

CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA

Council  
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ORDINANCE 97-17(A)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTION 14.04.040, SEWER RATE SCHEDULE, SECTION 14.08.080, SCHEDULE OF RATES--RULES AND REGULATIONS, SECTION 14.08.091, AND SECTION 14.08.100, BULK WATER SALES.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Homer City Code Section 14.04.040, Sewer rate schedule, is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.04.040 Sewer Rate Schedule.

a. All sewer utility services shall be billed according to the following schedule. 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.

Commodity rate per thousand gallons of water	<del>\$4.44</del> <u>5.22</u>
Monthly Customer Charge	<del>\$6.91</del> <u>3.94</u>

General Monthly Service Charge and Spit Service Charge by meter size.

Meter size	General Service Charge	Spit Service Charge
<del>5/8</del>	<del>\$ 13.11</del>	<del>\$ 67.80</del>
<del>3/4</del>	<del>\$ 19.66</del>	<del>\$ 101.69</del>
<del>1</del>	<del>\$ 32.77</del>	<del>\$ 169.49</del>
<del>1 1/2</del>	<del>\$ 65.55</del>	<del>\$ 338.99</del>
<del>2</del>	<del>\$ 104.88</del>	<del>\$ 542.39</del>
<del>3</del>	<del>\$ 229.42</del>	<del>\$ 1,186.47</del>
<del>4</del>	<del>\$ 412.95</del>	<del>\$ 2,135.63</del>
<del>6</del>	<del>\$ 917.66</del>	<del>\$ 4,745.84</del>
<u>5/8</u>	<u>\$ 11.27</u>	<u>\$ 39.03</u>
<u>3/4</u>	<u>\$ 16.91</u>	<u>\$ 58.54</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>\$ 28.18</u>	<u>\$ 97.57</u>
<u>1 1/2</u>	<u>\$ 56.36</u>	<u>\$ 195.13</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>\$ 90.18</u>	<u>\$ 312.21</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>\$ 197.27</u>	<u>\$ 682.96</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>\$ 355.09</u>	<u>\$ 1,229.32</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>\$ 789.09</u>	<u>\$ 2,731.82</u>

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54 b. Sewer System Residential or Residential Equivalent  
55 Dischargers Who are not Water System Users. Sewer system  
56 dischargers who are not water system users shall be charged at the  
57 rate of ~~\$35.55~~ **\$33.47** (variable rate ~~(\$15.53)~~ **(\$18.26)** based on  
58 3,500 gallons per month plus general service charge  
59 ~~(\$13.11)~~ **(\$11.27)** plus monthly customer charge ~~(\$6.91)~~ **(\$3.94)** per  
60 month. The City reserves the right to adjust this rate based on  
61 the characteristics of the service for non-residential or non-  
62 residential equivalent users. Customers who receive septage  
63 service shall be charged an additional \$5.71 per month.

64 c. Sewer System Dischargers Who are Members of Kachemak City  
65 LID. Kachemak City Local Improvement District (LID) members have  
66 contributed to the initial cost of the sewer treatment plant and  
67 the collection system. Kachemak City LID dischargers connected  
68 within the LID and the City of Homer shall bill Kachemak City in  
69 one lump sum at the rate of ~~\$34.35~~ **\$35.24** variable rate ~~(\$15.53)~~  
70 **(\$18.26)** based on 3,500 gallons per month plus general service  
71 charge ~~(\$13.11)~~ **(\$11.27)** plus septage cost (\$5.71) per month for  
72 each residential or residential equivalent discharger. Kachemak  
73 City shall be responsible for payment to the City of Homer.

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

80 e. The City will allow, upon approval by Public Works and a permit  
81 from the Planning Department, a second water usage meter - called a  
82 seasonal sewer meter for each customer that desires to measure the flow  
83 of City water that is not discharged to the sewer system during the  
84 summer growing season, June 15 through September 15. Rates in subsection  
85 (a) do not apply. Refer to Seasonal Sewer Meter Policy. (Ord. 97-  
86 14, 1997; Ord. 97-7, 1997; Ord 97-5(S)(A) § 1, 1997; Ord. 91-9(S),  
87 § 2, 1991; Ord. 90-24(A), 1990.)  
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89 Section 2. That Homer City Code Section 14.08.080, Schedule  
90 of Rates--Rules and Regulations, for water, is hereby amended to  
91 read as follows:  
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93 14.08.080 Schedule of Rates--Rules and Regulations. A. All  
94 water utility services shall be billed according to the following  
95 schedule. This schedule is for monthly water consumption and is in  
96 addition to any charges for establishing or disconnecting service,  
97 installation of service or any assessments for improvements.  
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99 Rates of Metered Water Service

Commodity charge per 1,000 gallons of water: ~~\$2.58~~ \$3.73

Monthly Customer Charge: ~~\$9.34~~ \$6.25

General Monthly Service Charge and Spit Service Charge by meter size.

Meter Size	General Service Charge	Spit Service Charge
<del>5/8"</del>	<del>\$ 27.44</del>	<del>\$ 110.65</del>
<del>3/4"</del>	<del>41.15</del>	<del>165.96</del>
<del>1"</del>	<del>68.59</del>	<del>276.61</del>
<del>1-1/2"</del>	<del>137.18</del>	<del>553.22</del>
<del>2"</del>	<del>219.49</del>	<del>885.15</del>
<del>3"</del>	<del>480.13</del>	<del>1,936.26</del>
<del>4"</del>	<del>864.23</del>	<del>3,485.26</del>
<del>6"</del>	<del>1,920.52</del>	<del>7,745.03</del>
<u>5/8"</u>	<u>\$ 18.16</u>	<u>\$ 76.26</u>
<u>3/4"</u>	<u>27.25</u>	<u>114.39</u>
<u>1"</u>	<u>45.41</u>	<u>190.66</u>
<u>1-1/2"</u>	<u>90.82</u>	<u>381.31</u>
<u>2"</u>	<u>145.32</u>	<u>610.10</u>
<u>3"</u>	<u>317.88</u>	<u>1,334.59</u>
<u>4"</u>	<u>572.19</u>	<u>2,402.26</u>
<u>6"</u>	<u>1,271.53</u>	<u>5,338.36</u>

When the customer uses more than 20,000 gallons per month the following service charges are:

Meter Size	Excess Use Exceeds	General Surcharge	Spit Surcharge
<del>5/8"</del>	<del>20,000 gallons</del>	<del>\$ 41.15</del>	<del>\$ 165.96</del>
<del>5/8"</del>	<del>70,000 gallons</del>	<del>68.59</del>	<del>276.61</del>
<del>3/4"</del>	<del>70,000 gallons</del>	<del>68.59</del>	<del>276.61</del>
<u>5/8"</u>	<u>20,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 27.25</u>	<u>\$ 114.39</u>
<u>5/8"</u>	<u>70,000 gallons</u>	<u>45.41</u>	<u>190.66</u>
<u>3/4"</u>	<u>70,000 gallons</u>	<u>45.41</u>	<u>190.66</u>

b. In addition to all other charges, the following fees shall apply:

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152	<u>Service</u>	<u>Fee</u>
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155	Establishing service	\$30.00
156	(includes one-time disconnect)	
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158	Service calls, inspections and	\$25.00 per employee
159	repairs during normal operating	plus equipment and
160	hours not to exceed	materials
161	one hour labor.	
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163	Service calls, inspections and	Actual labor cost by
164	repairs during normal operating	City plus equipment
165	hours in excess of one hour labor.	and materials.
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167	Service calls, inspections	\$50.00 minimum plus
168	and repairs after normal	equipment and
169	operating hours or on	materials or actual
170	weekends/holidays.	cost incurred by
171		City, whichever is
172		greater.
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174 c. The City Manager shall have printed a sufficient number of  
175 copies of the water rate schedule approved and adopted by the City  
176 and the copies shall be available for public use upon demand at the  
177 office of the City Clerk. (Ord. 97-12 \$4, 1997; Ord. 97-5(S)(A)  
178 \$2, 1997; Ord. 95-7, 1995; Ord. 91-10(S) \$ 1,2, 1991; Ord. 90-24(A),  
179 1990.

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181 Section 3. That Homer City Code Section 14.08.100, Bulk  
182 water sales, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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184 14.08.100 Bulk water sales. a. A commodity charge of ~~\$2.50~~ \$3.73  
185 per 1,000 gallons of water shall apply to bulk water sales provided by  
186 tanker truck or fire hydrant plus an additional surcharge of ~~\$3.92~~ \$2.59,  
187 total of ~~\$6.50~~ \$6.33 per 1,000 gallons of water in order to offset debt  
188 service and capital replacement and customer service costs.

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

193 c. The schedule for service fees set forth at §14.08.080(b) shall  
194 apply to all bulk water service requests.

195 d. In the event the bulk water provider purchases a meter  
196 from the City for measuring the quantity of water to their tanker  
197 truck or water filling station, it shall be exempt from the monthly  
198 meter service charge. It is the responsibility of the bulk water

provider to maintain that meter so that the City can accurately determine the amount of water being sold. In the event the meter fails, it is the bulk water provider's responsibility to purchase, at their expense, a replacement meter from the City. The City reserves the right to test the meter for accuracy. (Ord. 97-5(S)(A) § 4, 1997; Ord. 95-31(A), §3, 1995; Ord.91-10(S) § 6, 1991; Ord. 90-24(A), 1990.)

Section 4. This ordinance is of a permanent and general character and shall be included in the City Code and is to be effective as of January ± 16, 1998.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 15th day of December, 1997.

CITY OF HOMER

*Jack Cushing*  
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JACK CUSHING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

*Mary S. Calhoun*  
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MARY S. CALHOUN, CMC, CITY CLERK

AYES: 4  
NOES: 1  
ABSENT: 1  
ABSTAIN: 0



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Reviewed and approved as to form and content:

*Patti J. Whalin*  
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Patti J. Whalin, City Manager  
Date: 12-16-97

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Gordon J. Tans, City Attorney  
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