

## **RESOLUTION 7644**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE SEAL BEACH CITY COUNCIL DIRECTING STAFF TO INITIATE THE PROPOSITION 218 PROCESS AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING RELATING TO PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE WATER RATES AND SEWER RATES**

WHEREAS, the City of Seal Beach has a Water Utility that provides water services to residents and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Seal Beach has a Sewer Utility that provides wastewater collection services to residents and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the City's Water and Sewer Utility operational and capital improvement costs have increased substantially since the last rate adjustment in February 2021, and are estimated to continue increasing significantly; and,

WHEREAS, the City's currently established water and sewer rates are not adequate to meet increasing operating and capital improvements costs without compromise to system operations; and,

WHEREAS, Raftelis Financial Consultants (Raftelis) was awarded a professional services agreement to provide Water and Wastewater Financial Planning Services; and,

WHEREAS, Raftelis conducted a Water and Sewer Rate Study and prepared a draft Rate Study for both the Water and Sewer Utility Enterprise funds; and,

WHEREAS, in order to adjust the water and sewer rates, the City must comply with Article XIII D of the Constitution, more commonly known as Proposition 218; and,

WHEREAS, an overview of the draft Water and Sewer Rate Study analysis results and recommendations were presented at the May 12, 2025 City Council meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SEAL BEACH CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

- Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes and directs staff to initiate the Proposition 218 majority protest process for the proposed water and sewer rate adjustments.
- Section 2. The City Council hereby sets a Public Hearing on the proposed water and sewer rate adjustments for July 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the City Council Chambers, or such

other date and time selected by the Interim City Manager, in accordance with the requirements of Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

Section3. The City Council hereby authorizes and directs the City Clerk, or the City Clerk’s designee, to provide notice of the Public Hearing on the proposed water and sewer rate adjustments as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Seal Beach City Council at a regular meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members\_\_\_\_\_

NOES: Council Members\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: Council Members\_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: Council Members\_\_\_\_\_

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Lisa Landau, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }  
COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS  
CITY OF SEAL BEACH }

I, Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk of the City of Seal Beach, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original copy of Resolution 7644 on file in the office of the City Clerk, passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk