

**ORDINANCE 104-2021**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REGULATION 301, "RATES AND CHARGES,"  
OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE  
INVERNESS PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT WATER SYSTEM**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Board of Directors of the Inverness Public Utility District as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Paragraph (b), "Amount of Basic Charge," of Regulation 301, "Rates and Charges," of the Regulations of the Inverness Public Utility District Water System shall be and hereby is amended in its entirety to read as follows, thereby withdrawing, cancelling, and replacing prior amendments to the subject rates and charges:

"(b) Amount of Basic Charge

Effective January 1, 2022, the amount of the bimonthly Basic Charge shall be One Hundred Fifty and No/100s Dollars (\$150.00), except as the amount of the Basic Charge is modified for qualifying customers pursuant to the applicable provisions of Regulation 302, "Lifeline Program."

**SECTION 2.** The following shall be and hereby is added to Regulation 301, "Rates and Charges," of the Regulations of the Inverness Public Utility District Water System as Paragraph (l), "Automatic Annual Adjustment of Rates and Charges to Reflect the Change in the Consumer Price Index":

"(l) Automatic Annual Adjustment of Rates and Charges to Reflect the Change in the Consumer Price Index

The customer rates and charges specified below shall be adjusted in the years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 effective with each year's bimonthly billing for the period of July/August to reflect the ratio of change during the preceding calendar year in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose area (1982-1984=100) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics, except that no annual change in the rates and charges shall exceed an increase of five percent (5%). This annual adjustment shall apply to the Basic Charge rates, the Cross-Connection and Backflow Prevention rates, the rates for Private Water Service from Publicly Owned Fire Hydrants, and the Metered Usage Charge rates (effective for any metered usage charge based on a customer water meter reading conducted on or after July 1 of the subject year)."

**SECTION 3.** The following shall be and hereby is added to Regulation 301, "Rates and Charges," of the Regulations of the Inverness Public Utility District Water System as Paragraph (m), "Drought Surcharge":

"(m) Drought Surcharge

A "Drought Surcharge" of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per bimonthly billing period shall be applied to each service connection, whether the service is actually or constructively installed. The Drought Surcharge shall be levied for each bimonthly billing period beginning with the billing period of January/February 2022 through and including the billing period of May/June 2023, after which billing period the Drought Surcharge shall expire and shall no longer be levied. The Drought Surcharge shall be billed in advance to each service connection customer concurrently with the billing for the immediately preceding period's metered usage charges. In the event of a change in the customer for a service connection during a stated bimonthly period, the Drought Surcharge for that period shall be prorated between the old and new customers on the basis of the number of days each customer was the customer of record. An applicant who qualifies under section (b) of Water System Regulation 302 to participate in the Lifeline Program shall be considered eligible for whichever of the following reductions in the amount of the Drought Surcharge is applicable:

- For a qualified applicant whose entire household income is less than HUD’s Very Low Income Limit, the Drought Surcharge shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per bimonthly billing period.
- For a qualified applicant whose entire household income income is less than HUD’s Extremely Low Income Limit, the Drought Surcharge shall be Seven and 50/100s Dollars (\$7.50) per bimonthly billing period.

This Paragraph (m) shall become null and void on and after July 1, 2023.”

**SECTION 4.** The following shall be and hereby is added to Regulation 301, “Rates and Charges,” of the Regulations of the Inverness Public Utility District Water System as Paragraph (n), “Fixed Charges”:

“(n) Fixed Charges

The aggregate of a customer’s Basic Charge, Drought Surcharge, and Cross-Connection and Backflow Prevention Charge, as applicable, constitutes the customer’s “fixed charges.” The components constituting the fixed charges need not be itemized separately on the customer water bills, but may be aggregated as the Fixed Charges.”

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall be and hereby is declared to be in full force and effect as of thirty (30) days from and after the date of its adoption. The Clerk of the Board shall cause this Ordinance to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District at least one (1) week before the expiration of said thirty (30) days and shall also cause copies of this Ordinance to be posted in at least three (3) public places in the District for the said thirty (30) days, and said publication and said posted copies shall show the names of the Directors voting for and against adoption of this Ordinance.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Inverness Public Utility District on the 17th day of November, 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAINING:**

**ABSENT:**

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Kenneth J. Emanuels, President

ATTEST:

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Shelley Redding, Clerk of the Board

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*I hereby certify that the foregoing instrument is a true and correct copy of the original of Ordinance 104-2021 on record in this office, and that subsequent to its adoption no provision of Ordinance 104-2021 has been amended, modified, or revoked by the governing body.*

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the Board, Inverness Public Utility District,  
County of Marin, State of California.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_