

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,  
CONTINUING THE BASE WATER SERVICE  
RATES AND CHARGES UNCHANGED**

WHEREAS, the City of Merced (“City”) City Council is empowered, pursuant to Merced Municipal Code §15.12.025, to set the base water service rates and charges for all users within the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Finance Officer, in consultation with the Director of Public Works, has examined the costs associated with water service within the City and determined that an increase in the base water service rates is not appropriate at this time; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely impacted the local economy, resulting in higher unemployment, among other economic challenges faced by all users of the City’s water service; and,

WHEREAS, the City has sufficient funds in its Water Operating Fund to conduct the water operations of the City and the City intends to conduct a water rate study in Fiscal Year 2023-2024; and,

WHEREAS, any proposed rate increases resulting from the water rate study will not become effective until ratepayers receive notice and an opportunity to be heard following the Prop 218 process and will be subject to approval by the City Council.

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

SECTION 1. The current water service rates and charges shall remain in place and unchanged until the City’s needs are determined by a new water rate study. Any proposed rate increases will be subject to the Prop 218 process and City Council approval.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
STEPHANIE R. DIETZ, CITY CLERK

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

                                    6-6-2023  
City Attorney                                  Date