

Introduced by Councilmember Hampton

**ORDINANCE NO. 7412**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 4, CHAPTER 100, SECTION 4.100.020 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFLECT 2020 CHARTER AMENDMENT PERTAINING TO ANNUAL LIGHT AND POWER FUND TRANSFER**

The People of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Pasadena Municipal Code, Title 4, Chapter 100, Section 4.100.020 is amended to read as follows:

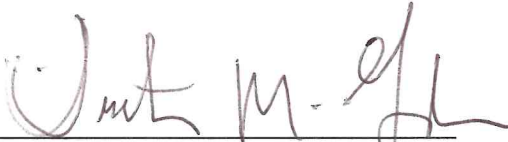
**“4.100.020 - Calculation of amount available for transfer—Transfer by the city council.**

The maximum aggregate amount available for transfer pursuant to Section 1408 of the City Charter from the light and power fund to the general fund shall be calculated by multiplying the annual gross electric retail income by 12 percent and comparing the amount so calculated to the accrual year's actual net income. The city council shall transfer such amount by resolution transfer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the city council may transfer an amount other than 12 percent by resolution if it determines that it would not be detrimental to the functioning and administration of the power utility during the budget year under consideration.”

**SECTION 2.** The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published in full text.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall take effect upon publication.

Signed and approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

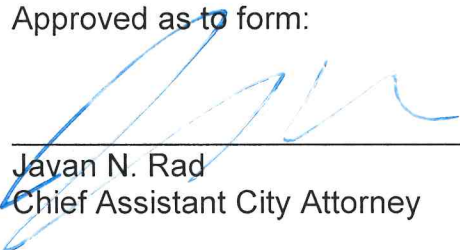
  
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Victor M. Gordo  
Mayor of the City of Pasadena

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Pasadena at its meeting held this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Hampton, Jones, Lyon, Madison, Masuda, Rivas, Mayor Gordo  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Williams  
ABSTAIN: None  
Date Published: May 18, 2023

  
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Mark Jomsky  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
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Javan N. Rad  
Chief Assistant City Attorney



**PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED**

The Water & Power Department and Finance Department will implement the ordinance.

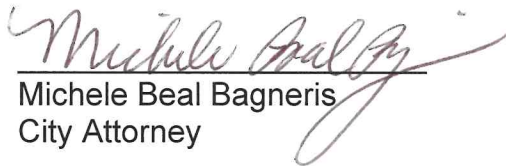
**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact is anticipated from this proposed ordinance.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

On March 27, 2023, the Council determined that the proposed Municipal Code amendment is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption).

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michele Beal Bagneris  
City Attorney

Prepared by:

  
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Jayan N. Rad  
Chief Assistant City Attorney

Concurred by:

  
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MIGUEL MÁRQUEZ  
City Manager

JNR:smm

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**From:** William M. Paparian < >  
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When the Pasadena Water and Power Department (PWP) announced an average monthly increase of \$14 per month for our electric bills it was less than forthright. In fact, in a February 28, 2023, memo to the City Council Municipal Services Committee, PWP General Manager Sidney Jackson said. "PWP has historically adjusted the PCA infrequently, however, due to heightened market price volatility, going forward the PCA shall be calculated each month and any adjustments from the resulting values shall be automatically implemented on the first day of the following month." In other words, stand by for an increase in your electric bill every month no matter how much you try to conserve. Mr. Jackson attributed the "heightened market price volatility" to an August 2021 rupture in a gas pipeline from El Paso Texas to California.

The increased costs to generate electricity for us is not the real reason why we will be confronted with the increased costs of electricity. What many Pasadena voters don't realize is that section 1408 of the City Charter provides for a transfer of funds every year from the Power fund of PWP to the General Fund. At the February meeting of the City Council Finance Committee, Matthew Hawkesworth Director of Finance reported that the PCA monthly increase of \$14 will result in a \$5 million shortfall in the transfer from the Power Fund to the General Fund for next year. In response to a question from Victor Gordo, Mr. Hawkesworth said the solution will lie in further electric rate increases.

Please discuss these issues.

Very Respectfully,

William Paparian  
Former Mayor of Pasadena

**05/15/2023**

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