

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO SERVICE RULES

### **RE: SERVICE TO NEW MANMADE LAKES, ORNAMENTAL WATER FEATURES, RECREATIONAL WATER PARKS, AND FEE CHANGE SCHEDULE FOR THE FACILITY CONNECTION CHARGE**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD) is responsible for delivering a safe and reliable water supply to its customers. Because conservation of water resources is vital to the general prosperity, health, safety and welfare of the community, the LVVWD is considering changes to its service rules that affect service and fees for Manmade Lakes, Ornamental Water Features and Recreational Water Parks. The LVVWD is also considering revising the fee change schedule for the Facilities Connection Charge.

Under the proposed provisions, as of January 1, 2021, service to new Manmade Lakes, Ornamental Water Features and Recreational Water Parks shall be severely limited. Service to new Manmade Lakes, Ornamental Water Features or Recreational Water Parks may be prohibited unless specific water users participate in one or a combination of the abatement efforts listed below.

#### **Manmade Lakes**

The LVVWD will not provide water to a new manmade lake unless it is within the resort corridor, permitted within applicable development codes and offsets its water use through one of the below efforts:

- Converts existing turf to xeriscape at a ratio of 10 square feet of turf for each square foot of surface area;
- Supports the regional conservation program by paying \$30 for each square foot of surface area to the Southern Nevada Water Authority; or
- Reduces or eliminates an existing Non-Conforming body of water on the property so that there is an equal or net decrease in water surface area on the property.

Manmade Lakes in service before January 1, 2021 shall pay the same rate as non single-family residential customers. If approved, this rate adjustment goes into effect on January 1, 2022.

New Manmade Lakes constructed after January 1, 2021 shall pay the highest tier water rate.

#### **Ornamental Water Features**

The LVVWD will not provide water to a new ornamental water feature unless it is within the resort corridor, permitted within applicable development codes and offsets its water use through one of the below efforts:

- Converts existing turf to xeriscape at a ratio of 10 square feet of turf for each square foot of surface area;
- Supports the regional conservation program by paying \$30 for each square foot of surface area to the Southern Nevada Water Authority; or
- Reduces or eliminates an existing Non-Conforming body of water on the property so that there is an equal or net decrease in water surface area on the property.

#### **Recreational Water Parks**

The LVVWD will not provide a connection to new Recreational Water Parks until it offsets its water use through one of the below efforts:

- Removes turf and converts to xeriscape at a ratio of 10 square feet of turf for each square foot of surface area; or
- Supports the regional conservation program by paying \$30 for each square foot of surface area Southern Nevada Water Authority.

The LVVWD is also considering changes to its Service Rules that affect the fee change schedule for the Facilities Connection Charge. Under the proposed changes, the Facilities Connection Charge will be adjusted annually for all projects approved on or after March 1.

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**PURPOSE OF NOTICE**

This notice is being provided in order to conform to the requirements of NRS 237.030 – 237.110, “Adoption of Rules Affecting Businesses.” Potentially affected businesses may submit data and arguments to the LVVWD on the following questions:

1. Do the proposed changes impose a direct and significant economic burden upon your business? If you believe these changes do, please be specific as to why the change imposes such a burden.
2. Do the proposed changes restrict the formation, operation or expansion of your business? If you believe these changes do, please be specific as to how and why the change imposes such a burden.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

The LVVWD will consider the Business Impact Statement at its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Commission Chambers at the Clark County Government Center. At that time, it is anticipated that the LVVWD Board of Directors will set a public hearing for December 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the same location to consider approval of the proposed changes.

**RESPONSE**

Please review and evaluate how the proposed changes will affect your business in light of the two questions listed. If your business is served by the LVVWD and you believe your business is affected by the proposed rule, you must provide a response to the LVVWD no later than 6:00 p.m., November 3, 2020.

To Provide a Response via Post Mail:

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Please contact Gaby Villafuerte at (702) 467-9252 with any questions or to receive a copy of the proposed Service Rules.