

Ordinance No. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO UTILITY RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES AND AMENDING CHAPTER 4.24 OF THE OLYMPIA MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATED UTILITY RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, the City's utilities are managed with a goal of resource sustainability in order to maintain, rebuild, expand systems, and prepare for revenue variability; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to meet the goals and policies for utility fiscal management set forth in the Comprehensive Plan and utility master plans; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to promote rate equity through cost recovery by customer class, and to smooth out rate spikes over a period of up to six years, the time period for which the City's Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) is developed; and

WHEREAS, the City's Storm and Surface Water Utility and the Wastewater Utility are managed to maintain minimum operating expense reserves of 10 percent, and the Drinking Water Utility is managed to maintain minimum operating expense reserves of 25 percent; and

WHEREAS, in order to incorporate the foregoing principles into City Drinking Water Utility, City Storm and Surface Water Utility, City Wastewater Utility, and LOTT Clean Water Alliance (LOTT) wastewater treatment rates, the City Council received recommendations from the Utility Advisory Committee, held hearings, and reviewed the utility rates set forth in this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement for Sewer Treatment, the LOTT Board of Directors is empowered to "impose, alter, regulate, and control rates, charges, and assessments;" and the LOTT Board of Directors held a public hearing and approved certain rate increases, which the City Council must annually adopt; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing is needed in the City and various programs are included in the utility rates to support new affordable housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of OMC 4.24. Olympia Municipal Code Chapter 4.24 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 4.24 UTILITY CHARGES

4.24.000 Chapter Contents

Sections:

4.24.010 Computation and assessment of charges.

4.24.020 Residential utility rate discounts--Low income elderly or low income ~~handicapped~~disabled.

4.24.030 Payment of residential utility services accounts.

4.24.040 Late payments--Interest charges.

4.24.050 Utility billing cycles and due dates.

4.24.010 Computation and assessment of charges

The rates set forth below do not reflect any possible surcharges or discounts provided to a parcel of property or customer under any provision of City ordinances or taxes assessed directly upon customers for which the City acts as collection agent.

A. WATER

1. Occupant turning on water after delinquent shutoff penalty	\$40.00	OMC <u>13.04.360</u>
2. Delinquency notification penalty	\$10.00	OMC <u>13.04.430</u>
3. Service disconnected/water reconnect for nonpayment penalty	\$25.00	OMC <u>13.04.430</u>
4. Fire hydrant meter	\$ 1,500 deposit plus \$50.00 per month plus consumption charge	OMC <u>13.04.410</u>
5. Water for residential building construction purposes	Ready to serve plus consumption charge in Subsection (8)(a)	OMC <u>13.04.410</u>
6. Non-emergency after-hours water service turn on/shut off	\$110.00	OMC <u>13.04.340</u>
7. Water General Facility Charges, assessed and payable as provided in OMC <u>13.04.375</u> (subject to 50 percent discount for qualifying low-income housing):		OMC <u>13.04.375</u>

Meter Size	AWWA Capacity Factor	GFC
3/4-inch	1.00	<u>\$5,2875,551</u>
1-inch Residential Fire Sprinkler	1.00	<u>\$5,2875,551</u>
1-inch	1.67	<u>\$8,8299,270</u>

Meter Size	AWWA Capacity Factor	GFC
1 1/2-inch	3.33	\$ 17,605 <u>18,484</u>
2-inch	5.33	\$ 28,179 <u>29,586</u>
3-inch	10.67	\$ 56,412 <u>59,229</u>
4-inch	16.33	\$ 86,336 <u>90,647</u>
6-inch	33.33	\$ 176,215 <u>185,014</u>
8-inch	53.33	\$ 281,195 <u>296,034</u>
10-inch	76.67	\$ 405,354 <u>425,595</u>
12-inch	100.00	\$ 528,700 <u>555,100</u>

This charge is assessed in addition to any other charges or assessments levied under this chapter.

8. Water Meter Rates—: ~~Inside City Limits~~

a. **Schedule I: Monthly Charges.**

The following is the monthly charge based upon meter size for all customers. Customers with meter sizes not listed in the schedule will be charged at the rate applicable to the next larger meter size listed.

Meter Size	Ready to Serve Charge	OMC <u>13.04.380</u>
3/4-inch	\$ 15.91 <u>16.38</u>	+ consumption charge
1-inch Residential Fire Sprinkler	\$ 15.91 <u>16.38</u>	+ consumption charge
1-inch	\$ 21.18 <u>21.81</u>	+ consumption charge
1 1/2-inch	\$ 34.34 <u>35.37</u>	+ consumption charge
2-inch	\$ 50.09 <u>51.59</u>	+ consumption charge
3-inch	\$ 92.19 <u>94.96</u>	+ consumption charge
4-inch	\$ 139.54 <u>143.73</u>	+ consumption charge
6-inch	\$ 271.04 <u>279.17</u>	+ consumption charge
8-inch	\$ 428.88 <u>441.75</u>	+ consumption charge
10-inch	\$ 612.99 <u>631.38</u>	+ consumption charge
12-inch	\$ 797.13 <u>821.04</u>	+ consumption charge

(1) Residential and nonresidential premises that are vacant are subject to payment of the full Water ready-to-serve charge. This fee will be charged even if the water is turned off or locked out.

Consumption charge per 100 cubic feet:

	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Residential (Single Family and Duplex Residential)	<u>\$2,302.37</u>	<u>\$3,873.99</u>	<u>\$6,176.36</u>	<u>\$8,108.34</u>
Nonresidential (Multi-family and Commercial)	<u>\$3,233.33</u>	<u>\$4,824.96</u>	--	--
Irrigation	<u>\$3,233.33</u>	<u>\$9,539.82</u>	--	--

Blocks Definition:

	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Single Family and Duplex (1) Residential	0-400 cf/unit	401-900 cf/unit	901-1,400 cf/unit	1,401+ cf/unit
Nonresidential (2)	Nov-June Usage	July-Oct Usage	--	
Irrigation	Nov-June Usage	July-Oct Usage		

(1) Single family accounts with or without accessory dwelling units are charged as one single family account.

(2) If nonresidential block usage cannot administratively be prorated between blocks, usage is billed at the block rate in which the meter reading period ends.

b. Wholesale customers:

See OMC 13.04.380(B).

c. State buildings with sprinkler systems or fire service connections:

See OMC 13.04.380(C).

d. Fire protection:

Automatic sprinkler systems or special fire service connections with the City water system will be charged the monthly ready-to-serve charge based on meter size in OMC 4.24.010(A)(8)(a). Residential fire service connections that require a 1" pipemeter size will be charged the same as a 3/4" pipemeter size as shown in OMC 4.24.010(A)(8)(a).

e. Urban Agriculture:

Irrigation accounts predominately (greater than 50 percent by land cover) serving Urban Agriculture purposes (See OMC 18.02.180) and producing food or agricultural products for commercial sales or donation to food banks are discounted 50 percent.

B. WASTEWATER (SEWER)

1) LOTT Charges

LOTT wastewater monthly service charge \$~~47,524~~8.95 per ERU OMC 13.08.190

Nonresidential accounts are billed one (1) ERU minimum per month. ERU charges in excess of one (1) ERU are billed at the rate of \$~~5,285.44~~ per 100 cf or any part thereof for LOTT wastewater service charges.

LOTT capacity development charge (subject to rebate for qualifying low-income housing, as allowed by the LOTT Clean Water Alliance): \$~~7,435~~7,806.74 per ERU OMC 13.08.210

2) City of Olympia Monthly Sewer Charges

a. Residential accounts with separately metered City of Olympia water service servicing: one separate single-family residence, one single-family residence with accessory dwelling unit, one unit of a residential duplex, one mobile home, or one trailer is billed based on monthly water consumption as follows:

0 – 250 cf \$~~17.48~~18.00 per month

251 – 350 cf \$~~17.48~~18.00 per month plus \$~~0.10~~750.1108 OMC 13.08.190
per cf

351 cf and above \$~~28.23~~29.08 per month

b. Residential accounts with residential duplexes with a single water meter servicing both units are billed based on water consumption as follows:

0 – 500 cf \$~~34.96~~36.00 per month

501 – 700 cf \$~~34.96~~36.00 per month plus \$~~0.10~~750.11087 OMC 13.08.190
per cf

701 cf and above \$~~58.16~~6.46 per month

c. Residential accounts not included in A) or B) above \$~~28.23~~29.08 OMC 13.08.190
per ERU

d. Nonresidential accounts are billed one ERU minimum per month. ERU charges in excess of one ERU are billed at the rate of \$~~28.23~~29.08 OMC 13.08.190
per ERU
\$~~0.0403~~30.04154 per 1 cf. for local collection system.

3) City of Olympia General Facility Charge (subject to 50 percent discount for qualifying low-income housing)

Wastewater (Sewer) general facility charge \$~~4,425~~4,646 per ERU OMC 13.08.205

Wastewater (Sewer) general facility charge for properties on public combined sewers and in the Downtown Deferred General Facility Charge Payment Option Area \$~~1,906.39~~1,963.58 OMC 13.08.010
per ERU
OMC 13.08.205

C. WASTE RESOURCES

1. Residential garbage rates, monthly, every-other-week collection:

OMC 13.12.160

One twenty-gallon cart (minimum residential
garbage service) \$13.2813.81

One 35-gallon cart

Recycle rate \$22.9323.85

Nonrecycle rate \$28.7529.90

One 65-gallon cart

Recycle rate \$31.3032.55

Nonrecycle rate \$39.2440.81

Two 65-gallon carts

Recycle rate \$59.9062.30

Nonrecycle rate \$75.0278.02

Three 65-gallon carts \$112.59117.09

One 95-gallon cart

Recycle rate \$54.2356.40

Nonrecycle rate \$67.9770.69

More than three 65-gallon carts \$112.59117.09 + \$39.2440.81 for each 65-gallon cart
over three carts

2. Residential garbage rates, monthly, weekly collection:

One 35-gallon cart

Recycle rate \$50.5452.56

Nonrecycle rate \$63.2465.77

One 65-gallon cart

Recycle rate \$101.07105.11

Nonrecycle rate \$126.44131.50

One 95-gallon cart \$164.28170.85

3. Extended pickup:

Rate	Distance
\$1/month	Over 5 feet to 25 feet
\$2/month	Over 25 feet to 100 feet
\$1/month	Every 50 feet over 100 feet

- a. Persons requesting extended distance service must be at least 65 years of age or disabled where said person cannot wheel a full or partially full garbage cart to the collection point.
- b. No person living with the qualified applicant can wheel a full or partially full garbage cart to the collection point.
- c. Extended pickup service to be at no charge when the combined annual income of the household of the qualified applicant is equal to or less than 50 percent of the median household income in Thurston County.
- d. Persons requesting service must apply with the utilities office by filling out an affidavit for extended service. Upon approval of affidavit, service will be granted.
- e. Qualified applicant must reapply on a yearly basis on or before December 31st of each year.
- f. In the case of a multifamily residence or complex, only the qualified tenant's cart must be clearly marked with the tenant's name and unit number.

4. Residential and commercial organics rate, monthly, every other week collection:

Organics:

Per City-owned 95-gallon cart or each 1/2 yard of material collected ~~\$11.07~~11.51

5. Commercial garbage rates, monthly, weekly collection:

One 10-gallon can (minimum commercial garbage service)	\$8.59 <u>8.93</u>
One 32-gallon can or cart	\$25.35 <u>26.36</u>
Two 32-gallon cans or equivalent cart service	\$38.63 <u>40.18</u>
Three 32-gallon cans or equivalent cart service	\$72.66 <u>75.57</u>
Four 32-gallon cans or equivalent cart service	\$95.75 <u>99.58</u>
More than four 32-gallon cans or equivalent cart service	\$95.75 <u>99.58</u> + \$25.35 <u>26.36</u> for each additional 32 gallons of service

6. 95-gallon garbage and refuse cart service, monthly:

One pickup weekly	\$72.66 <u>75.57</u>
Two pickups weekly	\$139.28 <u>144.85</u>

Three pickups weekly ~~\$203.10~~211.22

Four pickups weekly ~~\$268.11~~278.83

Five pickups weekly ~~\$332.29~~345.58

7. One-yard garbage and refuse dumpster service, monthly:

One pickup weekly ~~\$142.87~~148.58

Two pickups weekly ~~\$280.93~~292.17

Three pickups weekly ~~\$414.27~~430.84

Four pickups weekly ~~\$547.34~~569.23

Five pickups weekly ~~\$680.24~~707.45

Six pickups weekly ~~\$813.26~~845.79

8. One and one-half yard garbage and refuse dumpster service, monthly:

One pickup weekly ~~\$188.88~~196.44

Two pickups weekly ~~\$360.01~~374.41

Three pickups weekly ~~\$529.75~~550.94

Four pickups weekly ~~\$699.09~~727.05

Five pickups weekly ~~\$868.38~~903.12

Six pickups weekly ~~\$1,038.25~~1,079.78

9. Two-yard garbage and refuse dumpster service, monthly:

One pickup weekly ~~\$234.70~~244.09

Two pickups weekly ~~\$447.78~~465.69

Three pickups weekly ~~\$660.99~~687.43

Four pickups weekly ~~\$874.15~~909.12

Five pickups weekly ~~\$1,087.39~~1,130.89

Six pickups weekly ~~\$1,297.15~~1,349.04

10. Three-yard garbage and refuse dumpster service, monthly:

One pickup weekly ~~\$332.01~~345.29

Two pickups weekly	\$649.79 <u>675.78</u>
Three pickups weekly	\$964.83 <u>1,003.42</u>
Four pickups weekly	\$1,289.24 <u>1,340.81</u>
Five pickups weekly	\$1,595.39 <u>1,659.21</u>
Six pickups weekly	\$1,896.45 <u>1,972.31</u>

11. Four-yard garbage and refuse dumpster service, monthly:

One pickup weekly	\$417.48 <u>434.18</u>
Two pickups weekly	\$826.07 <u>859.11</u>
Three pickups weekly	\$1,226.54 <u>1,275.60</u>
Four pickups weekly	\$1,618.57 <u>1,683.31</u>
Five pickups weekly	\$2,002.29 <u>2,082.38</u>
Six pickups weekly	\$2,379.50 <u>2,474.68</u>

12. Six-yard garbage and refuse dumpster service, monthly:

One pickup weekly	\$606.19 <u>630.44</u>
Two pickups weekly	\$1,183.77 <u>1,231.12</u>
Three pickups weekly	\$1,757.40 <u>1,827.70</u>
Four pickups weekly	\$2,330.63 <u>2,423.86</u>
Five pickups weekly	\$2,904.04 <u>3,020.20</u>
Six pickups weekly	\$3,339.67 <u>3,473.26</u>

13. Prepaid extra tag for unscheduled collection of a bag on regular garbage collection day; ~~\$6.53~~6.79/each.

14. Extra unscheduled can, bag, or box on regular garbage collection day to which a City approved prepaid tag is not attached: ~~\$10.64~~11.07/each.

15. Fees for special pickups, minor ancillary services, and yard waste drop-off site disposal services, other than unscheduled extra cans or material on regular collection day, are established by the City Manager, based on cost of service; to include labor, equipment, distance traveled, and volume of materials as appropriate.

16. City-owned drop boxes: customers will be charged repair fees on boxes which have been burned or damaged:

10 cubic yards:

Delivery fee \$89.6693.25

Daily rental \$3.103.22

Hauling fee \$273.05283.97

Dumping charge Current disposal fee, surcharge, and 16.1 percent service fee on disposal fee

20 cubic yards:

Delivery fee \$89.6693.25

Daily rental \$3.964.12

Hauling fee \$273.05283.97

Dumping charge Current disposal fee, surcharge, and 16.1 percent service fee on disposal fee

30 cubic yards:

Delivery fee \$89.6693.25

Daily rental \$5.515.73

Hauling fee \$273.05283.97

Dumping charge Current disposal fee, surcharge, and 16.1 percent service fee on disposal fee

40 cubic yards:

Delivery fee \$89.6693.25

Daily rental \$5.515.73

Hauling fee \$273.05283.97

Dumping charge Current disposal fee, surcharge, and 16.1 percent service fee on disposal fee

Standby or dig out \$90.0093.60 per hour

17. Customer-owned compactors and special containers. Dumping charges are based on weight at transfer station:

Cubic Yard	Charge Per Haul	
10 or less	\$273.05 <u>283.97</u>	*
15	\$273.05 <u>283.97</u>	*
20	\$273.05 <u>283.97</u>	*
25	\$273.05 <u>283.97</u>	*
30	\$273.05 <u>283.97</u>	*
35	\$273.05 <u>283.97</u>	*
40	\$273.05 <u>283.97</u>	*
42	\$273.05 <u>283.97</u>	*

* plus disposal fee plus –16.1 percent service charge on disposal fee

Standby or dig out ~~\$90.00~~93.60 per hour

No delivery fees or rental fees will be charged for City-owned drop boxes used to haul source-separated yard waste for composting or construction and demolition debris for recycling. If material is contaminated, the customer will be charged current disposal fees and 16.1 percent service charge on the disposal fee, plus delivery fee and daily rental fees.

18. City-owned temporary garbage and refuse dumpster services (customers will be charged repair fees for containers which have been burned or damaged):

One cubic yard:

Delivery fee	\$65.71 <u>68.34</u>
Daily rental fee	\$2.58 <u>2.68</u>
Fee per dump	\$54.07 <u>56.23</u>

One and 1/2 cubic yard:

Delivery fee	\$65.71 <u>68.34</u>
Daily rental fee	\$2.58 <u>2.68</u>
Fee per dump	\$57.28 <u>59.57</u>

Two yard:

Delivery fee	\$65.71 <u>68.34</u>
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Daily rental fee \$2.582.68

Fee per dump \$61.3663.81

Three yard:

Delivery fee \$65.7168.34

Daily rental fee \$2.582.68

Fee per dump \$80.7183.94

Four yard:

Delivery fee \$65.7168.34

Daily rental fee \$2.582.68

Fee per dump \$111.82116.29

Six yard:

Delivery fee \$65.7168.34

Daily rental fee \$2.582.68

Fee per dump \$152.77158.88

19. City-owned temporary organics dumpster services (customers will be charged repair fees for dumpsters which have been burned or damaged):

One cubic yard:

Fee per dump \$22.1423.03

One and 1/2 cubic yard:

Fee per dump \$33.2134.54

Two yard:

Fee per dump \$44.2946.06

Three yard:

Fee per dump \$66.4469.10

If material is contaminated, customer will be charged the dump fee, delivery fee and daily rental fee for City-owned temporary garbage and refuse dumpster services as established in OMC 4.24.010(C)(16).

20. **An additional surcharge of ~~\$70.00~~72.80 per month applies to permanent commercial dumpster customers who require Saturday collection and are subject to regular monthly fees set forth in OMC 4.24.010(C) Subsections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18 or 19.**

D. STORM AND SURFACE WATER

At the time of issuance of a building/engineering permit, per OMC 13.16.080, a stormwater GFC is assessed at the rate of: ~~\$1,953~~2,051/Impervious Unit (2,882 sq. ft.) (subject to 50 percent discount for qualifying low-income housing) and a water quality GFC is assessed at a rate of ~~\$13.83~~14.52 per average daily vehicle trip based on the Institute of Traffic Engineers' Trip Generation Manual (subject to 50 percent discount for qualifying low-income housing).

1. Storm drainage service charges:

a. Single-Family and Duplex Residential Parcels. All parcels in the City are subject to a monthly charge for storm drainage service in accordance with the following schedule:

Single-family parcels with or without accessory dwelling units (Regardless of date approved)	\$19.18 <u>20.62</u> /utility account
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Duplex parcels (Regardless of date approved)	\$19.18 <u>20.62</u> /unit (\$38.36 <u>41.24</u> when billed as a single account)
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b. Commercial, Multi-Family, Industrial, and Governmental Parcels. A charge per utility account will be established at the time of issuance of a clearing, filling, excavating, or grading permit and assessed monthly as follows:

For Parcels with Industrial Permits from the Washington State Department of Ecology and advanced stormwater treatment systems (Category 0)	\$7.41 <u>7.97</u> per billing unit
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For parcels that fully utilize Low Impact Development (Category I)	\$9.59 <u>10.31</u> per billing unit
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For parcels with any stormwater management (flow control or treatment) or those that are exempt from flow control requirements (Category II)	\$14.38 <u>15.46</u> per billing unit
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For parcels with no stormwater management (flow control or treatment) (Category III)	\$19.18 <u>20.62</u> per billing unit
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c. Undeveloped parcels. No charge.

E. RECLAIMED WATER

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| 1. Occupant turning on water after delinquent shutoff penalty | \$40.00 | OMC <u>13.24.330</u> |
| 2. Delinquency notification penalty | \$10.00 | OMC <u>13.24.340</u> |
| 3. Service disconnected/reclaimed water reconnect for nonpayment penalty | \$25.00 | OMC <u>13.24.340</u> |
| 4. Reclaimed water for commercial construction purposes | \$50.00 per month plus consumption charge | OMC <u>13.24.200</u> |

5. Non-emergency after-hours reclaimed water \$110.00
service turn on/shut off

OMC 13.24.250

6. Reclaimed Water Rates

a. Meter Rates – The monthly charge based upon meter size for all reclaimed water customers follows OMC 4.24.010(A)(8). Customers with meter sizes not listed in the schedule will be charged at the rate applicable to the next larger meter size listed.

b. Consumption charges

(1) Indoor use of reclaimed water: 70 percent of the consumption charges in OMC 4.24.010(A)(8).

(2) Outdoor use of reclaimed water: 70 percent of the consumption charges in OMC 4.24.010(A)(8) for Irrigation.

4.24.020 Residential utility rate discounts –Low income elderly or low income ~~handicapped~~disabled

A. Upon application therefor, a 50 percent discount in any residential utility rate set forth in this chapter will be granted for any household occupied by low-income elderly or low income disabled ~~handicapped~~ persons. A household qualifies for this discount if occupied by at least one person 62 years of age or older or one adult disabled person, and the total gross household income in either case is equal to or less than 50 percent of the median household income in Thurston County.

B. The city manager is authorized to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to implement this section.

4.24.030 Payment of residential utility services accounts

A. Any account for residential premises for city utility services must be in the name of the occupant of the property or in the name of the owner if the owner so chooses. The person or entity whose name is on the account is responsible for payment of the account; provided, the City's authority under Section 13.04.370 of this code is not affected by this ordinance.

B. A non-owner occupant of a residence where the owner pays the City directly on the account will be rebated the amount of discount provided by Section 4.24.020 upon a showing by the occupant that the occupant qualifies for the rebate but paid the full utility bill to the owner; provided that this section applies only to accounts where each premises is separately metered.

4.24.040 Late payments –Interest charges

There is assessed against utility accounts not paid 30 days after billing a penalty of three dollars or one and one-half percent, whichever is greater. Accounts not paid 50 days after billing are assessed one percent interest plus an additional one percent interest for each 30 days thereafter to a maximum of 12 percent.

4.24.050 Utility billing cycles and due dates

The City Manager or designee may determine utility billing cycles, payment due dates, and service disconnection dates.

Section 2. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared separate and severable. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance or application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is unaffected.

Section 4. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication, as provided by law, on January 1, 2026.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber
CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED:

APPROVED:

PUBLISHED: