

Water Billing Categories Workshop

March 7, 2023 10 am

Town Hall

Present: Savana Li, Joe Pete Wilson, Chris Daly, Teresa Cheetham-Palen (Participated via conference call)

Absent: Bob Biesemeyer, Dave Deyo

Called to order at 10:04 by Supervisor Wilson

Water Superintendent Savana Li presented draft of categories for water billing. See attached.

Discussion:

Councilmen Biesemeyer and Deyo offered input on the categories to the Water Superintendent prior to the meeting.

There are currently about 20 categories.

Some properties may be billed under multiple categories if there are multiple types of operations or structures on the property.

Multiple suggestions were made to combine the Residential and Rental categories into one category. This would leave three:

1. Residential & Rental
2. Commercial
3. Extension

There was further discussion about how categories would be defined. There was also discussion of how metering would make billing more fair by measuring actual usage.

Draft definitions were started and this work will be resumed at the March 21, workshop at 10 am in the town hall.

Residential & Rental: Residential is a primary residence occupied by one party or seasonally occupied by one party. Rental is one party paying a fee to occupy a structure or portion of a structure.

Commercial is a business operation that provides a service or produces, manufactures, or distributes a product or service. This includes a structure that rents lodging to 2 or more parties at a time.

Extension: using definition from the draft along with the addition of adding Accessory Dwelling Unit to the definition.

Proposed Billing Categories & Definitions Draft #1

Residential

Commercial

Rental

Extension

Residential – dwelling occupied by the individuals listed on the deed/tax map. Is also NOT producing revenue or a profit or housing a profiting business.

Commercial – a business that provides a service and/or manufactures a product and produces a profit and/or revenue. But is NOT a long term rental, short term rental or an Airbnb.

Rental – dwelling occupied by individuals other than those listed on the deed/tax map and are paying to occupy that dwelling for any length of time. Is producing revenue and/or profit for the individual listed on the deed/tax map

Extension – Water use that is not part of the residential, commercial or rental unit. Such as but not limited to pools, fountains, decorative landscaping, recreational use and garages, that do not have the capabilities of being lived in.

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