

CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

Council
Finance

ORDINANCE 98-17

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, SECTION 14.08.100, BULK WATER SALES, AND SECTION 14.08.105, RESALE OF WATER.

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.

SEWER Commodity rate per thousand gallons of water	\$5.22	<u>\$5.95</u>
Monthly Customer Charge	\$3.94	<u>\$1.03</u>

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

Meter Size	General Service Charge	Spit Service Charge
5/8"	\$ 11.27	\$ 39.03
3/4"	\$ 16.91	\$ 58.54
1"	\$ 28.18	\$ 97.57
1 1/2"	\$ 56.36	\$ 195.13
2"	\$ 90.18	\$ 312.21
3"	\$ 197.27	\$ 682.96
4"	\$ 355.09	\$ 1,229.32
6"	\$ 789.09	\$ 2,731.82
<u>5/8"</u>	<u>\$ 10.35</u>	<u>\$ 38.11</u>
<u>3/4"</u>	<u>\$ 15.53</u>	<u>\$ 57.16</u>
<u>1"</u>	<u>\$ 25.88</u>	<u>\$ 95.27</u>
<u>1 1/2"</u>	<u>\$ 51.77</u>	<u>\$ 190.53</u>
<u>2"</u>	<u>\$ 82.83</u>	<u>\$ 304.85</u>
<u>3"</u>	<u>\$ 181.18</u>	<u>\$ 666.87</u>
<u>4"</u>	<u>\$ 326.13</u>	<u>\$ 1,200.36</u>
<u>6"</u>	<u>\$ 724.74</u>	<u>\$ 2,667.47</u>

b. Sewer System Residential or Residential Equivalent Dischargers Who are not Water System Users. Sewer system dischargers who are not water system users shall be charged at the rate of ~~\$33.48~~ **\$32.21** (variable rate ~~(\$18.27)~~ **(\$20.83)** based on 3,500 gallons per month plus general service charge ~~(\$11.27)~~ **(\$10.35)** plus monthly customer charge ~~(\$3.94)~~ **(\$1.03)** per month). The City reserves the right to adjust this rate based on the characteristics of the service for non-residential or non-residential equivalent users. Customers who receive septage service shall be charged an additional \$5.71 per month.

c. Sewer System Dischargers Who are Members of Kachemak City LID. Kachemak City Local Improvement District (LID) members have contributed to the initial cost of the sewer treatment plant and the collection system. Kachemak City LID dischargers connected within the LID and the City of Homer shall bill Kachemak City in one lump sum at the rate of ~~\$34.35~~ **\$36.89** variable rate ~~(\$18.26)~~ **(\$20.83)** based on 3,500 gallons per month plus general service charge ~~(\$11.27)~~ **(\$10.35)** plus septage cost (\$5.71) per month for each residential or residential equivalent discharger. Kachemak City shall be responsible for payment to the City of Homer.

d. 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. Refer to Sewer Meter Policy.

e. The City will allow, upon approval by Public Works and a permit from the Planning 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 in subsection (a) do not apply. Refer to Seasonal Sewer Meter Policy. (Ord. 97-14, 1997; Ord. 97-7, 1997; Ord 97-5(S)(A) § 1, 1997; Ord. 91-9(S), § 2, 1991; Ord. 90-24(A), 1990.)

Section 2. That Homer City Code Section 14.08.080, Schedule of Rates--Rules and Regulations, for water, is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.08.080 Schedule of Rates--Rules and Regulations. a. All water utility services shall be billed according to the following schedule. This schedule is for monthly water consumption and is in addition to any charges for establishing or disconnecting service, installation of service or any assessments for improvements.

Rates of Metered Water Service

Commodity charge per 1,000 gallons of water ~~\$3.73~~ **\$4.92**
 Monthly Customer Charge: ~~\$6.25~~ **\$2.02**

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

<i>Meter Size</i>	<i>General Service Charge</i>	<i>Spit Service Charge</i>
5/8"	\$ 18.16	\$ 76.26
3/4"	27.25	114.39
1"	45.41	190.66
1 1/2"	90.82	381.31
2"	145.32	610.10
3"	317.88	1,334.59
4"	572.19	2,402.26
6"	1,271.53	5,338.36
5/8"	\$ 15.00	\$ 73.96
3/4"	22.49	110.94
1"	37.49	184.90
1 1/2"	74.98	369.80
2"	119.97	591.68
3"	262.44	1,294.30
4"	472.39	2,329.74
6"	1,049.76	5,177.20

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
5/8"	20,000 gallons	\$ 27.25	\$ 114.39
5/8"	70,000 gallons	45.41	190.66
3/4"	70,000 gallons	45.41	190.66
5/8"	20,000 gallons	\$ 22.49	\$ 110.94
5/8"	70,000 gallons	37.49	184.90
3/4"	70,000 gallons	37.49	184.90

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

151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170
		<u>Service</u>																	
		Establishing service																	
		(includes one-time disconnect)																	
		Service calls, inspections and																	
		repairs during normal operating																	
		hours not to exceed one hour labor.																	
		Service calls, inspections and																	
		repairs after normal operating																	
		hours in excess of one hour labor.																	
		Service calls, inspections and																	
		repairs after normal operating																	
		hours or on weekends/holidays.																	

171 c. The City Manager shall have printed a sufficient number of copies of the water rate
172 schedule approved and adopted by the City and the copies shall be available for public use upon
173 demand at the office of the City Clerk. (Ord. 97-12 §4, 1997; Ord. 97-5(S)(A) §2, 1997; Ord. 95-7,
174 1995; Ord. 91-10(S) § 1,2, 1991; Ord. 90-24(A), 1990.

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

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178 14.08.100 Bulk water sales. a. A commodity charge of ~~\$3.73~~ **\$4.92** per 1,000 gallons of
179 water shall apply to bulk water sales provided by tanker truck or fire hydrant plus an additional
180 surcharge of ~~\$2.59~~ **\$2.14** total of ~~\$6.33~~ **\$7.06** per 1,000 gallons of water in order to offset debt
181 service and capital replacement and customer service costs.

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

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

d. 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. (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. That Homer City Code Section 14.08.105, Resale of Water, is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.08.105 Resale of water. a. No person shall resell water provided by the City water system unless that person has first registered with the City Planning Department as a reseller of water. The City may revoke a person's privilege to resell water for violation of this section.

b. All City water purchased by a customer for resale to others shall be charged at the rates established in 14.08.100, including the surcharge, which shall be paid on all water resold to others, regardless of whether the customer has a standard service account.

c. A reseller of City water shall submit a monthly report of the quantity of water resold to others on a form approved by the City. The report shall be received by the City Finance Department within 15 days after the end of each month. The report shall be signed under penalty of perjury. A report is subject to audit by the City for a period of three years.

d. A reseller of City water shall keep accurate records of the quantity of water sold to others. Such records shall be kept for a minimum of three years. The reseller of City water shall provide such records to the City for examination upon request during normal business hours.

e. If a reseller of City water fails to submit required reports or fails to keep accurate records and make them available to the City, the City may make a reasonable estimate of the quantity of water resold to others. The reseller shall pay the required rates for the quantity so estimated. In such case the City's estimate is presumed to be correct and may be overcome only by clear and convincing proof to the contrary.

f. The reporting and record keeping requirements of subsections c. through e. Do not apply to resale of bulk water purchased from the City under 14.08.100 when (1) the quantity of water purchased is directly determined by the City and (2) the customer pays the rates established in 14.08.100, including the surcharge on all such water.

g. If a reseller with a standard service account 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 reseller 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 reseller'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.

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 _____ 1998.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA, this
day of _____, 1998.

CITY OF HOMER

ATTEST:

JACK CUSHING, MAYOR

MARY L. CALHOUN, CMC, CITY CLERK

AYES: -
NOES: 6
ABSENT: -
ABSTAIN: -

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Reviewed and approved as to form and content:

Val M. Koeberlein, City Manager
Date: _____

Gordon J. Tans, City Attorney
Date: _____