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**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

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RESOLUTION 19-036(S)

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

WHEREAS, Water and sewer utility services shall be reviewed annually and shall take effect as of the first billing cycle in January; and

~~WHEREAS, Based on a the water sewer rate model prepared by the Water Sewer Rate Task Force and adopted by the Homer City Council in Resolution 13-048(S-2)(A-3) adjustments to the rates are recommended and warranted to reflect the true cost of water and sewer services; and~~

WHEREAS, The Homer City Council reviewed the current rate model and concluded that based on the health of the combined water and sewer reserve balance no rate increases are justified or necessary for 2020; and

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Ordinance 19-09(S) authorizing the enactment of a 4.85% of total charges charged to every water customer outside of City limits in lieu of City of Homer Sales Tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, that the water and sewer fees be amended and the Homer Fee Schedule be updated as follows:

WATER AND SEWER FEES:

Public Works - 235-3170

City Hall - 235-8121

Billing - 235-8121 x 2240

(The following fees have been set by the following legislative enactment HCC Title 14, new fees set forth in **Ordinance 19-09(S)**, 16-063(S-2), Resolution 14-060, Ordinance 13-30(A), Resolution 15-074A-2), 13-048 (S-2)(A-3), Ordinance 11-43, Resolution 11-094(S), Resolution 11-062(A), Resolution 09-47(S)(A), Resolution 09-48(S)(A), Resolution 07-119 (A), Resolution 07-120(A), Ordinance 06-62(A), Resolution 06-04, Resolution 05-125, Resolution 05-122, Resolution 05-121(A), Resolution 05-09, Resolution 04-95, Resolution 04-94(S)(A), Resolution 03-159, Resolution 02-80, Resolution 01-80(A), Resolution 00-123, Resolution 00-34, Ordinance 00-02, Ordinance 97-17(A), amending the rates set forth in Ordinance 97-5(S)(A), with amendments by Ordinance 97-7, Ordinance 97-13 and Ordinance 97-14).

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45 A 15% admin. fee **will be assessed** for replacement parts for water/sewer services, functions,
46 pressure reducing valves, sewer saddles, any Public Works Department stock item for resale to
47 public.

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49 Establishing service includes a one-time disconnect - \$75
50 Service calls, inspections, repairs not to exceed one hour - \$25 per employee plus equipment
51 and materials.

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

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56 Service calls, inspections and repairs after normal operating hours or on weekends/holidays:
57 \$50 minimum plus equipment and materials or actual cost incurred by City, whichever is
58 greater.

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60 WATER FEES:

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62 **A 4.85% of total charges charged to every customer outside of city limits in lieu of city**
63 **sales tax will be applied to those water accounts outside city limits.**

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65 Water Connection Fee
66 Single Family \$300
67 Multi-Family/Commercial \$375

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

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

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

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83 Commercial - Any user not defined as Residential.

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85 Water Rate Schedule.

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

Rates	Table III	
	Water	
Customer Classification	Monthly Service	Usage Charge/Gallon
Lift-Station Customer	\$ 13.00	\$0.0132 -\$0.0142
Non-Lift-Station Customer	\$ 13.00	\$0.0132 -\$0.0142
Multi-units (additional per unit)	\$ 5.00	
Bulk Water	\$ 13.00	\$0.0172 -\$0.0182

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 90 Customer classification definitions for determining water rates:

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

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

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 99 Multi-Units: An additional \$5 monthly charge shall apply to each of the units of a building or lot
 100 occupied by more than one household or commercial entity contained within one building or
 101 several buildings within one complex. Examples of multi-family units include duplexes, four-
 102 plexes and up, apartments, condominiums, co-housing projects, and multiple structures on
 103 one lot (where units are normally rented or occupied for longer than one month at a time).
 104 Examples of units not considered as multi-family include hotels, motels, and B&B's seasonal
 105 rooms/cabins (where units are routinely rented or occupied for less than one month at a time.)
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107 This fee applies to all multi-unit structures defined in the sewer section of this for apartments,
 108 rental units or multi-unit buildings where each unit would have one or more restrooms and are
 109 intended to be rented on a monthly basis where there is only one meter installed, excluding a
 110 rental building restroom used for shared or public use.

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 112 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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115 \$750 meter deposit shall apply to metered fire hydrant connections. The deposit will be
116 returned when the meter is returned undamaged. This deposit may be waived upon the
117 recommendation of the Public Works Superintendent.

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

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126 SEWER FEES:

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128 Sewer Connection and Extension Permit Fee

129 Single Family \$255

130 Multi-Family/Commercial \$330

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

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

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

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146 Commercial - Any user not defined as Residential.

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148 Sewer Rate Schedule.

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

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Table I

Customer Classification	Sewer	
	Monthly Service	Usage Charge/Gallon
<u>Lift-Station Customer</u>		\$0.0224 -\$0.0244
<u>Non-Lift-Station Customer</u>		\$0.0145 -\$0.0166
Multi-units (additional per unit)	\$5.00	N/A

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Table II

Sewer ONLY Customers	Sewer	
	Fees/Rate/Usage	Per Customer Per Month
Lift-Station Customer	\$0.0244 \$0.0224 /Gal	\$67.20 -\$73.20
Non-Lift-Station Customer	\$0.0166 \$0.0145 /Gal	\$43.50 -\$49.80
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)	\$6.25 \$6.75 /customer/mo.	\$6.75 -\$6.25
Assumption: Avg. Sewer Usage	3000 Gal/Mo.	

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Customer classification definitions for determining sewer rates:

Lift Station Zone Customer: There are eleven sewage lift/pump stations that are used for pumping wastewater or sewage from areas with lower elevation than the treatment plant.

159 Customers who are located in these areas shall be charged additional fees for the cost added
160 to the services (see Table I & II).

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

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165 Sewer System Dischargers (Sewer ONLY customers): Customers who use sewer service only
166 shall be charged a monthly fee of \$5 plus sewer usage fee based on assessed volume of 3,000
167 gallons per month multiplied by the applicable sewage rate (see Table II). Kachemak City Local
168 Improvement District (LID) members have contributed to the initial cost of the sewer treatment
169 plant and the collection system. For Kachemak City LID dischargers connected within the LID,
170 the City of Homer shall bill Kachemak City in one single bill at the Lift-Station Zone Rate of
171 ~~\$73.95 (\$67.20 + \$6.75)~~ \$79.45 (~~\$73.20 + \$6.25~~) per month per customer. Kachemak City shall
172 be billed a \$5 monthly service charge to cover all Kachemak City sewer customers and shall be
173 responsible for payment to the City of Homer.

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

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

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185 Seasonal Sewer Meter Fee is \$251.75.


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187 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 10th day of June, 2019.

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CITY OF HOMER



KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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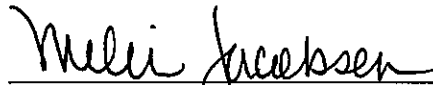
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ATTEST:

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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Fiscal Note: Revenue amounts defined in FY2020 budget.

