ORDINANCE NO. 2023-4

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADDING NEW SECTION 7515 TO THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING LIENS FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS FOR WATER SERVICE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The following new Section 7515 is hereby added to Chapter 5 of Article VII of the Lakewood Municipal Code:

7515. The City Council shall set the charges for the providing of water services, and may revise those charges, in the manner prescribed by State law. Pursuant to the authority set forth in Section 54354 of the California Government Code, delinquent charges shall constitute a lien on the property served. The City shall establish and enforce any such lien in compliance with the procedures set forth in said Section 54354, et seq.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby declares it would have passed this Ordinance word by word, sentence by sentence, paragraph by paragraph and section by section, and hereby declares the provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if for any reason any portion of this Ordinance should be held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby finds and determines there are no newspapers of general circulation both published and circulated within the City and, in compliance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, directs the City Clerk to cause said Ordinance within fifteen (15) days after its passage to be posted in at least three (3) public places within the City as established by Ordinance.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 27th day of June, 2023, by the following roll call vote:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Mayor Croft	X		
Council Member Chase	X		
Council Member Pe	<u>X</u>		
Council Member Rogers	<u>X</u>		
Council Member Wood	X		

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ATTEST:

City Clerk May Devy