

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Mayor

RESOLUTION 16-063(S-2)

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL MAINTAINING THE WATER FEES AT THE 2016 RATE AND AMENDING THE SEWER FEES FOR SEWER ONLY CUSTOMERS AND KACHEMAK CITY CUSTOMERS AND UPDATING THE HOMER FEE SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY.

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

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

WHEREAS, The Homer City Council reviewed the current rate model and recommended amending the sewer fees for sewer only customers and Kachemak City sewer only customers to a sewer usage fee based on assessed volume of 3,000 gallons per month multiplied by the applicable sewage rate (see Table II).

WHEREAS, The Homer City Council recommended removing the \$5 monthly service charge for Kachemak City customers and billing one \$5 monthly service charge to cover all Kachemak City sewer customers, with Kachemak City being responsible for payment to the City of Homer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, that the water fees be maintained at the 2016 rate and the sewer fees for customers and Kachemak City customers 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 x2240

(The following fees have been set by the following legislative enactment HCC Title 14, new fees set forth in Resolution 14-060, Ordinance 13-30(A), Resolution 15-074(A-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),

43 Resolution 07-119 (A), Resolution 07-120(A), Ordinance 06-62(A), Resolution 06-04, Resolution 05-125,
44 Resolution 05-122, Resolution 05-121(A), Resolution 05-09, Resolution 04-95, Resolution 04-94(S)(A),
45 Resolution 03-159, Resolution 02-80, Resolution 01-80(A), Resolution 00-123, Resolution 00-34,
46 Ordinance 00-02, Ordinance 97-17(A), amending the rates set forth in Ordinance 97-5(S)(A), with
47 amendments by Ordinance 97-7, Ordinance 97-13 and Ordinance 97-14).

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

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

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

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

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62 SEWER FEES:

63 Sewer Connection and Extension Permit Fee

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65 Single Family \$255
66 Multi-Family/Commercial \$330

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

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

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

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80 Commercial – Any user not defined as Residential.

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82 Sewer Rate Schedule.

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84 All sewer utility services shall be billed according to the following schedule (Table I, II). This schedule
 85 is for monthly sewer services and is in addition to any charges for connecting or disconnecting the
 86 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	\$69.60
Non-Lift-Station Customer	\$0.0157/Gal	\$54.95
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)	\$7.75/customer/mo.	\$7.75
Assumption: Avg. Sewer Usage	3000 Gal/Mo.	

91 Customer classification definitions for determining sewer rates:

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

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

100 Sewer System Dischargers (Sewer ONLY customers): Customers who use sewer service only shall be
101 charged a monthly fee of \$5 plus sewer usage fee based on assessed volume of 3,000 gallons per
102 month multiplied by the applicable sewage rate (see Table II). Kachemak City Local Improvement
103 District (LID) members have contributed to the initial cost of the sewer treatment plant and the
104 collection system. For Kachemak City LID dischargers connected within the LID, the City of Homer
105 shall bill Kachemak City in one single bill at the Lift-Station Zone Rate of \$77.35 (69.60+\$7.75) per
106 month per customer. Kachemak City shall be billed a \$5 monthly service charge to cover all Kachemak
107 City sewer customers and shall be responsible for payment to the City of Homer.

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

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

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119 Seasonal Sewer Meter Fee is \$251.75.

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121 WATER FEES:
122 Water Connection Fee

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124 Single Family \$300
125 Multi-Family/Commercial \$375

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

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

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

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139 Commercial - Any user not defined as Residential.

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141 Water Rate Schedule.

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

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Rates	Water	
	Monthly Service	Table III Usage Charge/Gallon
Customer Classification		
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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148 Customer classification definitions for determining water rates:

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

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

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

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

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168 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

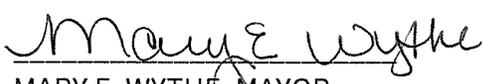
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171 \$750 meter deposit shall apply to metered fire hydrant connections. The deposit will be returned
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173 the Public Works Superintendent.

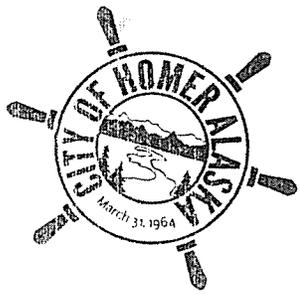
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175 If a bulk water customer purchases a meter from the City for measuring the quantity of water
176 purchased, it shall be exempt from the monthly meter service charge. It is the responsibility of the
177 bulk water customer to maintain that meter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

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182 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, this 27 day of
183 June, 2016.

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185 CITY OF HOMER

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189 MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR



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Melissa Jacobsen, Acting City Clerk

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JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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Fiscal Note: Reducing the per gallon multiplier from 3,500 to 3,000 for all sewer only

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customers results in \$18,514 less for sewer revenue. Dropping the \$5 service charge for

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Kachemak City sewer customers results in \$6,720 less revenue (currently there are 113

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Kachemak City customers and approximately 20 other sewer only customers in City limits).