

RESOLUTION NO. 96-53

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY
COUNCIL ADOPTING A SEWER
AVAILABILITY CHARGE FOR THE 1996/97
FISCAL YEAR.**

THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Scope

This resolution adopts a sewer availability charge for the use of City sanitation facilities for the 1996/97 fiscal year, limits for the usage of the revenues so derived, and provides for the collection of such charges.

Section 2. Findings

The Council finds, determines, and declares as follows:

(a) The Council has conducted a duly noticed public hearing to consider the adoption of the charge described herein ("subject charge").

(b) The revenues derived from the subject charge will be used for the construction, expansion, maintenance, and operations of sanitation facilities and to obtain funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas, and as such, is exempt from environmental review under 14 California Administrative Code Section 15273.

(c) The subject charge produces revenue which does not exceed the reasonable cost of the service for which the charge is levied.

(d) A majority of the owners of the property affected by the subject charge have not protested the imposition of the charge.

Section 3. Availability Charge Established

(a) A sewer availability charge is hereby levied against each parcel of land from which sewage is deposited into the sanitation system of the City. The subject charge is levied for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1996. The charge is in the amount of \$120.00 for each parcel of land improved by a single family dwelling; in the amount of \$96.00 for each dwelling unit located on a parcel of land which is improved by a multiple-family dwelling; and in the amount of \$120.00 for each equivalent residential unit located on a parcel of land which is improved with a non-residential structure.

(b) Loadings - one equivalent residential unit's load is defined as follows:

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Loadings for an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)</i>
Flow	49.0%	250 gal/day
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	25.5%	150 mg/l
Suspended Solids (SS)	25.5%	150 mg/l

Non-residential service charges shall be calculated as follows:

<u>Flow</u>	<u>BOD</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Availability Charge</u>
$\frac{\text{Daily Flow}}{250} \times 0.49 + \frac{\text{BOD Concentration}}{150} \times 0.255 + \frac{\text{SS Concentration}}{150} \times 0.255 \times$			\$120.00

Section 4. Use of Proceeds

The revenues derived from the subject charge shall be used only for construction, expansion, maintenance, and operations of the City's sanitation and sewage facilities.

Section 5. Collection of Charges

The City Clerk shall furnish the Kern County Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor with a description of each parcel against which the subject charge is billed and the amount of each charge. This report shall be furnished on or before August 10, 1996.

The Board of Supervisors and the County Tax Collector are hereby requested to levy and collect the subject charge as a part of the annual General County Tax Bill.

City Staff is hereby directed to bill and collect service charges for those properties whose status is tax exempt and not on the County tax roles.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of July 1996, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Bryan, Council Members Auld, Bitney, and Lalor.

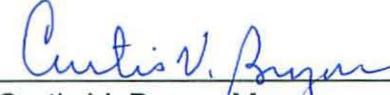
NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Council Member Parode.

ATTEST:

 Pamela Bartlett, City Clerk


 Curtis V. Bryan, Mayor