

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 6-507(d) OF THE FRESNO MUNICIPAL CODE, PERTAINING TO PAYMENT OF CHARGES FOR PUBLIC WATER SERVICE CONNECTION, PRIVATE WATER SERVICE LINE INSTALLATION, AND WELL DESTRUCTION.

WHEREAS, connection to the City of Fresno's municipal water system by properties to which water service is available protects water quality, regional water reliability, and groundwater recharge for the City of Fresno's water supply; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno currently permits deferment of water service connection and related charges over a period of up to fifteen years for single family residences, commercial, or industrial properties connecting to the municipal water system, pursuant to Section 6-507 of the Fresno Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, destruction of abandoned and nonfunctioning wells, as required by the State of California's Department of Water Resources Bulletins 74-81 and 74-90, together the "Water Well Standards," is a goal of the City of Fresno to protect water quality, regional water reliability, and groundwater recharge; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Fresno desires to expand customers' cost deferment options to include well destruction and private water service line installation, as well as water service connection costs, as permitted by Section 6-507 of the Fresno Municipal Code, with interest established annually through the City's Master Fees Resolution; and

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Effective Date:
City Attorney Approval: ABF

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WHEREAS, to encourage connection to the City of Fresno's water system and destruction of abandoned wells, it is in the City's best interest to permit customers to repay deferred water service connection costs, private water service line installation, and well destruction costs over a period of twenty years, with a maximum loan amount of \$20,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection (d) of Section 6-507 of the Fresno Municipal Code is amended to read:

(d) Payment of water connection ~~and related charges~~ [, private water service line installation, and well destruction charges] payable ~~because of connection of~~ [for] existing single-family residences, and existing commercial or industrial development in the Enterprise Zone, may be deferred by entering into an agreement with the city to pay such charges together with interest on the unpaid balance, over a period of not more than ~~fifteen~~ [twenty] years, in accordance with the procedures established in Section 6-305 of this Code for the deferment of sewer connection charges.

SECTION 2. The City of Fresno hereby adopts the State of California's Department of Water Resources Bulletins 74-81 and 74-90, the "Water Well Standards," as may be updated or amended. The Bulletins may be viewed at http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/well_info_and_other/california_well_standards/well_standards_content.html.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective and in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first day after its passage.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2016.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2016
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2016
Mayor Veto: _____, 2016
Council Override Vote: _____, 2016

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

BY: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN,
City Attorney

BY: _____
AMANDA B. FREEMAN
Deputy City Attorney

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