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**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager/Finance Director

RESOLUTION 18-064

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
AMENDING THE CITY OF HOMER WATER AND SEWER RATES AND
UPDATING THE HOMER FEE SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY.

10 WHEREAS, Water and sewer utility services shall be reviewed annually shall take effect
11 as of January 1, 2019; and
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13 WHEREAS, Based on a the water sewer rate model prepared by the Water Sewer Rate
14 Task Force and adopted by the Homer City Council in Resolution 13-048(S-2)(A-3) adjustments
15 to the rates are recommended and warranted to reflect the true cost of water and sewer
16 services; and
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18 WHEREAS, The cost to the average residential user of water and sewer will range from
19 a 2% decrease to a less than 1% increase based on 2018 usage.
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21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, that the
22 water and sewer fees be maintained at the 2017 rate and the Homer Fee Schedule be updated
23 as follows:
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25 WATER AND SEWER FEES:

26 Public Works - 235-3170

27 City Hall - 235-8121

28 Billing - 235-8121 x2240
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30 (The following fees have been set by the following legislative enactment HCC Title 14, new fees set forth
31 in Resolution 16-063(S-2), Resolution 14-060, Ordinance 13-30(A), Resolution 15-074A-2), 13-048 (S-2)(A-
32 3), Ordinance 11-43, Resolution 11-094(S), Resolution 11-062(A), Resolution 09-47(S)(A), Resolution 09-
33 48(S)(A), Resolution 07-119 (A), Resolution 07-120(A), Ordinance 06-62(A), Resolution 06-04, Resolution
34 05-125, Resolution 05-122, Resolution 05-121(A), Resolution 05-09, Resolution 04-95, Resolution 04-
35 94(S)(A), Resolution 03-159, Resolution 02-80, Resolution 01-80(A), Resolution 00-123, Resolution 00-
36 34, Ordinance 00-02, Ordinance 97-17(A), amending the rates set forth in Ordinance 97-5(S)(A), with
37 amendments by Ordinance 97-7, Ordinance 97-13 and Ordinance 97-14).
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39 A 15% admin. fee for replacement parts for water/sewer services, functions, pressure reducing valves,
40 sewer saddles, any Public Works Department stock item for resale to public.
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42 Establishing service includes a one-time disconnect - \$75

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

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

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

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 52 SEWER FEES:

53 Sewer Connection and Extension Permit Fee

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 55 Single Family \$255
 56 Multi-Family/Commercial \$330

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

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

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

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 70 Commercial - Any user not defined as Residential.

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 72 Sewer Rate Schedule.

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

Rates

Table I

Customer Classification	Sewer	
	Monthly Service	Usage Charge/Gallon
Lift-Station Customer		\$0.0232 \$0.0224
Non-Lift-Station Customer		\$0.0157 \$0.0145
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	\$0.0224/Gal	\$69.60 <u>\$67.20</u>
Non-Lift-Station Customer	\$0.0145/Gal	\$47.10 <u>\$43.50</u>
Monthly Service	\$5.00/customer/mo.	\$5.00 (Kachemak City customers will be exempt from \$5 monthly service fee. Kachemak City will be billed a \$5 monthly service fee to cover all Kachemak City sewer customers.)
Pumping Fee (<i>If Applicable</i>)	\$7.75 <u>\$6.75</u> /customer/mo.	\$7.75 <u>\$6.75</u>
Assumption: Avg. Sewer Usage	3000 Gal/Mo.	

78 Customer classification definitions for determining sewer rates:

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

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

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88 Sewer System Dischargers (Sewer ONLY customers): Customers who use sewer service only shall be
 89 charged a monthly fee of \$5 plus sewer usage fee based on assessed volume of 3,000 gallons per month
 90 multiplied by the applicable sewage rate (see Table II). Kachemak City Local Improvement District (LID)
 91 members have contributed to the initial cost of the sewer treatment plant and the collection system.
 92 For Kachemak City LID dischargers connected within the LID, the City of Homer shall bill Kachemak City
 93 in one single bill at the Lift-Station Zone Rate of \$73.95 (\$67.20 +\$6.75) per month per customer.

94 Kachemak City shall be billed a \$5 monthly service charge to cover all Kachemak City sewer customers
95 and shall be responsible for payment to the City of Homer.

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

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

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107 Seasonal Sewer Meter Fee is \$251.75.

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109 WATER FEES:

110 Water Connection Fee

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112 Single Family \$300

113 Multi-Family/Commercial \$375

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

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

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

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127 Commercial - Any user not defined as Residential.

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129 Water Rate Schedule.

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132 water service and is in addition to any charges for connecting or disconnecting the service, installation
133 of the service or any assessment of the improvements.

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Rates	Water	
	Table III	
Customer Classification	Monthly Service	Usage Charge/Gallon
Lift-Station Customer	\$ 19.00 13.00	\$0.0109 \$0.0132
Non-Lift-Station Customer	\$ 19.00 13.00	\$0.0109 \$0.0132
Multi-units (additional per unit)	\$ 5.00	
Bulk Water	\$ 19.00 13.00	\$0.0149 \$0.0172

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141 Customer classification definitions for determining water rates:

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

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

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

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

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161 Meter Size Deposits.

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<u>Size (inches)</u>	<u>Residential Users</u>	<u>Nonresidential Users</u>
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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164 \$750 meter deposit shall apply to metered fire hydrant connections. The deposit will be returned when
165 the meter is returned undamaged. This deposit may be waived upon the recommendation of the Public
166 Works Superintendent.

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

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175 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this ____ day of _____, 2018.

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CITY OF HOMER

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BRYAN ZAK, MAYOR

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183 ATTEST:

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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189 Fiscal Note: Revenue amounts defined in CY2019 budget.