



# 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.