

**RESOLUTION NO. 5798**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAUSALITO  
STATING ITS INTENTION TO ADOPT INCREASED SEWER RATES AND  
DIRECTING STAFF TO GIVE NOTICE OF A PROTEST HEARING PURSUANT  
TO PROPOSITION 218**

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 5473 of the California Health & Safety Code, the City Council has received a report of sewer charges for Fiscal Years 2019–2020 through 2023–2024, computed in conformity with a Sewer Rate Study Report prepared by NBS (which Report will be placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk and available for public inspection prior to the protest hearing and is incorporated herein by reference); and,

**WHEREAS**, Sausalito’s 80-year-old sewer system is deteriorating. Many of our 20 miles of sewer pipe were built in the 1930s and are made of clay, which if broken, could cause spills of raw sewage into the Bay;

**WHEREAS**, raw sewage spills can present health risks to our community. Properly maintained pipes and infrastructure safely transport sewage -- essential to maintaining a healthy, safe community;

**WHEREAS**, through ongoing maintenance and continually improving our sewer system, the City remains in compliance with a 2008 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) order, avoiding tens of thousands of dollars in potential fines;

**WHEREAS**, without continuing to update current rates, the City does not have the money needed to continue essential sewer upgrades. The funds would come at the expense of other essential City services;

**WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2019, the City Council considered the proposed sewer rates and concluded that it is appropriate to adopt the rates it proposes for the next five fiscal years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to approve the Report, intends to adopt the rates it proposes following the procedures required by Proposition 218, article XIII D, section 6 of the California Constitution.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Sausalito does hereby resolve as follows:

1. The City Council intends to adopt the rates proposed by the Report for fiscal years 2019–2020 through 2023–2024; and,
2. The City Clerk is hereby instructed and authorized to give notice of a hearing on the proposed rates in the manner required by Health & Safety Code section 5473.1 and Government Code section 6066 and the City Public Works Director is hereby instructed and authorized to give

notice of a protest hearing on the proposed rates as required by Article XIII D, section 6, subdivision (a) of the California Constitution in substantially the form presented to the City Council at its April 30, 2019 meeting with such hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers on June 18, 2019.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sausalito on the 30th day of April, 2019 by the following vote:

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| AYES:    | Councilmembers: | Cox, Hoffman, Cleveland-Knowles, Mayor Burns |
| NOES:    | Councilmembers: | None   |
| ABSTAIN: | Councilmembers: | None   |
| ABSENT:  | Councilmembers: | Withy  |

  
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Mayor of the City of Sausalito

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk