

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-6210

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE SANTA BARBARA MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 2.35 AND AMENDING SECTION 2.39.040 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Title 2 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code is amended by adding Chapter 2.35 to read as follows:

2.35.010 Created.

A Water Resources Department is hereby created, which shall be under the direction of the Water Resources Director, who shall be appointed by the City Administrator upon approval of the City Council.

2.35.020 Organization of Department.

The Water Resources Director, subject to the approval of the City Administrator, shall organize and maintain such divisions in the Department as necessary to economically and efficiently carry out the functions of the Department.

2.35.030 Duties of Director.

The Water Resources Director shall be responsible for the supervision and control of all personnel, materials, and equipment assigned to the Department and for the performance of the functions of the Department, subject to the supervision of the City Administrator.

2.35.040 Function of Department.

The function of the Department is the administration of matters pertaining to water and wastewater systems, and any other functions assigned by the City Administrator.

2.35.050 Absence or Disability of Director.

In the event of the temporary absence or disability of the Water Resources Director, a member of the Water Resources Department, designated by the City Administrator, shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Water Resources Director.

SECTION 2. Section 2.39.040 of Chapter 2.39 of Title 2 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

The function of the Public Works Department is the administration of matters pertaining to public streets and transportation, maintenance of City facilities, intra-city and engineering services, and any other functions assigned by the City Administrator.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was introduced on February 3, 2026, and adopted by the Council of the City of Santa Barbara at a meeting held on February 10, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Councilmembers Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

- NOES: None.

- ABSENT: Councilmembers Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria.

- ABSTENTIONS: None.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Santa Barbara on February 10, 2026.





Sarah P. Gorman, MMC
City Clerk Services Manager

I HEREBY APPROVE the foregoing ordinance on February 10, 2026.



Randy Rowse
Mayor