

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22
- 23
- 24
- 25
- 26
- 27
- 28

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIALTO,
CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A REVISED SCHEDULE OF WATER AND
SEWER/WASTEWATER RATES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Rialto (“City”) provides “utility services” for water service and sewer/wastewater service to property owners (who may also be referred to as “owners”) within the relevant City service area, and establishes the amount of water rates and sewer/wastewater rates to be charged customers in accordance with Rialto Municipal Code (“Municipal Code”) Chapters 12.04 and 12.08 (particularly Municipal Code Sections 12.04.060 and 12.08.200) and applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the City provides utility services to its customers in cooperation with the Rialto Utility Authority (“RUA”) under the terms of a Lease Agreement (Water Enterprise) and a Lease Agreement (Wastewater Enterprise), both of which are dated May 1, 2001; and

WHEREAS, based on the terms of the Concession Agreement dated March 27, 2012, the City and RUA have delegated specified authority to Rialto Water Services, LP (“RWS”) to operate the water service system and the wastewater service system, including RWS’ authority to bill and collect fees from owners and customers for those water services and wastewater services, while the City and RUA have retained the authority to establish the amount of rates to be billed in accordance with Government Code Section 5956.6 (see Concession Agreement sections 5.8 and 11.6); and

WHEREAS, California law authorizes the City to charge a fee to the property owners or property owners' "tenants" (who may be collectively referred to as "ratepayers" or "customers") for the proportionate cost of providing water services and wastewater services to each customer in accordance with the procedural and substantive requirements of the voter-approved ballot measure

1 known as “Proposition 218” (California Constitution Article XIII D; as it is implemented by the
2 Legislature at Government Code sections 53750 – 53759.2; and as it has been judicially interpreted
3 by appellate court decisions). The City refers to those fees as water rates and sewer/wastewater
4 rates (which may be referenced herein individually as “water rates,” “wastewater rates,” “sewer
5 rates,” or “sewer/wastewater rates”; and they may be referenced collectively as “utility rates” or
6 “rates”); and
7

8 WHEREAS, Under Proposition 218, the City’s water rates and wastewater rates are each
9 considered to be a “fee” for a “property-related service” (also referred to as a “property-related
10 fee”), subject to the particular requirements of Constitution Article XIII D, Section 6. A property-
11 related fee is one imposed upon any parcel or person as an incident of property ownership. In
12 general, the City may only increase its existing rates if the City (1) calculates the rates in
13 accordance with Proposition 218, (2) conducts a public hearing before the City Council (“City
14 Council”), as described in Resolution 8414 adopted by the City Council on October 28, 2025, and
15 (3) a “timely written protest” is not submitted by property owners representing a majority of the
16 parcels served by the City; and
17

18 WHEREAS, the City hired Water Resources Economics, LLC to prepare the 2025 Water
19 and Wastewater Rate Study, dated October 2025 (“Rate Study”) which documents that the water
20 and wastewater rates set forth in this resolution comply with the substantive requirements of
21 Proposition 218; and
22

23 WHEREAS, Under Government Code sections 53759.1 and 53759.2 (“AB 2257”;
24 Chapter 561, Statutes of 2024), the City may establish a supplemental process for objecting
25 property owners to exhaust administrative remedies, as described in Resolution 8414 adopted by
26 the City Council on October 28, 2025, by which the City took specified actions in response to any
27 “timely written objection.” Under this process, only an owner who submits a timely written
28

1 objection will have a right to challenge a proposed increase in utility service charges through a
2 legal proceeding; and

3
4 WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XIII D to the California Constitution and
5 Government Code sections 53759.1 and 53759.2, a Notice of Public Hearing on the proposed
6 revised schedule for water and sewer/wastewater rates was mailed on **November 6, 2025**, to all
7 property owners of record and water and sewer/wastewater service customers at least forty-five
8 (45) days prior to: (a) the deadline for submission of written objections on December 22, 2025, at
9 4:00 p.m., and (b) the January 13, 2026 public hearing; and

10
11 WHEREAS, as of the deadline for submission of written objections on December 22, 2025,
12 at 4:00 p.m., the City had received no written objection specifying any substantive grounds for
13 alleging that the water and sewer/wastewater service rates set forth in this resolution do not comply
14 with any applicable legal requirements including Proposition 218; and

15
16 WHEREAS, the City Council held the public hearing on the proposed rates on January 13,
17 2026, and the Council heard and considered all oral and written testimony and protests presented
18 in accordance with all applicable legal requirements including Proposition 218; and

19
20 WHEREAS, from the total number of 12,557 parcels served by City water and the total
21 number of 22,183 parcels served by City sewer/wastewater, there was no timely written protest
22 received by the time of the close of the public hearing. A tally of the written protests against the
23 proposed schedule of water and sewer/wastewater rates shows that less than a majority of the
24 property owners have submitted written protests against the proposed water rates and less than a
25 majority of the property owners have submitted written protests against the proposed
26 sewer/wastewater rates; and

1 WHEREAS, based on the evidence described in this resolution and as presented in the
2 record of the public hearing (in accordance with Government Code Section 53759.2), the Council
3 finds that the water and sewer/wastewater rates set forth in this resolution are justified based on
4 the cost of providing the service, do not exceed the proportional cost of providing service to each
5 parcel, and otherwise comply with Proposition 218 and applicable law.

6
7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
8 OF RIALTO AS FOLLOWS:

9
10 Section 1: The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by
11 this reference.

12
13 Section 2: Effective March 1, 2026, the City Council hereby approves the Water Rates
14 and Sewer/Wastewater Rates for properties served by the City of Rialto in the amounts as set forth
15 in the attached Exhibit A (Water Rates) and Exhibit B (Sewer/Wastewater Rates), which are
16 incorporated herein by reference. The rates in effect on March 1, 2026, shall be those set forth in
17 each column labeled "Effective 3/1/2026." Thereafter, the water rates and sewer/wastewater rates
18 shall be subject to annual adjustments each January 1, between January 1, 2027 and January 1,
19 2030 (for the rates set forth in the corresponding columns labeled "Effective 1/1/2027" through
20 "Effective 1/1/2030"), subject to a 30-day prior written notice for each annual adjustment mailed
21 to customers in accordance with Government Code Section 53756(d).

22
23 Section 3: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution.

24
25 Section 4: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

1 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 13th day of January 2026.

2
3
4 _____
5 JOE BACA, Mayor
6
7
8

9 **ATTEST:**

10
11
12 _____
13 BARBARA A. McGEE, City Clerk
14
15

16 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

17
18
19 _____
20 ERIC S. VAIL, City Attorney
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

CITY OF RIALTO)

BARBARA A. MCGEE, City Clerk

Water Rates

(Exhibit "A")

WATER MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE:

Meter	Monthly Minimum Charges						
	As Of						
Size	1/1/2025	3/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028	1/1/2029	1/1/2030	
1/2" & 5/8"	\$34.53	\$42.48	\$50.13	\$58.66	\$60.42	\$62.24	
3/4"	\$34.53	\$42.48	\$50.13	\$58.66	\$60.42	\$62.24	
1"	\$53.03	\$65.23	\$76.98	\$90.07	\$92.78	\$95.57	
1-1/2"	\$99.28	\$122.12	\$144.11	\$168.61	\$173.67	\$178.89	
2"	\$154.79	\$190.40	\$224.68	\$262.88	\$270.77	\$278.90	
3"	\$302.80	\$372.45	\$439.50	\$514.22	\$529.65	\$545.54	
4"	\$469.31	\$577.26	\$681.17	\$796.97	\$820.88	\$845.51	
6"	\$931.84	\$1,146.17	\$1,352.49	\$1,582.42	\$1,629.90	\$1,678.80	
8"	\$1,486.88	\$1,828.87	\$2,158.07	\$2,524.95	\$2,600.70	\$2,678.73	

WATER VOLUME CHARGE:

Volume Charge (\$/ccf)	As of	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
	1/1/2025	3/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028	1/1/2029	1/1/2030
All Customers Except						
Those Noted Below¹						
Tier 1 (0-9 units)	\$1.95	\$2.40	\$2.84	\$3.33	\$3.43	\$3.54
Tier 2 (10-30 units)	\$2.19	\$2.70	\$3.19	\$3.74	\$3.86	\$3.98
Tier 3 (31+ units)	\$3.19	\$3.93	\$4.64	\$5.43	\$5.60	\$5.77
Multiple Apartments						
Over 49 Units and Mobile Homes	\$2.35	\$2.90	\$3.43	\$4.02	\$4.15	\$4.28
Landscape						
Tier 1	\$2.19	\$2.70	\$3.19	\$3.74	\$3.86	\$3.98
Tier 2	\$3.19	\$3.93	\$4.64	\$5.43	\$5.60	\$5.77

Note:

¹. This rate schedule designation includes Single Family, Multi-Family under 49 units, Government, and Commercial customer classes

FIRELINE CHARGES:

Fire Line	As of	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
Charges	1/1/2025	3/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028	1/1/2029	1/1/2030
3"	\$21.56	\$26.52	\$31.30	\$36.63	\$37.73	\$38.87
4"	\$45.95	\$56.52	\$66.70	\$78.04	\$80.39	\$82.81
6"	\$133.47	\$164.17	\$193.73	\$226.67	\$233.48	\$240.49
8"	\$284.43	\$349.85	\$412.83	\$483.02	\$497.52	\$512.45
10"	\$511.50	\$629.15	\$742.40	\$868.61	\$894.67	\$921.52

HYDRANT CHARGES:

Hydrant Charges	As of	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
	1/1/25	3/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028	1/1/2029	1/1/2030
Water Use, \$/ccf	\$2.70	\$3.33	\$3.93	\$4.60	\$4.74	\$4.89
Per Day	\$3.43	\$4.22	\$4.98	\$5.83	\$6.01	\$6.20

Sewer/Wastewater Rates

(Exhibit “B”)

Extraterritorial (outside the borders of the City of Rialto) sewer fees have been established at one point three (1.3) times the current sewage charges per Resolution No. 6209 adopted January 8, 2013.

Residential Charges:

Group 1 (\$/ month/ residential unit)	As of 1/1/2025	Effective 3/1/2026	Effective 1/1/2027	Effective 1/1/2028	Effective 1/1/2029	Effective 1/1/2030
Residential Single Family & Multi-Family	\$67.14	\$70.50	\$74.03	\$77.74	\$80.85	\$84.09

Non-Residential Charges:

Non-Residential (\$/ccf)	As of 1/1/2025	Effective 3/1/2026	Effective 1/1/2027	Effective 1/1/2028	Effective 1/1/2029	Effective 1/1/2030
Group II - Commercial	\$5.80	\$6.09	\$6.40	\$6.72	\$6.99	\$7.27
Group III - Commercial	\$8.32	\$8.74	\$9.18	\$9.64	\$10.03	\$10.44
Group IV - Commercial	\$12.06	\$12.67	\$13.31	\$13.98	\$14.54	\$15.13
Group VI - Commercial	\$5.80	\$6.09	\$6.40	\$6.72	\$6.99	\$7.27

Non-Residential Charges:

School (\$/ pupil/ month)	As of	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
	1/1/2025	3/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028	1/1/2029	1/1/2030
Elementary, Continuing, and Adult Education	\$1.00	\$1.05	\$1.11	\$1.17	\$1.22	\$1.27
Junior High and High	\$2.30	\$2.42	\$2.55	\$2.68	\$2.79	\$2.91