

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04-1554**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS  
13.04.130(A) AND 13.04.130(C) OF THE SIGNAL HILL  
MUNICIPAL CODE TO AUTHORIZE FUTURE RATES FOR  
WATER SERVICE FEES TO BE SET BY RESOLUTION,  
AND FINDING SAID ACTION EXEMPT FROM THE  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Signal Hill (“City”) provides water service to properties within the City’s jurisdiction, and charges service fees and charges for providing such services to properties pursuant to the authority set forth under California Health and Safety Code Section 5471 (“Section 5471”) or, alternatively, the City’s police powers; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to use the authority of Section 5471 to adopt service fees and charges, public agencies previously were required to adopt such fees and charges by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, effective January 1, 2017, Section 5471 and the statutes following it were amended to allow for adoption of new or increased service fees by resolution as well as by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City previously adopted fees and charges for water service by ordinance in order to comply with Section 5471 prior to its amendment, as well as to list such fees in the City’s Municipal Code, and now wishes to authorize future new or increased rates for water service fees and charges to be adopted by resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Signal Hill, California hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Authorization for Adoption by Resolution. The City hereby authorizes any future new or increased fees or charges for water service to be adopted by resolution. Any new or increased fee or charge adopted by resolution pursuant to the authority granted by this Ordinance shall have the same force and effect as if such new or increased fee or charge had been adopted by ordinance, and to the extent authorized in such resolution, shall repeal or replace any conflicting fee or charge previously adopted by the City Council, whether such conflicting fee or charge had been adopted by resolution or ordinance.

Section 3. Amendments to the Municipal Code Section 13.04.130(A) and 13.04.130(C) are hereby amended as set forth below. The remainder of Section 13.04.130 shall remain unchanged and unaffected by such amendments.

13.04.130 Rates establishment.

The City Council establishes rates for water delivered through the City's distribution system. Such rates are established by resolution of the City Council.

A. Service Charge. The rates for the Service Charge shall be set forth by a resolution adopted by the City Council from time to time.

C. Usage Charges. The rates for the usage charges shall be set forth in resolution adopted by the City Council from time to time.

Section 4. Severability. If any section or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections and/or provisions of this Ordinance shall remain valid. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section or provision thereof, regardless of the fact that any one or more section(s) or provision(s) may be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify the passage of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be entered in the book of original ordinances of said City; shall make a minute passage and adoption thereof in the records of the meeting at which time the same is passed and adopted; and shall, within fifteen (15) days after the passage and adoption thereof, cause the same to be published as required by law, in a local newspaper of general circulation and which is hereby designated for that purpose.

Section 6. CEQA. This Ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, as it is not a "project" and has no potential to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment. 14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15378.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Signal Hill on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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KEIR JONES  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DARITZA GONZALEZ  
CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA     )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES     ) ss.  
CITY OF SIGNAL HILL     )

I, DARITZA GONZALEZ, City Clerk of the City of Signal Hill, California, hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2025-04-1554 was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Signal Hill on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2025, and thereafter was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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DARITZA GONZALEZ  
CITY CLERK