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## **AGENDA MEMO**

Needs Legal Review: Yes  
Council Meeting Date: December 19, 2018  
Agenda Item: Proposed Ordinance 2018-12-1034, Amending WSMC 13.16.025  
Revising Water Monthly Fees  
Presented By: Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer

### **ACTION REQUIRED:**

Approval of Ordinance 2018-12-1034, Amending WSMC 13.16.025 Revising Water Monthly Fees.

### **PROPOSED MOTION:**

Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-12-1034, Amending WSMC 13.16.025 Revising Water Monthly Fees, Repealing Section and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date.

### **Why is it a legislative issue:**

City Council approves all ordinances.

### **Explanation of issue:**

The City's water rate code (WSMC 13.16.025) provides for Miscellaneous Services Charges (see page 4 of ordinance). The current rate for a "Service Call Fee" is \$20.00 (in city limits) and \$28.00 (outside city limits) with a \$40 additional fee for service calls that are called in after working hours. These costs do not cover the average public works employee salary and benefits. Public Works employees are paid a minimum of 2 hours overtime for every callout after working hours. Most of these service calls are related to water shutoffs.

Staff is proposed that the "Service Call Fee" be increased to \$40 for inside city limits and \$56 for outside city limits and that the after working hours additional fee is increased to \$100.

### **Budget:**

No immediate budget impact. The proposed increases in rates will have minimum impact on the city water revenues.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance 2018-12-1034, Amending WSMC 13.16.025 Revising Water Monthly Fees.

**CITY OF WHITE SALMON  
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-12-1034**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WA, AMENDING WHITE  
SALMON MUNICIPAL CODE 13.16.025 REVISING WATER MONTHLY FEES,  
REPEALING SECTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the current rate schedule for hookup charges, including impact fees, connection fees, and installation costs, does not reflect the current costs and should be increase according to the City Public Works Director's report pertaining to these charges; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: by the City Council of the City of White Salmon that the following amendments be made to White Salmon Municipal Code Chapter 13.16:

**SECTION 1 – Amendment to WSMC 13.16.025**

Section 13.16.025 is hereby amended to read:

Key: Underlined = added language  
~~Strikethrough~~ = deleted language

**13.26.025 Monthly water fees.**

The following monthly water fees apply to water users as listed below. As it is used herein the term "water users" shall mean anyone having paid a connection fee, regardless of whether water is being used. All charges follow the meter regardless of who owns the property being served. Billing for new customers shall begin the month following payment of the connection fee.

**A. Residential Monthly Fees.**

Basic Rate:

<b>Residential</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>WRAF* Surcharge</b>
Inside	38.98	39.61	40.60	41.52	42.53	\$6.25
Outside	57.39	58.30	58.76	61.14	62.60	\$6.25

\*Water Rights Acquisition Fund

Water use:

In addition to the Basic Rate, water users will be charged for water use per one thousand gallons or part thereof according to the following schedule:

<b>Residential</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Tier Block 1-5,000 gallons	1.09	1.11	1.14	1.16	1.19
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier Block 5,001-15,000 gallons	2.76	2.80	2.87	2.94	3.01
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tier Block 15,001 + gallons	3.69	3.75	3.84	3.93	4.03

**B. Residential with ADU Monthly Fees.**

Basic Rate:

<b>Residential</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>WRAF* Surcharge</b>
Inside	50.68	51.49	52.78	53.99	55.29	\$6.25
Outside	74.61	75.79	76.69	79.48	81.38	\$6.25

\*Water Rights Acquisition Fund

Water use: In addition to the Basic Rate, water users will be charged for water use per one thousand gallons or part thereof according to the following schedule:

<b>Residential</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Tier Block 1-5,000 gallons	1.09	1.11	1.14	1.16	1.19
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier Block 5,001-15,000 gallons	2.76	2.80	2.87	2.94	3.01
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tier Block 15,001 + gallons	3.69	3.75	3.84	3.93	4.03

C. Commercial and Irrigation Water Users.

Basic Rate (according to meter size):

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>WRAF* Surcharge</b>
5/8-inch Inside	38.98	39.61	40.60	41.53	42.53	\$6.25
5/8-inch Outside	57.39	58.30	58.76	61.14	62.60	\$6.25
1-inch Inside	73.94	75.12	77.00	78.77	80.66	\$7.50
1-inch Outside	106.69	108.40	111.11	113.66	116.39	\$7.50
1.5-inch Inside	175.62	178.43	182.85	187.09	191.58	\$7.50
1.5-inch Outside	249.20	253.19	259.51	265.48	271.86	\$7.50
2-inch Inside	318.20	323.31	331.39	339.01	347.16	\$8.00
2-inch Outside	449.00	456.09	467.59	478.35	489.83	\$8.00
4-inch Inside	1,275.09	1,295.49	1,327.88	1,358.42	1,391.02	\$30.00
4-inch Outside	1,794.15	1,827.94	1,873.64	1,916.73	1,962.73	\$30.00

\*Water Rights Acquisition Fund

Water use:

In addition to the Basic Rate, water users will be charged for water use per one thousand gallons or part thereof according to the following schedule:

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Tier Block</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
5/8 – 3/4 inch	0 – 5,000 gallons	1.09	1.11	1.14	1.16	1.19
5/8 – 3/4 inch	5,001 – 15,000 gallons	2.76	2.80	2.87	2.94	3.01
5/8 – 3/4 inch	15,001+ gallons	3.69	3.75	3.84	3.93	4.03
1 inch	0 – 10,000 gallons	1.09	1.11	1.14	1.16	1.19
1 inch	10,001 – 25,000 gallons	2.76	2.80	2.87	2.94	3.01
1 inch	25,001+ gallons	3.69	3.75	3.84	3.93	4.03
1.5 inch	0 – 12,000 gallons	1.09	1.11	1.14	1.16	1.19
1.5 inch	12,001 – 40,000 gallons	2.76	2.80	2.87	2.94	3.01
1.5 inch	40,001+ gallons	3.69	3.75	3.84	3.93	4.03
2 inch	0 – 40,000 gallons	1.09	1.11	1.14	1.16	1.19
2 inch	40,001 – 100,000 gallons	2.76	2.80	2.87	2.94	3.01
2 inch	100,001+ gallons	3.69	3.75	3.84	3.93	4.03
3 inch	0 – 48,000 gallons	1.09	1.11	1.14	1.16	1.19
3 inch	48,001 – 160,000 gallons	2.76	2.80	2.87	2.94	3.01
3 inch	160,001+ gallons	3.69	3.75	3.84	3.93	4.03
4 inch	0 – 85,000 gallons	1.09	1.11	1.14	1.16	1.19
4 inch	85,001 – 280,000 gallons	2.76	2.80	2.87	2.94	3.01
4 inch	280,001+ gallons	3.69	3.75	3.84	3.93	4.03
6 inch	0 – 192,000 gallons	1.09	1.11	1.14	1.16	1.19

<u>6 inch</u>	<u>192,001 – 640,000</u> <u>gallons</u>	<u>2.76</u>	<u>2.80</u>	<u>2.87</u>	<u>2.94</u>	<u>3.01</u>
<u>6 inch</u>	<u>640,001+ gallons</u>	<u>3.69</u>	<u>3.75</u>	<u>3.84</u>	<u>3.93</u>	<u>4.03</u>

D. Private Fire Service.

All customers connected to a water line for private fire services will be charged the monthly commercial Basic Rate in addition to regular commercial use rates.

Customer Class	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
4-inch Inside	15.79	16.04	16.44	16.82	17.23
4-inch Outside	23.24	23.61	24.21	24.76	25.36

E. All rates shall be subject to an automatic annual rate of three percent (3%), beginning January 1, 2023, unless modified by City Council prior to the adjustment date.

F. The owner or operator of each multiple residential facility shall pay the applicable base monthly Residential Basic Rate, based on location (inside or outside city) and classification (apartments and multi-plexes versus ADU's), times the number of units, plus water usage charges for residential users.

G. Combination residential/commercial users shall be charged at the following rate, whichever is greater:

1. The monthly Residential Basic Rate based on location (inside or outside city) and classification (apartments and multi-plexes versus ADU's), times the number of units, plus water usage charges applicable to residential users, or
2. The monthly Commercial and Irrigation Water User Basic based upon the location (inside or outside city) and meter size, plus water usage charges applicable to commercial or irrigation water users.

H. Miscellaneous Services Charges.

Charge Description	In City	Outside City
Service Call Fee	<del>\$20.00</del> <u>\$40.00*</u>	<del>\$28.00</del> <u>\$56.00*</u>
Shut-off for Non-payment	\$40.00*	\$46.00*
New Account Fee	\$25.00	\$33.00
Late Charge-Delinquent Fee	\$10.00	\$10.00

\*After Working Hours additional ~~\$40.00~~ \$100.00

No later charge or delinquent fee shall be charged against any municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state.

- I. Date of Imposition of Monthly Fee. Monthly water fees shall be charged from the date of meter installation and shall continue until the meter is removed.
- J. Credit for monthly water fees for irrigation users during period of low water usage.
  - 1. The clerk-treasurer may grant an irrigation water user a credit against future monthly water fees if the irrigation user affirmatively established each of the following conditions to the satisfaction of the clerk-treasurer:
    - a. During any period of at least three months but not more than six months, the average monthly water use per irrigation meter was less than one thousand gallons; and
    - b. The application for credit is submitted to the clerk-treasurer within thirty days after the first month of the period for which the credit is requested.
  - 2. The credit shall be the difference between the applicable monthly water fee and the lowest monthly water fee for irrigation users then in effect, based upon the user's location (in city or outside city).
  - 3. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require any refund of monthly water fees by the city to any water user.
  - 4. No credit shall be granted unless monthly water fees for the period claimed have been paid on or before the date due.
  - 5. Credits authorized under this section shall apply only to irrigation water used after November 1, 1996.
  - 6. Only one credit per period of not more than six months shall be granted per irrigation water user per year.
  - 7. Prior to processing a request for credit under this section, the clerk-treasurer shall collect an administrative fee of ten dollars per application for credit.

## **SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, sentence, or phrase of this Chapter is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence or phrase of this Chapter.

## **SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance shall become effective following passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED in regular session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018

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David Poucher, Mayor

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Jan Brending, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

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Kenneth B. Woodrich, City Attorney