

RESOLUTION NO. XXXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIALTO, CALIFORNIA, SUSPENDING THE UTILITY USER TAX FROM JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, FOR SINGLE-FAMILY, MULTI-FAMILY, AND MOBILE HOME WATER AND WASTEWATER ACCOUNTS.

WHEREAS, in 2003, by a simple majority, the voters of the City of Rialto approved a Utility User Tax of 8% for a term of five (5) years on telephone, cellular, electricity, gas, sewer, water, and cable television utilities within the City of Rialto for the purpose of raising general fund revenue to provide basic services for residents, including but not limited to, law enforcement and fire protection services, demonstrating the city's commitment to the well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Rialto approved extensions of the Utility User Tax in 2008 and 2013; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2018, a Special Election was held, and by a simple majority, the voters of the City of Rialto approved extending the Utility User Tax, with no sunset clause, and amending the exemption for individuals who are 65 years or older such that the exemption applies only to said individuals earning less than \$100,000 annually per household, in order to ensure the continuation of the current level of city services for the Residents of Rialto; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.16.190 of the Rialto Municipal Code provides that the service supplier shall, upon notification by the city, reduce, terminate, or suspend any utility user tax as to each service user commencing with the first full billing period applicable to such user which occurs after the effective day of such action by the city; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.16.260 of the Rialto Municipal Code provides, among other things, that the city council may impose the taxes authorized by this chapter in

any amount or rate which does not exceed the rate approved by the voters of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rialto acknowledges that the Water and Wastewater Enterprises are challenged by increased inflation and operation costs during these economic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rialto is committed to alleviating the temporary financial strain on residential accounts affected by the escalating cost of living; and

WHEREAS, the temporary suspension of the Utility User Tax on single-family, multi-family, and mobile home water and wastewater accounts will not pose a detrimental financial impact to the City of Rialto or any of its operations; and

WHEREAS, the temporary suspension of the collection of the Utility User Tax does not apply to commercial, industrial, or institutional accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIALTO DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>: The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

<u>Section 2</u>: Effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, the City of Rialto suspends the collection of the Utility User Tax for single-family, multi-family, and mobile home water and wastewater accounts, including water accounts served by Fontana Water Company, Rialto Water Serves, and West Valley Water District.

<u>Section 2.1</u>: The suspension will begin with the first full billing cycle beginning after January 1, 2025, and will end with the first full billing cycle starting after January 1, 2026.

<u>Section 3</u>: Unless acted upon by a subsequent Resolution, the collection of the Utility User Tax for single-family, multi-family, and mobile home water and wastewater accounts will recommence the first full billing cycle starting after January 1, 2026, at the rate of 8%.

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1	WHEREFORE, this Resolution is p	assed, approved, and adopted on this 23
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9	ATTEST:	
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13	BARBARA A. McGEE, City Clerk	
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15	APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
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19	ERIC VAIL, City Attorney	
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2	COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) ss CITY OF RIALTO)		
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4 5 6 7	I, Barbara A. McGee, City Clerk of the City of Rialto, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. XXXX was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rialto held on the 23rd day of July 2024.		
7 8	Upon motion of Councilmember, seconded by Councilmember		
9	, the foregoing Resolution No. XXXX was duly passed and		
10	adopted.		
11	Vote on the motion:		
12	AYES:		
13	NOES:		
14	ABSENT:		
15	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Official Seal of		
16	the City of Rialto this day of, 2024.		
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19	BARBARA A. MCGEE, City Clerk		
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