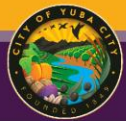




Wastewater Collection and Treatment Ordinance Update



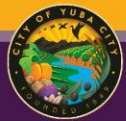
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Background

- Title 6, Chapter 6: Water Regulations was updated in November 2019
- Staff has identified similar need to update Title 6, Chapter 5: Wastewater Collection and Treatment
- Last updated in August 2016 to incorporate the 2016 Proposition 218 rate update
- Proposing two major additions:
 - City enforcement options
 - Wastewater fees financing
- Minor clarification and grammatical edits
- Proposed Ordinance was introduced on 12/21/21

Analysis



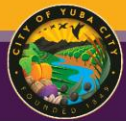
- Many of the edits are minor clarification language changes or codification of practices already implemented by Council action or daily operations
- In addition, there are 2 major proposed updates:
 - City enforcement options
 - Wastewater Fees Financing

City Enforcement Options



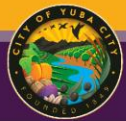
Section	Identified Issue	Enforcement Measures
6-5.206. Ownership of the service lateral & 6-5.301.(h) Maintenance of service lateral	Property owners unwilling or unable to repair service lateral damage or malfunction	Ability to repair and charge the property owner; failure to reimburse tied to Section 6.7 (Judicial Enforcement Remedies) and Section 1.2 (Penalty Provisions)
6-5.301.(c) Separate sewers	City unable to require old shared service laterals to be separated	Shared service laterals must be replaced with separate laterals to each building upon failure, not repaired (6-5.301.(c)(2))
6-5.301(l) Private sewer lines – No infiltration or leaks	City unable to prevent ongoing infiltration, leaks, or public health risks caused by private service laterals	Clarified that the issue is a nuisance per City code and abatement and cost recovery are per Section 4.8 (Nuisance Abatement)
6-5.12. Fats, Oils, and Grease Discharge from Food Service Establishments	City unable to enforce requirements and issue violations of FOG program	Added a definition and consequences for noncompliance (6-5.1209. Enforcement of FOG program); established a fine for violations (6-5.601.F. Administrative fines)

Wastewater Fee Financing



- Mirrors water fee financing (November 2019)
- Adds connection and extension fees to property taxes via a 10-year lien
- Keeps upfront costs of wastewater connection from being prohibitive
- Allows the addition of new services which might otherwise have been discouraged by the upfront costs
- Each applicant for wastewater fees financing will be presented to City Council for review and approval

Recommendation



Adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuba City amending Chapter 5 (Wastewater Collection and Treatment) of Title 6 of the Yuba City Municipal Code by title only, and waive the second reading.