

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-01

ORDINANCE OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY  
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 97-1 TO PERMIT AN EXEMPTION FROM  
PAYMENT OF CAPACITY CHARGES FOR INCREASES IN METER SIZE  
NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE STANDBY CAPACITY FOR  
RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLERS IN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.9 of the County Water Authority Act, the Board of Directors adopted Ordinance No. 97-1 imposing capacity charges on ultimate users of water; and

WHEREAS, many jurisdictions have adopted fire safety or building regulations that require installation of residential fire sprinklers; and

WHEREAS, installation of residential fire sprinklers may require additional standby capacity in a residential meter requiring an increase of meter size from a meter less than one inch in size to a meter of one inch in size; and

WHEREAS, determination of the meter size appropriate to provide service is the responsibility of each Water Authority member agency; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is intended to provide member agencies with appropriate flexibility in making determinations of appropriate meter size to provide standby capacity for residential fire sprinklers for single family dwellings in a manner that will not materially increase water use at the property;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority does ordain as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and constitute legislative findings of this Board.

Section 2. Section 2.2.1 of Ordinance No. 97-1 as amended by Ordinance 2002-05 is further amended to read as follows:

2.2.1 When a water meter for a single-family residential property is required to provide standby capacity for a fire sprinkler system, the capacity charge may be determined according to the size of the meter necessary to meet the water use requirements for the property, as determined according to the rules of the member agency providing the meter, without consideration of additional size necessary to provide the standby capacity. Standby capacity to provide water for a fire sprinkler system is required when (1) the fire sprinkler system is required by law, including any requirement imposed as a condition of develop, permit, or occupancy, and (2) the fire chief, fire marshal, or

building official of the city, county, or special district responsible for fire protection service to the property has provided a written statement verifying the requirement for additional meter size. The determination under this section shall be made at the time the meter is first obtained, or at the time a meter is replaced with one of greater size because of the later installation of a fire protection system. This provision shall not apply to meters greater than one inch in size.

Section 2. Codification. The General Counsel may incorporate the provisions of Ordinance No. 97-1 and this ordinance into the Authority's Administrative Code.

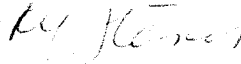
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 27<sup>TH</sup> day of March 2008.

AYES: Unless otherwise noted all Directors present.


NOES:

ABSTAIN:

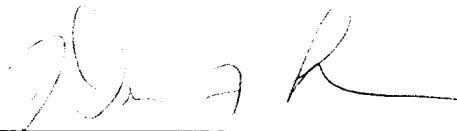
ABSENT: Craver, Croucher (p), Hogan, Knutson (p), Lewinger (p), Lewis, Linden (p), Lizzul, Martin, Parker and Quist

  
Fern M. Steiner, Chair  
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

  
Mark A. Watton, Secretary  
Board of Directors

I, Doria F. Lore, Clerk of the Board of the San Diego County Water Authority certify that the vote shown above is correct and this Ordinance No. 2008-01 was duly adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors on the date stated above.

  
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Doria F. Lore  
Clerk of the Board