

1 **CITY OF HOMER**
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

3 City Manager/
4 Finance Director

5 **RESOLUTION 16-063**

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7 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL MAINTAINING THE
8 WATER AND SEWER FEES AT THE 2016 RATE AND UPDATING THE
9 HOMER FEE SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY.

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11 WHEREAS, Water and sewer utility services shall be reviewed annually and amended,
12 as necessary, to take effect as of July 1, 2016 with the first billing cycle to take effect following
13 July 1; and

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15 WHEREAS, The Homer City Council reviewed the current rate model and
16 recommended no rate changes for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

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18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, that the
19 water and sewer fees be maintained at the 2016 rate and the Homer Fee Schedule be updated
20 as follows:

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22 WATER AND SEWER FEES:

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24 Public Works - 235-3170
25 City Hall - 235-8121
26 Billing - 235-8121 x2240

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28 (The following fees have been set by the following legislative enactment HCC Title 14, new fees set
29 forth in Resolution 14-060, Ordinance 13-30(A), Resolution 15-074(A-2), 13-048 (S-2)(A-3), Ordinance
30 11-43, Resolution 11-094(S), Resolution 11-062(A), Resolution 09-47(S)(A), Resolution 09-48(S)(A),
31 Resolution 07-119 (A), Resolution 07-120(A), Ordinance 06-62(A), Resolution 06-04, Resolution 05-125,
32 Resolution 05-122, Resolution 05-121(A), Resolution 05-09, Resolution 04-95, Resolution 04-94(S)(A),
33 Resolution 03-159, Resolution 02-80, Resolution 01-80(A), Resolution 00-123, Resolution 00-34,
34 Ordinance 00-02, Ordinance 97-17(A), amending the rates set forth in Ordinance 97-5(S)(A), with
35 amendments by Ordinance 97-7, Ordinance 97-13 and Ordinance 97-14).

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

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40 Establishing service includes a one-time disconnect - \$75

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

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

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

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50 SEWER FEES:

51 Sewer Connection and Extension Permit Fee

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53 Single Family \$255

54 Multi-Family/Commercial \$330

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

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

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

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68 Commercial - Any user not defined as Residential.

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70 Sewer Rate Schedule.

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

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Rates

Table I

| Customer Classification | Sewer | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | Monthly Service | Usage Charge/Gallon |
| Lift-Station Customer | \$ - | \$0.0232 |
| Non-Lift-Station Customer | | \$0.0157 |
| Multi-units (additional per unit) | \$ 5.00 | N/A |

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Rates

Table II

| Sewer ONLY Customers | Sewer | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | Fees/Rate/Usage | Per Customer Per Month |
| Lift-Station Customer | \$0.0232/Gal | \$81.20 |
| Non-Lift-Station Customer | \$0.0157/Gal | \$54.95 |
| Monthly Service | \$5.00/customer/mo. | \$5.00 |
| Pumping Fee (<i>If Applicable</i>) | \$7.75/customer/mo. | \$7.75 |
| Assumption: Avg. Sewer Usage | 3500 Gal/Mo. | |

82 Customer classification definitions for determining sewer rates:

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

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

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92 Sewer System Dischargers (Sewer ONLY customers): Customers who use sewer service only shall be
 93 charged a monthly fee of \$5 plus sewer usage fee based on assessed volume of 3,500 gallons per
 94 month multiplied by the applicable sewage rate (see Table II). Kachemak City Local Improvement

95 District (LID) members have contributed to the initial cost of the sewer treatment plant and the
96 collection system. For Kachemak City LID dischargers connected within the LID, the City of Homer
97 shall bill Kachemak City in one single bill at the Lift-Station Zone Rate of \$93.95 (\$81.20 +\$5 +\$7.75)
98 per month per customer. Kachemak City shall be responsible for payment to the City of Homer.
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100 Domestic sewer service customers who use large quantities of City water in addition to their domestic
101 use shall be allowed, with the Public Works Director's approval, to install an additional water meter on
102 the domestic water use line for the purpose of metering and charging for domestic sewer system use.
103 Sewer system use will be billed monthly.
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105 The City will allow, upon approval by Public Works and a permit from the Public Works Department, a
106 second water usage meter – called a seasonal sewer meter – for each customer that desires to
107 measure the flow of City water that is not discharged to the sewer system during the summer growing
108 season, June 15 through September 15. Rates noted above do not apply.
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110 Seasonal Sewer Meter Fee is \$251.75.
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112 WATER FEES:

113 Water Connection Fee
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115 Single Family \$300

116 Multi-Family/Commercial \$375
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118 Customer classification definitions for determining water connection and extension permit fees:
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120 Single Family Residential – A unit providing housing for one household; with less than 25% of the
121 building area used for business or commercial purposes.
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123 Multi-Family Residential- A building or lot occupied by more than one household: contained within
124 one building or several building within one complex. Examples of multi-family units includes
125 duplexes, four-plexes and up, apartments, condominiums, co-housing projects, and multiple
126 structures on one lot (where units are normally rented or occupied for longer than one month at a
127 time). Examples of units not considered as multi-family include hotels, motels, B&B's seasonal
128 rooms/cabins (where units are routinely rented or occupied for less than one month at a time.)
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130 Commercial - Any user not defined as Residential.
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132 Water Rate Schedule.

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

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| Rates | Water | |
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| | 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 |

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139 Customer classification definitions for determining water rates:

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

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

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

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

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163 Meter Size Deposits.

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| <u>Size (inches)</u> | <u>Residential Users</u> | <u>Nonresidential Users</u> |
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| 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 |

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166 \$750 meter deposit shall apply to metered fire hydrant connections. The deposit will be returned
167 when the meter is returned undamaged. This deposit may be waived upon the recommendation of
168 the Public Works Superintendent.

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

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177 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, this 23rd day of May, 2016.

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CITY OF HOMER

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MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR

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JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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190 Fiscal Note: Revenue amounts defined in CY2016 budget.

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