

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

3 City Manager/Finance Director

4 **RESOLUTION 18-064**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
7 AMENDING THE CITY OF HOMER WATER AND SEWER RATES AND  
8 UPDATING THE HOMER FEE SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY.  
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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 amended and the Homer Fee Schedule be updated as follows:  
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24 WATER AND SEWER FEES:  
25 Public Works - 235-3170  
26 City Hall - 235-8121  
27 Billing - 235-8121 x2240  
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29 (The following fees have been set by the following legislative enactment HCC Title 14, new fees set forth  
30 in Resolution 16-063(S-2), Resolution 14-060, Ordinance 13-30(A), Resolution 15-074A-2), 13-048 (S-2)(A-  
31 3), Ordinance 11-43, Resolution 11-094(S), Resolution 11-062(A), Resolution 09-47(S)(A), Resolution 09-  
32 48(S)(A), Resolution 07-119 (A), Resolution 07-120(A), Ordinance 06-62(A), Resolution 06-04, Resolution  
33 05-125, Resolution 05-122, Resolution 05-121(A), Resolution 05-09, Resolution 04-95, Resolution 04-  
34 94(S)(A), Resolution 03-159, Resolution 02-80, Resolution 01-80(A), Resolution 00-123, Resolution 00-  
35 34, Ordinance 00-02, Ordinance 97-17(A), amending the rates set forth in Ordinance 97-5(S)(A), with  
36 amendments by Ordinance 97-7, Ordinance 97-13 and Ordinance 97-14).  
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38 A 15% admin. fee for replacement parts for water/sewer services, functions, pressure reducing valves,  
39 sewer saddles, any Public Works Department stock item for resale to public.  
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41 Establishing service includes a one-time disconnect - \$75

42 Service calls, inspections, repairs not to exceed one hour - \$25 per employee plus equipment and  
43 materials.  
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45 Service calls, inspections and repairs during normal operating hours in excess of one hour labor: actual  
 46 labor costs by City plus equipment and materials.

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

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 51 **SEWER FEES:**

52 Sewer Connection and Extension Permit Fee

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

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

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

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

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 69 Commercial - Any user not defined as Residential.

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 71 Sewer Rate Schedule.

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 73 All sewer utility services shall be billed according to the following schedule (Table I, II). This schedule  
 74 is for monthly sewer services and is in addition to any charges for connecting or disconnecting the  
 75 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		<del>\$0.0232</del> <b>\$0.0224</b>
Non-Lift-Station Customer		<del>\$0.0157</del> <b>\$0.0145</b>
Multi-units (additional per unit)	\$5.00	N/A

**Rates**

**Table II**

Sewer ONLY Customers	Sewer	
	Fees/Rate/Usage	Per Customer Per Month
Lift-Station Customer	\$0.0224/Gal	<del>\$69.60</del> <b><u>\$67.20</u></b>
Non-Lift-Station Customer	\$0.0145/Gal	<del>\$47.10</del> <b><u>\$43.50</u></b>
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 (If Applicable)	<del>\$7.75</del> <b><u>\$6.75</u></b> /customer/mo.	<del>\$7.75</del> <b><u>\$6.75</u></b>
Assumption: Avg. Sewer Usage	3000 Gal/Mo.	

77 Customer classification definitions for determining sewer rates:

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

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

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

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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.

The City will allow, upon approval by Public Works and a permit from the Public Works 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 noted above do not apply.

Seasonal Sewer Meter Fee is \$251.75.

WATER FEES:

Water Connection Fee

Single Family \$300

Multi-Family/Commercial \$375

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

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

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

Commercial - Any user not defined as Residential.

Water Rate Schedule.

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

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

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Customer classification definitions for determining water rates:

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

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

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

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

Meter Size Deposits.

<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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163 \$750 meter deposit shall apply to metered fire hydrant connections. The deposit will be returned when  
164 the meter is returned undamaged. This deposit may be waived upon the recommendation of the Public  
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167 If a bulk water customer purchases a meter from the City for measuring the quantity of water  
168 purchased, it shall be exempt from the monthly meter service charge. It is the responsibility of the bulk  
169 water customer to maintain that meter so the City can accurately determine the amount of water being  
170 purchased. In the event the meter fails, it is the bulk water customer's responsibility, at its expense, to  
171 repair it or purchase a replacement meter from the City. The City may at any time test the meter for  
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174 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

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CITY OF HOMER

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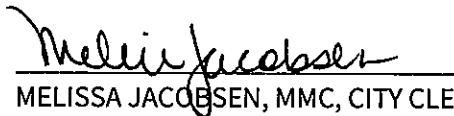
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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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Fiscal Note: Revenue amounts defined in CY2019 budget.

