

CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA
ORDINANCE 95-31(A)

Water & Sewer Rate
Committee
Finance
City Clerk

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 AND SECTION 14.08.100, BULK WATER SALES TO SET INTERIM RATE INCREASES UNTIL A RATE STUDY IS COMPLETED.

WHEREAS, the a Water and Sewer Rate Study Committee was established to review the water and sewer rates and make recommendation; and

WHEREAS, after review of expenditures and revenues the Committee recommends an incremental adjustment upon thorough review; and

WHEREAS, KPMG Peat Marwick conducted a Water and Sewer System Rate Study, the Final Report is dated February 11, 1991, with incremental increase recommended that was never implemented; and

WHEREAS, ~~pursuant to 1994 as a test year the following percentage of rate increase; Sewer at 40.5% which includes depreciation and Water at 8.5%;~~ Council amended the percentages out of the equation, that the \$88,000 deficit in sewer and \$77,000 deficit in water with the same water rate increase applied to bulk water were to be addressed only, by the rate increase and on only the commodity not service; and

WHEREAS, the above amendment equates to a 15.03% increase on Sewer commodity and a 18.48% increase on water and bulk water commodity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rates for water and sewer are interim rate increases and will be in effect until a water and sewer rate study is completed.

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.

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Cost per Thousand Gallons Water Consumed</u>
Restaurants and Bakeries	\$ 6.47 \$9.09
	Increase \$2.62
All other domestic strength discharges	\$ 5.19 \$7.29
	Increase \$2.10
Other nondomestic strength discharges	\$4.91 + \$.00211 mg/1 BOD
	\$6.90 + \$.00296 mg/1 BOD
	Increase: \$1.99 \$.00085
Septage customers	\$134.57 \$189.07
	Increase \$54.50
Restaurants and Bakeries	\$ 7.44
	Increase \$0.97
All other domestic-strength discharges	\$ 5.97
	Increase \$0.78
Other nondomestic-strength discharges	\$5.65 + \$.00241 mg/1 BOD
	Increase: \$0.74 \$.0003
Septage customers	\$154.80
	Increase \$20.23

b. Charges for restaurants and bakeries are computed at a BOD strength of one thousand mg/1; charges for domestic strength dischargers are computed at a BOD strength of two hundred ninety mg/1. If characteristics of restaurants or bakeries would lead to the conclusion that BOD strengths average an amount different than one thousand mg/1, then, after measurement and/or negotiation with the City, a different BOD strength will be used to compute wastewater charges.

c. Sewer System Dischargers Who are not Water System Users. Sewer system dischargers who are not water system users shall be charged at the rate of \$25.95 ~~\$36.46~~ (increase \$10.51) \$ 29.85 (increase \$3.90) per month.

d. 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 ~~\$18.61~~ ~~\$26.15~~ ~~(increase \$7.54)~~ \$21.41 (increase 2.80) per month for each discharger. Kachemak City shall be responsible for payment to the City of Homer.

e. 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. (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, water rate schedule 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

Base service charge per month, meter size in inches.

Meter Size	Residential	Commercial	Public	
			Authority	Spit
Commodity	\$ 2.94	\$ 2.94	\$ 2.94	\$ 2.94
Charge per	\$ 3.19	\$ 3.19	\$ 3.19	\$ 3.19
1,000 gallons:	Increase: \$0.25			

Commodity	<u>\$ 3.48</u>	<u>\$ 3.48</u>	<u>\$ 3.48</u>	<u>\$ 3.48</u>
Charge per				
1,000 gallons:	Increase: \$0.25 <u>\$0.54</u>			

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Service charge per month, meter size in inches:

5/8"	\$ 22.74	\$ 33.55	\$ 38.04	\$ 87.28
Increase amt.	1.93	2.85	3.23	7.42
3/4"	28.48	43.06	52.26	112.58
Increase amt.	2.42	3.66	4.44	9.57
1"	39.95	62.06	57.99	163.19
Increase amt.	3.40	5.28	4.93	13.87
1-1/2"	68.64	109.58	91.24	289.70
Increase amt.	5.83	9.31	7.76	24.62
2"	103.07	166.61	131.14	441.52
Increase amt.	15.60	57.78	41.67	102.00
3"	183.57	679.81	490.23	1,200.00
Increase amt.	15.60	57.78	41.67	102.00
4"	284.32	529.71	490.89	1,500.00
Increase amt.	24.17	45.03	41.73	127.50
6"	517.12	1,016.26	901.13	3,000.00
Increase amt.	43.96	86.38	76.60	255.00
5/8"	\$ 24.67	\$ 36.40	\$ 41.27	\$ 94.70
3/4"	30.90	46.72	56.70	122.15
1"	43.35	67.34	62.92	177.06
1-1/2"	74.47	118.89	99.00	314.32
2"	111.83	180.77	142.29	479.05
3"	199.17	737.59	531.90	1,302.00
4"	308.49	574.74	532.62	1,627.50
6"	561.08	1,102.64	977.73	3,255.00

b. In addition to all other charges, the following fees shall apply: (Ord. 95-7, 1995.)

Service	Fee
Establishing service (includes one-time disconnect)	\$30.00
Service calls, inspections and repairs during normal operating hours not to exceed one hour labor.	\$25.00 per employee plus equipment and materials

Service calls, inspections and repairs during normal operating equipment hours in excess of one hour labor.

Actual labor cost by City plus and materials.

Service calls, inspections and repairs after normal operating hours or on weekends/holidays.

\$50.00 minimum plus equipment and materials or actual cost incurred by City, whichever is greater.

c. The City Manager shall enact and promulgate, with Council approval, all necessary rules and regulations and amendments thereto, which shall govern the sale, service and use of water by the City. Sufficient copies of such rules and regulations shall be filed with the City Clerk for public information purposes.

d. The City Manager shall have printed a sufficient number of copies of the water rate schedule approved and adopted by the City and the copies shall be available for public use upon demand at the office of the City Clerk. (Ord. 91-10(S) § 1,2, 1991; Ord. 90-24(A), 1990.)

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

14.08.100 Bulk water sales. a. A commodity charge of ~~\$2.94~~ ~~\$3.19~~ (increase of ~~\$0.25~~) \$3.48 (increase of \$0.52) per 1,000 gallons of water shall apply to bulk water sales provided by tanker truck or fire hydrant.

b. Bulk water customers without standard service accounts shall pay an additional surcharge of ~~\$1.65~~ ~~\$1.79~~ (Increase of ~~\$0.14~~) per 1,000 gallons of water in order to offset debt service and capital replacement and customer service costs.

c. A \$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.

d. The schedule for service fees set forth at §14.08.080(b)

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shall apply to all bulk water service requests. (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.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 27th day of November, 1995.

CITY OF HOMER


HARRY E. GREGOIRE, MAYOR

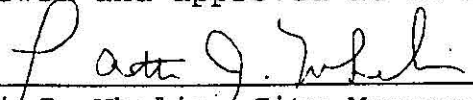
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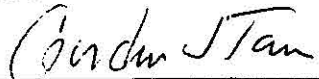

MARY L. CALHOUN, CITY CLERK

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Patti J. Whalin, City Manager
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Date: 14 Dec 95