

**PAJARO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 5417**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE PAJARO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
AMENDING SECTION 16 OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 05054 TO PROVIDE
FOR THE COLLECTION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES THROUGH
THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY PROPERTY TAX ROLL**

County Counsel Summary

This ordinance amends Section 16 of Ordinance No. 05054 of the Pajaro County Sanitation District to allow for the collection of sewer service charges through the property tax roll of the County of Monterey pursuant to California Health and Safety Codes section 5470 et seq. in order to collect service charges to cover the costs of providing wastewater collection services to Pajaro County Sanitation District customers.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, acting as the Board of Directors of the Pajaro County Sanitation District ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.

A. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, acting as the Board of Directors of the Pajaro County Sanitation District (“PCSD”) has determined that adding sewer charges to the property tax roll is the least costly and most efficient method of collecting the sewer service charge.

B. PCSD is authorized by California Health and Safety Code section 5470 *et. seq.* to impose and collect service charges to cover the costs of providing wastewater collection and treatment services.

C. PCSD hereby desires, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 5473, commencing with Fiscal Year 2024-25, to have sewer service charges for services rendered collected on the property tax roll of the County of Monterey in the same general manner, by the same persons, and at the same time as the collection of general property taxes, in the manner provided pursuant to by Health and Safety Code section 5470 *et. seq.*

D. This Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the enactment of this Ordinance would have a significant effect on the environment (Public Resources Code section 21065; CEQA Guidelines sections 15378(b)(4) and 15061(b)(3)), and because the Ordinance involves the approval of government revenues to fund existing services (Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(8); CEQA Guidelines section 15273(a)(4)).

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 16.

A. Subsection (c) of Section 16 of Ordinance No. 05054 is hereby amended to read:

The PCSD shall collect monthly sewer service charges on the property tax roll of the County

of Monterey in the same general manner, by the same persons, and at the same time as the collection of general property taxes, in the manner provided pursuant to by California Health and Safety Code section 5470 *et. seq.*

B. Subsection (d) of Section 16 of Ordinance No. 05054 is hereby amended to read:

All sewer service charges shall be collected in advance on a bi-monthly basis on the property tax roll of the County of Monterey in the same general manner, by the same persons, and at the same time as the collection of general property taxes, in the manner provided pursuant to by California Health and Safety Code section 5470 *et seq.* All charges for sewer services shall be in the name of the owner of the property being served as reflected on the last equalized assessment roll for the County of Monterey or as reflected in any deed or other satisfactory evidence of change of ownership recorded with the County Recorder since the last equalized assessment roll, upon presentation of such evidence to the County of Monterey, Department of Public Works and Facilities Director for such purposes. The property owner of record shall be the party ultimately responsible for the payment of sewer service charges.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of whether any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases is declared invalid.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective on the thirty-first day after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 21st day of May 2024 by the following vote:

AYES Directors Alejo, Church, Root Askew, and Adams
NOES None
ABSENT Director Lopez
ASTAIN None
Motion Passed 4 to 0

Glenn Church, Chair
Monterey County Board of Supervisors

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Valerie Ralph
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 
Deputy Emmanuel H. Santos

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