

ORDINANCE NO. 15-3855

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 14-3832 UPDATING WATER AND SEWER
RATES.

WHEREAS, the City operates utilities for the provision of water and sewer services and has set rates and fees to fund the costs of these services; and

WHEREAS, the regular review and adjustment of rates and fees are necessary to maintain the fiscal sustainability of the sewer and water utilities, and the City commissioned a study to provide rate adjustment recommendations for the utilities; and

WHEREAS, the rate study conducted by FCS Group and presented to the City Council on July 15, 2014 recommended adjustments to water and sewer rates and capital recovery fees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council accepts the recommendations of the rate study to adjust rates and fees in amounts necessary to fund the operations and capital improvements of the utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to review the financial condition of the water and sewer utilities no later than November 30th of each year to consider potential adjustments to the rates established within this ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO DO
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Ordinance No. 14-3832 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

1. Water Rates for All Residential and Commercial Users within the Corporate Limits:

BI-MONTHLY CHARGES:

		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	3/4" & 5/8"	\$22.64	\$23.09	\$24.82	\$26.68	\$28.68
	1"	\$46.78	\$47.72	\$51.30	\$55.15	\$59.29
	1.5"	\$87.61	\$89.36	\$96.06	\$103.26	\$111.00
	2"	\$136.16	\$138.88	\$149.30	\$160.50	\$172.54
	3"	\$265.90	\$271.22	\$291.56	\$313.43	\$336.94
	4"	\$412.24	\$420.48	\$452.02	\$485.92	\$522.36
	6"	\$1,305.76	\$1,331.88	\$1,431.77	\$1,539.15	\$1,654.59
	8"	\$1,815.11	\$1,851.41	\$1,990.27	\$2,139.54	\$2,300.01
	10"	\$2,609.19	\$2,661.37	\$2,860.97	\$3,075.54	\$3,306.21

In addition to the fixed charge set forth above, each residential and commercial water customer of the utility shall pay an additional sum for every 100 cubic feet of water consumed.

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
\$ 3.33	\$ 3.40	\$ 3.66	\$ 3.93	\$ 4.22

2. Water Rates for all Industrial Users within the Corporate Limits:

BI-MONTHLY CHARGES

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Meter Size (Inches)					
2"	\$3,630.93	\$3,703.55	\$3,981.32	\$4,279.92	\$4,600.91
3"	\$7,263.62	\$7,408.89	\$7,964.56	\$8,561.90	\$9,204.04
4"	\$11,351.91	\$11,578.95	\$12,447.37	\$13,380.92	\$14,384.49
6"	\$22,719.68	\$23,174.07	\$24,912.13	\$26,780.54	\$28,789.08
8"	\$36,318.01	\$37,044.37	\$39,822.70	\$42,809.40	\$46,020.11
10"	\$52,203.28	\$53,247.35	\$57,240.90	\$61,533.97	\$66,149.02

In addition to the fixed charge above, each industrial water customer of the utility shall pay an additional sum for every 100 cubic feet of water consumed.

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
\$ 2.27	\$ 2.32	\$ 2.49	\$ 2.68	\$ 2.88

Customers must consume a minimum of 25,000 cubic feet per day of water to qualify as an industrial user.

3. Youth Athletic Leagues:

Water consumed for irrigation purposes by youth athletic leagues utilizing a current Facility Use Agreement shall be charged at twenty-five percent (25%) of the rates set forth in this Ordinance. In order to qualify for this reduced rate, the youth athletic league facilities must be the account customer and must be metered to determine actual usage. Penalties, turn on charges, and other related charges shall be billed at one hundred percent (100%) of the amounts as set forth in the Master Fee Schedule.

4. Private Fire System Connections (including sprinklers) shall be as follows:

“Connection” shall mean individual line size (not size of water appurtenance).

BI-MONTHLY CHARGES

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Line Size (Inches)					
1"	\$3.49	\$3.56	\$3.83	\$4.12	\$4.43
2"	\$13.97	\$14.25	\$15.32	\$16.47	\$17.71

3"	\$31.43	\$32.06	\$34.46	\$37.04	\$39.82
4"	\$55.87	\$56.99	\$61.26	\$65.85	\$70.79
6"	\$111.63	\$113.86	\$122.40	\$131.58	\$141.45
8"	\$192.10	\$195.94	\$210.64	\$226.44	\$243.42
10"	\$267.18	\$272.52	\$292.96	\$314.93	\$338.55

These charges also apply to references regarding fire services, fire standby fees, and fire monthly service charge.

5. Service Outside City Limits:

The normal rates for water and sewer service to individual accounts located outside the City boundaries shall be 1.5 times the in-City rate.

6. Wholesale or Bulk Rates:

Water rates charged for wholesale or bulk use purposes shall be at a rate for every 100 cubic feet of water delivered as follows:

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
\$ 3.33	\$ 3.40	\$ 3.66	\$ 3.93	\$ 4.22

A Fire Hydrant Use Permit is required to obtain water from hydrants connected to the City of Kelso water supply. The permit shall be on site at any time water is to be withdrawn from the hydrant and shall be subject to examination on request of employees of the City. The Public Works Director or his/her designee shall have the authority to limit the amount of water used, or temporarily suspend hydrant meter service, in order to maintain system capacity and continuity of service to customers. Permit fees and use deposits will be assessed as set forth in the Master Fee Schedule.

7. Sewer Rates for All Residential and Commercial Users within the Corporate Limits

BI-MONTHLY CHARGES

SERVICE TYPE

A. Residential standby only (use less than 200 cf/ Bi-monthly)

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
\$ 17.93	\$ 19.19	\$ 20.53	\$ 21.97	\$ 23.51

B. All other residential dwellings

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
\$ 111.14	\$ 114.47	\$ 116.76	\$ 119.10	\$ 121.48

C. (1) All Commercial Users

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
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(2) In addition, all commercial users consuming a quantity of water greater than 1100 cubic feet per Bi-month shall be charged for every 100 cubic feet of water consumed in excess of 1100 cubic feet per Bi-month.

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
\$ 6.75	\$ 6.82	\$ 6.87	\$ 6.92	\$ 6.97

8. Sewer Rates for All industrial Users within the Corporate Limits:

All industrial customers shall pay the following sewer rates based on water consumption:

BI-MONTHLY FIXED CHARGE

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
\$ 194.19	\$ 379.76	\$ 565.33	\$ 750.90	\$ 936.74

VOLUME CHARGE

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
\$ 3.50	\$ 3.71	\$ 3.93	\$ 4.16	\$ 4.41

Customer must consume a minimum of 25,000 cubic feet per day of water to qualify as an industrial customer.

9. Treatment of “High Strength Waste” – Surcharge:

In the event that “high strength waste” is accepted for treatment by the Facilities, a surcharge shall be imposed and paid to the TRRWA in addition to any other charges for sewage treatment as follows:

BOD:	\$ 0.40 per pound
Suspended Solids (SS):	\$ 0.55 per pound

Such surcharge shall be assessed to “high strength waste” which is hereby defined to be waste that is in excess of a baseline concentration of 250 mg/l.

Such surcharge shall be calculated as follows:

BOD: (concentration [mg/l] – 250 mg/l) x 8.34 x flow (mgd) x \$0.40
 SS: (concentration [mg/l] – 250 mg/l) x 8.34 x flow (mgd) x \$0.55

10. Miscellaneous

A. Irrigation meter: Standard bi-monthly water use rates as listed in this ordinance shall apply.

11. Capital Recovery Fees – Water Connections:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Meter Size (In Inches)					
3/4" & 5/8"	\$ 2,644.00	\$ 2,930.00	\$ 3,217.00	\$ 3,504.00	\$ 3,791.00
1"	\$ 6,610.00	\$ 7,325.00	\$ 8,042.50	\$ 8,760.00	\$ 9,477.50
1.5"	\$ 13,220.00	\$ 14,650.00	\$ 16,085.00	\$ 17,520.00	\$ 18,955.00
2"	\$ 21,152.00	\$ 23,440.00	\$ 25,736.00	\$ 28,032.00	\$ 30,328.00
3"	\$ 42,304.00	\$ 46,880.00	\$ 51,472.00	\$ 56,064.00	\$ 60,656.00
4"	\$ 66,100.00	\$ 73,250.00	\$ 80,425.00	\$ 87,600.00	\$ 94,775.00
6"	\$ 132,200.00	\$ 146,500.00	\$ 160,850.00	\$ 175,200.00	\$ 189,550.00
8"	\$ 211,520.00	\$ 234,400.00	\$ 257,360.00	\$ 280,320.00	\$ 303,280.00
10"	\$ 304,060.00	\$ 336,950.00	\$ 369,955.00	\$ 402,960.00	\$ 435,965.00

12. Capital Recovery Fees – Sewer Connections:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Meter Size (In Inches)					
3/4" & 5/8"	\$ 1,721.00	\$ 1,721.00	\$ 1,721.00	\$ 1,721.00	\$ 1,721.00
1"	\$ 4,302.00	\$ 4,302.00	\$ 4,302.00	\$ 4,302.00	\$ 4,302.00
1.5"	\$ 8,605.00	\$ 8,605.00	\$ 8,605.00	\$ 8,605.00	\$ 8,605.00
2"	\$ 13,768.00	\$ 13,768.00	\$ 13,768.00	\$ 13,768.00	\$ 13,768.00
3"	\$ 27,536.00	\$ 27,536.00	\$ 27,536.00	\$ 27,536.00	\$ 27,536.00
4"	\$ 43,025.00	\$ 43,025.00	\$ 43,025.00	\$ 43,025.00	\$ 43,025.00
6"	\$ 86,050.00	\$ 86,050.00	\$ 86,050.00	\$ 86,050.00	\$ 86,050.00
8"	\$ 137,680.00	\$ 137,680.00	\$ 137,680.00	\$ 137,680.00	\$ 137,680.00
10"	\$ 197,915.00	\$ 197,915.00	\$ 197,915.00	\$ 197,915.00	\$ 197,915.00

In addition to all “hook-up” charges, sanitary sewer service charges and other existing charge and fees imposed by a member entity or by the TRRWA, a System Development Charge (SDC) for waste water treatment in the sum of \$1,957.00 will be charged for each new Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) hereafter connected to the facilities of the TRRWA through the sanitary sewer lines of the member entities in accordance with the following conversion tables:

RESIDENTIAL

COMMERCIAL

INDUSTRIAL

<u>Dwelling</u>	<u>ERU's per Dwelling Unit</u>	<u>Water Meter Size (Inches)</u>	<u>ERU's Per Meter</u>	
Single family	1.00	5/8	1.00	1 ERU per each
Duplex, 3 or 4-plex	0.86	3/4	1.50	300 gallons /day flow
Apartment (5 or more)	0.67	1	2.50	

1.5	5.00
2	8.00
3	16.00
4	25.00
6	50.00
8	80.00

13. Senior Citizens Reduction:

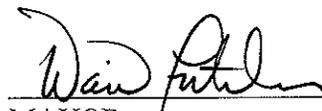
Senior Citizens occupying residential dwellings shall be eligible for a reduction of the water/sewer portion of their utility bill of four dollars (\$4.00) per billing period, provided they apply and are qualified for such a reduction pursuant to the authority contained in RCW 74.38.070 as a low-income senior citizen. Further, for purposes of implementing this section, the rate reduction will be applied at \$2.00 for water service and \$2.00 for sewer service per billing period. Those customers receiving either water service or sewer service will only receive a \$2.00 reduction per billing period.

For purposes of implementing this section, "low-income senior citizen" means a person who is sixty-one (61) years of age or older and whose total income, including that of his or her spouse or co-tenant, does not exceed the amount specified in RCW 84.36.381(5) as it now exists or is hereafter amended. Further, for purposes of implementing this section, the definitions of "combined disposable income," "disposable income" and "co-tenant" shall be as defined in RCW 84.36.383(5), (6), and (7), as they now exist or are hereafter amended.

SECTION 2. Beginning in the year 2015, the rates and fees established within Section 1 of this ordinance shall be annually reviewed by the City Council no later than November 30th of each year this ordinance to evaluate the effectiveness of the rate structure and determine if adjustments to the ordinance are necessary.

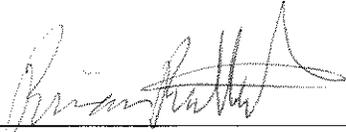
SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect forty-three days after its passage and publication of summary as required by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor this 17th day of November, 2015.



 MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATION:



CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY

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