

CITY OF YACHATS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-01 -Correction

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE RATES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE, ESTABLISHING AN INDEX FOR FUTURE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE RATES AND A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FEE, EXTENDING THE LOW-INCOME WAIVER TO THE WASTEWATER BASE AND CONTINUING OTHER FEES

WHEREAS, the Public Works & Streets Commission held meetings to discuss the water and wastewater rate structure on July 7, 2015, September 1, 2015, and October 6, 2015; the Finance Committee discussed various options at meetings held on August 12, 2015 and October 14, 2015; and, the City Council discussed the subject at work sessions, special meetings and regular meetings held on August 10, 2015, August 13, 2015, September 2, 2015, September 10, 2015, October 8, 2015, October 12, 2015 and November 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, it has been 10 years since the City of Yachats had a rate adjustment. The cost of operating and maintaining utilities has increased over those 10 years and the City is facing the need for infrastructure repairs and improvements in the next few years and revenues under the current rate structure are not keeping up with the costs; and

WHEREAS, a model was developed that allowed for a careful analysis of the situation and a long-term plan. The City now has a good sense of what it costs to deliver water under the current conditions, what is necessary for repairs and infrastructure replacement in the next few years, and what is needed longer term to assure water delivery and wastewater treatment going forward. That analysis has allowed a thoughtful look at rate structures and a measured adjustment that is neither too high nor too low; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that by including two units of water in the base rate all customers will be paying to maintain the system that is available for use when the tap is turned on – a “ready to serve charge”; and

WHEREAS, to avoid the need for a future catch-up adjustment the new water rates will be indexed to the Construction Cost Index and adjusted automatically each July 1;

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Yachats resolves

Section 1 Base Rates

Rate - Inside City Limits	Water	Wastewater
Including 2 units of water (200 cf) and \$2 Capital Improvement Reserve Fee	\$43.00	\$42.00
Rate – Highest Users		
Including 2 units of water (200 cf) and \$2 Capital Improvement Reserve Fee	A Permanent Base Rate will be established by the an average of the YEU base amounts charged for the previous 12 month period	A Permanent Base Rate will be established by the an average of the YEU base amounts charged for the previous 12 month period
Rate – Outside City Limits		
Including 2 units of water (200 cf) and \$2 ³ Capital Improvement Reserve Fee	\$64.50	

Section 2 Consumption Rates

Rate - Inside City Limits	Water	Wastewater
Per 100 cf of water Including \$0.25 50 Capital Improvement Reserve Fee	\$4.75	5.25
Rate – Outside City Limits		
Per 100 cf of water Including \$0.25 75 Capital Improvement Reserve Fee	\$7.13	

Section 3. Annual Adjustment

On July 1 of every succeeding year, these water and wastewater rates will be adjusted based upon the Construction Cost Index [applicable to Yachats for](#) the preceding year ending December 31.

Section 4 Low Income Waiver

A waiver of 50% of the monthly water and wastewater base charge shall be considered by the City Recorder based upon written request by the user and documentation of eligibility for low-income assistance from the State of Oregon.

Section 5 Continuance of Utility Related Fees and Discounts

The following fees and discounts are continued:

Service Change/Service Takeover Fee. A fee of \$10 shall be charged each new account for a service change/service takeover. This fee shall not apply to a change in mailing address only.

Water Permit and Inspection Fee. A non-refundable fee of \$20 shall be charged for a permit to connect to and inspection of water service.

Sewer Permit and Inspection Fee. A non-refundable fee of \$20 shall be charged for a permit to connect to and inspection of building sewers.

Meter Inspection Fee. A fee of \$10.00 shall be charged for water meter inspection requested by the customer.

NSF Check Fee. Checks returned for NSF will be deposited a second time. If the check is returned a second time, a \$25 fee will be added to the account.

Meter Removal Fee. A fee of \$20.00 shall be charged for removal of a water meter if the removal is approved by the City.

Reconnection Fee. A fee of \$20.00 shall be charged for water reconnection during business hours. A fee of \$40.00 shall be charged for water reconnection after business hours, weekends, and holidays. If it is necessary for City staff to turn off the water due to a leak on the owner's property because a functioning hand valve is not present, the reconnection fee shall be \$100.00.

Delinquent Account Fees. Delinquent accounts with a balance of \$1.00 or more will be charged 1½ percent per month on the delinquent amount.

Shut-off Notice Fee. Accounts which receive a "door hanger" as a second written notice will be charged a five dollar (\$5) fee.

Collection Fees. A \$25 fee will be added to all closed accounts forwarded to collection.

Prepayment Discount. A discount of 1½% per month may be requested by the customer when making payment in advance for yet un-billed service use for pre-payments equal to, or larger than, six months minimum for any residential account; received before the billing process begins.

Section 6 Effective Date

The water and sewer rates shall be effective with the bills mailed on February 1, 2016

This Resolution is memorializing an action taken by City Council at the November 3, 2015 meeting and was effective as of that date.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2015.

Attest:

Ronald L. Brean, Mayor

Nancy Batchelder, City Recorder

Customer Profile		Council Approval		% Increase	\$ Increase
Usage	Test Period Average # of Meters	Current Rate	New Rate	Percentage	Dollars
No units	162	\$60.00	\$85.00	41.67%	\$25.00
1 Unit	117	68.50	85.00	24.09%	16.50
2 Units	107	77.00	85.00	10.39%	8.00
3 Units	92	85.50	95.00	11.11%	9.50
4 Units	80	94.00	105.00	11.70%	11.00
5 Units	76	102.50	115.00	12.20%	12.50
6 Units	48	111.00	125.00	12.61%	14.00
7 Units	32	119.50	135.00	12.97%	15.50
8 Units	25	128.00	145.00	13.28%	17.00
9 Units	16	136.50	155.00	13.55%	18.50
10 Units	14	145.00	165.00	13.79%	20.00
11 Units	11	153.50	175.00	14.01%	21.50
12 Units	7	162.00	185.00	14.20%	23.00
13 Units	6	170.50	195.00	14.37%	24.50
14 Units	5	179.00	205.00	14.53%	26.00
15 Units	3	187.50	215.00	14.67%	27.50
16 Units	3	196.00	225.00	14.80%	29.00
17 Units	2	204.50	235.00	14.91%	30.50
18 Units	2	213.00	245.00	15.02%	32.00
19 Units	1	221.50	255.00	15.12%	33.50
20 Units	2	\$230.00	\$265.00	15.22%	\$35.00