

ORDINANCE NO. 55

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDWAY CITY SANITARY DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES RELATED TO ORDINANCE NO. 54

WHEREAS, on or about July 2, 1996, the Board of Directors of the Midway City Sanitary District ("District") approved Ordinance No. 54 (Exhibit "A") setting services charges applicable to the provision of sanitation and sewer service facilities within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Midway City Sanitary District; and

WHEREAS, the District now desires to make certain findings related to Ordinance No. 54 and establish additional procedures related to the charges for the sanitation and sewer services and facilities of the District; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of this Ordinance No.55 in no way increases the rate of the charges set by Ordinance No. 54 and Ordinance No. 54 otherwise remains in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Midway City Sanitary District does hereby MAKE THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

- A. The District's General Manager has prepared financial and engineering reports setting forth financial projections for providing the sanitation and sewer services and facilities to the District's service area; and
- **B**. Government Code Sections 66013 and 66016 require that the fees established by Ordinance No. 54 reflect an allocation of the costs of operation and maintenance such that the fees do not exceed the estimated reasonable cost to provide the sanitation and sewer services to individual parcels of real property improved for multiple types of uses; and
- C. That the financial and engineering reports have been made available to the public and have been subject to noticed public hearing, all in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 66016; and

- **D**. That the owners and occupants of the properties from whom the fees established by Ordinance No. 54 are collected use both the sewer collection system and the sanitary disposal service, and said services are owned, operated and maintained by the District; and
- E. That the basis for the respective fees is the request of the owner of a parcel, for the benefit of the owner or occupants of the property, to receive services provided by the District in lieu of other means of disposal; and
- **F.** That the fees set in Ordinance No. 54 were established upon a rational basis between the fees charged each customer and the services and facilities provided to each customer, a portion of which is necessary to replace the loss of ad valorem property tax revenues lost as a result of earlier state legislative action diverting local taxes to the State General Fund.
- **G.** That the revenues derived from Ordinance No. 54 are used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and operation of sanitation and sewer facilities, to repay principal and interest on bonds used for the construction or reconstruction of these systems and facilities and to repay federal or state loans or advances made for the construction or reconstruction of these systems and facilities in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 5471.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Midway City Sanitary District does hereby ORDAIN as follows:

- **Section 1.** Ordinance No. 54 (Exhibit "A") and the fees set therein are affirmed by the Board of Directors as consistent with the findings hereinabove stated.
- Section 2. The provisions of this Ordinance and the provisions of Ordinance No. 54 shall apply to all owners of properties within the District (with the exception of Area 141 as described in District Ordinance No. 57), and no exception shall be provided for properties otherwise deemed exempt from the payment of taxes or assessments by provisions of the State Constitution or statute, including properties owned by certain other

public agencies or tax exempt organizations, except as expressly provided in Section 3 hereof.

Section 3. In recognition that the owners of certain legal parcels of real property within the District have not requested to be connected to the District's sewer collection system or may otherwise meet certain specific requirements of District Ordinances Nos. 44 and 53 relating to self haul trash disposal, it is the intent of the District that the owners of said parcels be exempt, totally or in part, from the payment of charges as further prescribed herein.

Section 4. Any property owner may appeal the levy of the charges adopted pursuant to Ordinance No. 54, and if the charges have been paid to the Orange County Tax Collector, together with property taxes, the owner may submit a claim for rebate to the District, on the forms prescribed and provided by the District, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the annual property tax bill is mailed. All applications for rebate of the annual fees will be determined by the General Manager of the District, who may grant a partial or full rebate or adjustment of the charge based on receiving satisfactory proof that the services have been otherwise provided as required by District Ordinance (in order to prevent any nuisance or danger to public health and safety) and/or that there is an actual inequity between the amount of the charge and the services provided by the District. Such inequities may include, but are not limited to:

- A. The parcel of property is not connected to the District's sewer collection system or is vacant land which does not utilize curbside trash collection;
- B. The use of the parcel is different from the use indicated by the charge;
- C. The principal use of the land is agricultural and all trash disposal is self-haul in accordance with District Ordinance 53 and evidence of self-haul disposal is provided;

CERTIFICATION

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I, Russell C. Paris, Secretary of the Midway City Sanitary District of Orange County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 55 was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said District, held on the 17th day of June, 1997, by the following vote of the members of the Board:

AYES: Directors Evans, Epperson, Neugebauer, Paris, Rice

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

and I further certify that James V. Evans, as President and Russell C. Paris, as Secretary, signed and approved said Ordinance on the 17th day of June, 1997.

Secretary Secretary

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(District Seal)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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COUNTY OF ORANGE

I, Russell C. Paris, Secretary of Midway City Sanitary District of Orange County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 55 passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a regular meeting thereof held on the 17th day of June, 1997.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official Seal of said District this 17th day of June, 1997.

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