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City of Bakersfield
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Re: Payment Under Protest of Sewer User Rates Imposed Pursuant to Resolution No. 064-2026

To the City of Bakersfield:

The undersigned property owner or payor of sewer charges for the property located at:

hereby provides notice that all payments made to the City of Bakersfield ("**City**") for sewer user rates, fees, or charges imposed pursuant to Resolution No. 064-2026, adopted by the City Council on May 27, 2026 (the "**Resolution**") are made under protest and with a full reservation of rights to challenge the rates.

The City's sewer user rates are unlawful and invalid for the reasons set forth in the County of Kern's reverse validation action filed in Kern County Superior Court, Case No. 26CUB02363.

The payments are made solely to avoid any interruption in service and to comply with the City's billing requirements, and any payments do not constitute an admission that the rates are lawful or a waiver of any rights or defenses.

The payments are made under protest pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 5472 and any other applicable protest requirement, to preserve all rights to challenge and seek a full refund or credit of all charges paid in excess of the lawful amount.

This notice of protest is continuing and applies to all sewer charge payments made to the City for as long as the rates under the Resolution remain in effect. All rights are reserved to amend this protest and to assert all legal objections, claims, and defenses available under state and federal law, including the right to seek a refund or credit of all unlawfully collected amounts with interest.

Sincerely,

[Insert printed name and signature]