

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF THE CITY OF
3 RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA (1) ADOPTING REVISED ELECTRIC FEES AND
4 CHARGES SCHEDULE (APPENDIX A), WATER FEES AND CHARGES
5 SCHEDULE (APPENDIX A), WATER SCHEDULE WA-2, AND WATER
6 SCHEDULE WA-5; (2) MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; AND (3)
7 RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL THEREOF

8 WHEREAS, the City of Riverside’s (“City”) Department of Public Utilities (“RPU”) has
9 submitted for action by the Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) and the City Council, the proposed
10 adoption and approval of revised Electric Fees and Charges Schedule (Appendix A), Water Fees and
11 Charges Schedule (Appendix A), Water Schedule WA-2, and Water Schedule WA-5; and

12 WHEREAS, on March 3, 2022, RPU contracted with MGT of America Consulting, LLC, for
13 a fee study (“Study”) for Electric and Water Fees and Charges for time and materials-base user fees
14 for RPU; and

15 WHEREAS, on May 8, 2023, the Board approved Resolution 2023-1, and on June 20, 2023,
16 the City Council adopted Resolution R-24003 for the FY 2023/24 Master Fees and Charges schedule,
17 which included a 7.5% CPI increase to account for inflation that was in line with the Consumer Price
18 Index (CPI) of Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario region in November 2022 (12 month), with the goal
19 of implementing a CPI adjustment to mitigate potentially significant increases to fees and charges until
20 the formal study was updated; and

21 WHEREAS, on June 10, 2024, the Board approved Resolution 2024-2, and on June 25, 2024,
22 the City Council adopted Resolution R-24129 for the FY 2024/25 Master Fees and Charges schedule,
23 which included updates recommended by the Study; and

24 WHEREAS, prior to 2024, the Electric and Water Fees and Charges had not undergone a
25 comprehensive update since 2011, resulting in many fees and charges becoming severely out dated;
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27 WHEREAS, Staff desires to keep the Electric and Water Fees and Charges up to date through
28 a Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment; and

1 WHEREAS, in recent years, the Riverside area has continued to experience unprecedented
2 inflation, CPI adjustments can ensure the fees and charges remain in line with the City’s costs for
3 providing the services; and

4 WHEREAS, the attached proposed fees and costs include a 5.7 percent increase to account for
5 current inflation that is in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of Riverside-San Bernardino-
6 Ontario region calculated using January 2024 through November 2025; and

7 WHEREAS, the 23/24 Study continues to provide the overall basis for the estimated costs of
8 the services connected to the fees and charges; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States Treasury discontinued penny production on November 12,
10 2025, resulting in banks no longer replenishing penny inventory. Staff recommend rounding the fees
11 and charges to the nearest dollar for most fees, with some rounded to the nearest nickel, where
12 appropriate; and

13 WHEREAS, the Board is charged by Section 1202(e) of the City Charter to establish and adopt
14 the rates, rules, fees and charges for the Electric and Water Utility, subject to the approval of the City
15 Council; and

16 WHEREAS, the Board intends to establish and adopt the revised Electric Fees and Charges
17 Schedule (Appendix A), Water Fees and Charges Schedule (Appendix A), Water Schedule WA-2, and
18 Water Schedule WA-5 in accordance with RPU staff recommendations, subject to City Council
19 approval after a duly noticed public hearing; and

20 WHEREAS, the proposed fee revisions fall within the stated exceptions to the definition of
21 “tax” established by Proposition 26, because the fees and charges are imposed for a specific
22 government service provided directly to the payor that is not provided to those not charged and which
23 does not exceed the reasonable costs to the local government of providing the service and are therefore
24 not subject to the requirements of Article XIII C of the California Constitution; and

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, based upon the foregoing facts, the staff report,
26 and other evidence submitted by RPU to the Board, by the Board of Public Utilities of the City of
27 Riverside, California, as follows:
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1 I, David Garcia, Secretary of the Board of Public Utilities of the City of Riverside, California,
2 hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted by the
3 Board of Public Utilities of said City at its meeting held on the day of June 2026, to wit:

4 Ayes:

5 Noes:

6 Absent:

7 Abstain:

8 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day of June 2026.

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12 Secretary to the Board of Public Utilities
13 City of Riverside, California
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Exhibit A