

Resolution 13-048(S-2)(A-3) Amending the Fee Schedule Water and Sewer Fees

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Resolution Summary:

A Resolution of the Homer City Council Amending the City of Homer Fee Schedule Under Water and Sewer Fees.
City Clerk.

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HOMER, ALASKA
City Clerk
RESOLUTION 13-048(S-2)(A-3)

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE CITY OF HOMER FEE SCHEDULE UNDER WATER AND SEWER FEES.

WHEREAS, Water and sewer utility services shall be reviewed annually and if amended, shall take effect as of January 1, 2014.

WHEREAS, The Water and Sewer Rate Task Force reviewed the current rate model and proposed rates for 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, that the City of Homer Fee Schedule, Water and Sewer Fees are amended as follows:

WATER AND SEWER FEES:

(The following fees have been set by the following legislative enactment HCC Title 14, new fees set forth in Ordinance 11-43, Resolution 11-062(A), Resolution 09-47(S)(A), Resolution 09-48(S)(A), Resolution 07-119 (A), Resolution 07-120(A), Ordinance 06-62(A), Resolution 06-04, Resolution 05-125, Resolution 05-122, Resolution 05-121(A), Resolution 05-09, Resolution 04-95, Resolution 04-94(S)(A), Resolution 03-159, Resolution 02-80, Resolution 01-80(A), Resolution 00-123, Resolution 00-34, Ordinance 00-02, Ordinance 97-17(A), amending the rates set forth in Ordinance 97-5(S)(A), with amendments by Ordinance 97-7, Ordinance 97-13 and Ordinance 97-14).

Public Works - 235-3170
City Hall - 235-8121
Billing - 235-8121 x2240

A 15% admin. fee for replacement parts for water/sewer services, functions, pressure reducing valves, sewer saddles, any Public Works Department stock item for resale to public.

Establishing service includes a one-time disconnect - \$30

Service calls, inspections, repairs not to exceed one hour - \$25 per employee plus equipment and materials.

Service calls, inspections and repairs during normal operating hours in excess of one hour labor: actual labor costs by City plus equipment and materials.

Service calls, inspections and repairs after normal operating hours or on weekends/holidays: \$50 minimum plus equipment and materials or actual cost incurred by City, whichever is greater.

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SEWER FEES:

Sewer Connection and Extension Permit Fee

Single Family \$255

Multi-Family/Commercial \$330

Customer classification definitions for determining sewer connection and extension permit fees:

Single Family Residential – A unit providing housing for one household; with less than 25% of the building area used for business or commercial purposes.

Multi-Family Residential- A building or lot occupied by more than one household: contained within one building or several building within one complex. Examples of multi-family units includes duplexes, four-plexes and up, apartments, condominiums, co-housing projects, and multiple structures on one lot (where units are normally rented or occupied for longer than one month at a time). Examples of units not considered as multi-family include hotels, motels, B&B's seasonal rooms/cabins (where units are routinely rented or occupied for less than one month at a time.)

Commercial - Any user not defined as Residential.

Sewer Rate Schedule.

All sewer utility services shall be billed according to the following schedule (Table I, II). This schedule is for monthly sewer services and is in addition to any charges for connecting or disconnecting the service, installation of the service or any assessment of the improvements.

Rates Table I

Customer Classification	Monthly Service Usage Charge/Gallon
Lift-Station Customer	\$ 0.0218
Non-Lift-Station Customer	\$0.0147
Multi-units (additional per unit)	\$ 5.00 N/A

Rates Table II

Sewer ONLY Customers	Sewer Fees/Rate/Usage Per Customer Per Month
Lift-Station Customer	\$0.0218/Gal \$76.30
Non-Lift-Station Customer	\$0.0147/Gal \$51.45
Monthly Service	\$5.00/customer/mo. \$5.00
Pumping Fee (If Applicable)	\$7.75/customer/mo. \$ 7.75
Assumption: Avg. Sewer Usage	3500 Gal/Mo.

Customer classification definitions for determining sewer rates:

Lift Station Zone Customer: There are eleven sewage lift/pump stations that are used for pumping wastewater or sewage from areas with lower elevation than the treatment plant. Customers who are located in these areas shall be charged additional fees for the cost added to the services (see Table I & II).

Non-Lift Station Zone Customer: Customers who are located in the zone that do not need lift/pump station services.

Sewer System Dischargers (Sewer ONLY customers): Customers who use sewer service only shall be charged a monthly fee of \$5 plus sewer usage fee based on assessed volume of 3,500 gallons per month multiplied by the

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applicable sewage rate (see Table II). Kachemak City Local Improvement District (LID) members have contributed to the initial cost of the sewer treatment plant and the collection system. For Kachemak City LID dischargers connected within the LID, the City of Homer shall bill Kachemak City in one single bill at the Lift-Station Zone Rate of \$89.05 (\$76.30 +\$5 +\$7.75) per month per customer. Kachemak City shall be responsible for payment to the City of Homer.

Domestic sewer service customers who use large quantities of City water in addition to their domestic use shall be allowed, with the Public Works Director's approval, to install an additional water meter on the domestic water use line for the purpose of metering and charging for domestic sewer system use. Sewer system use will be billed monthly.

The City will allow, upon approval by Public Works and a permit from the Public Works Department, a second water usage meter – called a seasonal sewer meter – for each customer that desires to measure the flow of City water that is not discharged to the sewer system during the summer growing season, June 15 through September 15. Rates noted above do not apply.

Seasonal Sewer Meter Fee is \$251.75.

WATER FEES:

Water Connection Fee

Single Family \$300

Multi-Family/Commercial \$375

Customer classification definitions for determining water connection and extension permit fees:

Single Family Residential – A unit providing housing for one household; with less than 25% of the building area used for business or commercial purposes.

Multi-Family Residential- A building or lot occupied by more than one household: contained within one building or several building within one complex. Examples of multi-family units includes duplexes, four-plexes and up, apartments, condominiums, co-housing projects, and multiple structures on one lot (where units are normally rented or occupied for longer than one month at a time). Examples of units not considered as multi-family include hotels, motels, B&B's seasonal rooms/cabins (where units are routinely rented or occupied for less than one month at a time.)

Commercial - Any user not defined as Residential.

Water Rate Schedule.

All water utility services shall be billed according to the following schedule. This schedule is for monthly water service and is in addition to any charges for connecting or disconnecting the service, installation of the service or any assessment of the improvements.

Rates Water	Table III
Customer Classification	Monthly Service Usage Charge/Gallon
Lift-Station Customer \$	19.00 \$0.0109
Non-Lift-Station Customer \$	19.00
	\$0.0109
Multi-units (additional per unit) \$	5.00
Bulk Water \$	19.00 \$0.0149

Customer classification definitions for determining water rates:

Bulk Water Customers: The bulk water customers are the resellers of water or water users who purchase water from the water plant directly and are not in the metered water distribution system.

Non-Bulk Customers: All customers who receive water from the metered water distribution system.

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Multi-Units: An additional \$5 monthly charge shall apply to each of the units of a building or lot occupied by more than one household or commercial entity contained within one building or several buildings within one complex. Examples of multi-family units include duplexes, four-plexes and up, apartments, condominiums, co-housing projects, and multiple structures on one lot (where units are normally rented or occupied for longer than one month at a time). Examples of units not considered as multi-family include hotels, motels, and B&B's seasonal rooms/cabins (where units are routinely rented or occupied for less than one month at a time.)

This fee applies to all multi-unit structures defined in the sewer section of this for apartments, rental units or multi-unit buildings where each unit would have one or more restrooms and are intended to be rented on a monthly basis where there is only one meter installed, excluding a rental building restroom used for shared or public use.

Meter Size Deposits.

Size (inches)	Residential Users	Nonresidential Users
5/8	\$75.00	\$220.00
3/4	\$80.00	\$230.00
1	\$90.00	\$250.00
1-1/2	\$115.00	\$310.00
2	\$150.00	\$370.00
3	\$220.00	\$525.00
4	\$310.00	\$730.00
6	\$520.00	\$1,225.00

\$750 meter deposit shall apply to metered fire hydrant connections. The deposit will be returned when the meter is returned undamaged. This deposit may be waived upon the recommendation of the Public Works Superintendent.

If a bulk water customer purchases a meter from the City for measuring the quantity of water purchased, it shall be exempt from the monthly meter service charge. It is the responsibility of the bulk water customer to maintain that meter so the City can accurately determine the amount of water being purchased. In the event the meter fails, it is the bulk water customer's responsibility, at its expense, to repair it or purchase a replacement meter from the City. The City may at any time test the meter for accuracy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, this 12th day of August, 2013.

CITY OF HOMER

MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: Revenue amounts not defined in CY2013 budget.

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