



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Increase in Septic Tank Dumping Fees

MEETING DATE: November 19, 1997

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt the attached resolution increasing the septic waste dumping fee from \$62.96 per thousand gallons to \$133.67 per thousand gallons for all waste originating outside the City limits.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Staff began discussions of this item with the City Council in May of this year. Since that time, City staff has had two meetings with County personnel. The last meeting with the County took place on Thursday, September 11, 1997. A copy of the meeting summary is attached. At this meeting, the County representatives concurred that the rate proposal was fair and equitable and that they had verified the accuracy of the fees with their own independent experts. Supervisor George Barber indicated that the County was supportive of the proposed fee increase.

This increase will not affect the costs of loads of grease hauled from businesses within the City limits that have grease interceptors (i.e., restaurants, grocery stores, meat markets, cafeterias, etc.).

We are asking the City Council to adopt a new fee at this time for waste originating outside the City limits; however, it is not planned to implement the fee until January 1, 1998. This will provide the existing haulers adequate time to adjust to the new rates. The existing haulers will be notified as soon as the City Council adopts this fee increase.

FUNDING: Not applicable.

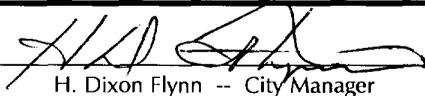

Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

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Attachments

cc: City Attorney
Water/Wastewater Superintendent
Supervisor George Barber
County Administrator David Baker
Existing Septic Tank Haulers

APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

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CITY OF LODI - INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: DIXON FLYNN, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: SEPTIC WASTE DISPOSAL MEETING SUMMARY
DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 1997
CC: JACK RONSKO, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

As you will recall, on August 19, 1997, during a Shirtsleeve Session, the Public Works Department staff discussed septic waste dumping at the White Slough Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant along with a proposed fee increase for haulers.

Subsequently, on Thursday, September 11, 1997 City staff presented to County representatives the proposed new "tipping" fee for septic waste disposal at the City's facility. The proposed fee as presented to Council and to the County is \$133.67 per 1,000 gallons as calculated by Bartle Wells Associates under contract to the City for a wastewater rate study. The current fee is \$62.96.

The County representatives concurred that the rate proposal was fair and equitable and that they had verified the accuracy of the fees with their own independent experts. George Barber indicated that the County is supportive of the proposed new fees.

The City Public Works Department will bring the fee increase proposal to Council for adoption in October. We expect to give the haulers adequate time to adjust to the new rates and would propose at least a 30 day notice prior to implementation of the new fees.

The following individuals were present during the meeting:

County:

George Barber
David Baker
Henry Hirata (Public Works Director)
Manuel Lopez (Public Works)
Donna Heran (County Health)
Al Olsen (County Health)
Mike McGrew (County Counsel)
2nd County Counsel representative (name?)

City:

Dave Warner
Dixon Flynn
Fran Forkas
Janet Keeter

RESOLUTION NO. 97-190

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL REPEALING AND REENACTING RESOLUTION NO. 91-4 RELATING TO SEWER CHARGES AND FEES, ADDING SUBPARAGRAPH "B" TO "HOLDING TANK WASTES"

WHEREAS, the City Council had adopted Chapter 13.12 of the Lodi City Code, entitled "Sewer Service", which provides the method of establishing charges and fees for sewer service, sewer connections, holding tank wastes, and the use of the storm drain system; and

and WHEREAS, the City Council desires to provide current and equitable sewer charges and fees;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lodi:

- 1) **That the following sewer charges and fees be established and implemented effective November 19, 1997 except for "HOLDING TANK WASTES" Item B shall be in full force and effect January 1, 1998.**

DOMESTIC SYSTEM

A. Residential

1. Sewer Service Charge

<u>Number of Bedrooms</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
1	\$ 5.34
2	\$ 7.12
3	\$ 8.90
4	\$ 10.68
5	\$ 12.46
6	\$ 14.24
7	\$ 16.02

2. Connection Fee

<u>Number of Bedrooms</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1	\$1,574.25
2	\$2,099.00
3	\$2,623.75
4	\$3,148.50
5	\$3,673.25
6	\$4,198.00
7	\$4,722.75

The Connection Fee is \$2,099.00 per unit*.

**Unit": Sewage Service Unit, defined as each increment of flow of a typical two-bedroom residence (206) gallons per day and having BOD and SS strengths of less

than 300 milligrams per liter). Units for residential, commercial, and industrial users are shown in Section 13.12.180.

B. Commercial

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| 1. Annual Sewage Service | \$85.42 per unit per year |
| 2. Connection Fee | \$2,099.00 per unit |

C. Industrial

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| 1. Annual Sewage Service | |
| Moderate Strength User | \$85.42 per unit per year |
| High Strength User | |
| <u>Unit Item</u> | <u>Unit Charge</u> |
| Flow - MG | \$411.02 per MG |
| BOD - 1,000 lbs. | \$201.14 per 1,000 lbs. |
| SS - 1,000 lbs. | \$164.42 per 1,000 lbs. |

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| 2. Connection Fee | |
| Moderate Strength User | \$2,099.00 per unit |
| High Strength User | |

<u>Unit Item (per year)</u>	<u>Unit Charge</u>
Flow - MG	\$11,192.96 per MG
BOD - 1,000 lbs.	\$ 4,610.56 per 1,000 lbs.
SS - 1,000 lbs.	\$ 2,076.43 per 1,000 lbs.

INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM

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| A. Annual Sewage Service | |
| <u>Unit Item</u> | <u>Unit Charge</u> |
| Flow - MG | To be determined annually by the Public Works Director as outlined in Section 13.12.200 of the Lodi Municipal Code |
| BOD - 1,000 lbs. | |
| B. Connection Fee | To be determined annually by the Public Works Director as outlined in Section 13.12.210 of the Lodi Municipal Code |

HOLDING TANK WASTES

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| A. Dumping Charge (originating within City Limits) | \$ 62.96 per 1,000 gal. |
| B. Dumping Charge (originating outside City Limits) | \$ 133.67 per 1,000 gal. |

STORM DRAIN SYSTEM

A. Storm Drain Disposal Charge \$ 66.13 per MG

- 2) Commercial and industrial user sewage service charges will be based on the number of sewage service units assigned to each user. The units of measure for determining the number of sewage service units assigned to each user are as follows:

<u>User Description</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>
1. Meeting place, religious	Each 200 seats
2. Meeting place, public	Each 100 seats
3. Hotel, motel without kitchenettes	Each 3 beds
4. Hotel, motel with kitchenettes	Each unit
5. Veterinary clinic	Each 4 employees
6. Post Office	Each 15 employees
7. Funeral parlor	Each 3 employees
8. Service station with service garages	Each 2.5 pumps
9. Service station without service garages	Each 7 pumps
10. Car wash, automatic bays	20 SSUs per bay
11. Car wash, self-serve bays	2 SSUs per bay
12. School, 8 th grade and below	Each 20 students
13. High School	Each 15 students
14. Eating place, seating only	Each 10 seats
15. Eating place, seating and take-out	Each 7 seats
16. Eating place, "pizza parlor"	Each 35 seats
17. Eating place, take-out only	Each 5 employees
18. Lunch truck business	Each 5 employees
19. Laundry, coin-op., reg. mach.	Each 1.5 machines
20. Laundry, coin-op., big mach.	Each machine
21. Comm. Laundry and dry cleaning	Each 3 employees
22. Dentist's office	Each 5 employees

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| 23. | Office, store, warehouse, manufacturer,
Doctor's, Chiropractor's, and X-ray offices | Each 8 employees |
| 24. | Grocery store, supermarket (having vegetable
fruit or butcher/meat sections) | Each 4 employees |
| 25. | Bar | Each 20 seats |
| 26. | Barber, beauty shop | Each 3 workstations |
| 27. | Hospital, convalescent home | Each 3 beds |
| 28. | Rest and retirement home | Each 3 beds |
| 29. | Mobile home park | Each 1.33 pads |
| 30. | RV dump station | Each station |

One sewage service unit shall be assigned to each unit of measure. Fees shall be based on nearest one-tenth sewage service unit except minimum number of sewage service units shall be 1.0.

Dated: November 19, 1997

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 97-190 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held November 19, 1997, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS – Land, Mann, Sieglock, Warner and Pennino (Mayor)
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS - None
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS - None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS - None



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City Clerk

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November 13, 1997

SUBJECT: Increase in Septic Tank Dumping Fees

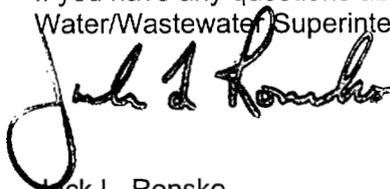
Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, November 19, 1997. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the consent calendar and is usually not discussed unless a Council Member requests discussion. The public is given an opportunity to address items on the consent calendar at the appropriate time.

If you wish to write to the City Council, please address your letter to City Council, City of Lodi, P. O. Box 3006, Lodi, California, 95241-1910. Be sure to allow time for the mail. Or, you may hand-deliver the letter to City Hall, 221 West Pine Street.

If you wish to address the Council at the Council Meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Alice Reimche, City Clerk, at (209) 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call Fran Forkas, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, at (209) 333-6740, or me at (209) 333-6709.



Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

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Enclosure

cc: City Clerk
Water/Wastewater Superintendent
Supervisor George Barber
County Administrator David Baker

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November 17, 1997

City Council

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Stephen Mann
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Lodi, CA. 95241-1910

RE: Increase in Septic Tank Dumping Fees
Consent Calendar - November 19, 1997

Honorable Council Members,

On Friday I received a notification dated November 13, 1997 of your intentions to raise the "tipping" fee for septic waste disposal at Lodi's facility. As a resident of Livable and Lovable Lodi I think someone should check the Welcome Mat at the edge of town to see if it still says, "WELCOME" or did someone turn it over.

Based on the existing rates charged by the various Cities in this County, Lodi has the highest rates. For our truck with a capacity of 3,500 gallons, tipping charges per gallon are:

Lodi	6.30 cents per gallon
Stockton	2.87 cents per gallon
Manteca	.004 cents per gallon
Tracy	2.10 cents per gallon

Lodi's new proposal at 14.4 cents per gallon is excessive. Either Lodi's new rate is greatly padded or the Council Members of the above other Cities are not practicing good stewardship of their Cities resources.

My own monthly sewage bill is \$8.90. A county resident needing to have 1,200 gallons of waste tipped in Lodi will pay \$160.80 plus the cost of pumping and trucking. This is EIGHTEEN TIMES the monthly rate charged a city resident that uses the system everyday.

TREATMENT PLANTS - COMMERCIAL - RESIDENTIAL
SEPTIC TANKS • GREASE AND OIL INTERCEPTORS • SEWERS • DRAINAGE
DESIGN BUILD • PUMPING AND PIPE CLEANING SERVICE

LICENSE #254343

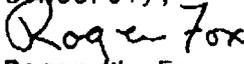
Lodi City Council
November 17, 1997

Fortunately for the Council the county residents who will have to pay these new tipping rates do not have any idea what is being done to them. A few each day will find out when they have their septic tank pumped. However the number will be small and any fear of a mass protest can be disregarded. It is unfortunate that a notice does not have to be published in the newspaper.

Over the years I am sure every septic pumper has been tempted to haul septic waste from the Lodi area to another city. Lodi's new rates will be a tremendous windfall for the unscrupulous pumper. An extra \$120.00 per load can be made by charging to tip a load in Lodi while dumping it illegally at another city or road side ditch. The City of Lodi can be happy as their problem with septic waste will be deflected to another City or the County.

The real problem is between the County and Cities. When the County stopped allowing septic dumping at the land fill they promised to build a treatment plant. The County never has and the Cities are forced to take the waste. As in Lodi's case most of the Cities do not want to take the waste. Each has enacted rules and tipping fees. Lodi by taking their proposed action is showing how county residents and septic waste is thought of. In the next breath county residents are asked to think of the City as their trade center.

If this action is fair, so be it! However it appears to be excessive from this writers view point.

Sincerely,

Roger W. Fox
CFO