional, Industrial, & City</u>					
Uniform Rate	\$0.0431	\$0.0440	\$0.0465	\$0.0491	\$0.0518
<u>Landscape</u>					
Uniform Rate	\$0.0471	\$0.0497	\$0.0525	\$0.0555	\$0.0586
<i>CF = Cubic Feet. Most water meters are read in cubic feet which is equal to 7.48 gallons</i>					