

**CITY OF WHITE SALMON
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11-1115**

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 city council has reviewed the current rate schedule for monthly water fees and has determined that an increase in the rates is necessary to meet the operations and maintenance, debt service and capital reserve requirements; 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 13.16.025:

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:

Residential	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	WRAF* Surcharge
Inside	<u>38.98</u>	39.61	40.60	41.52	44.66	\$6.25
Outside	<u>57.39</u>	58.30	58.76	61.14	65.73	\$6.25

<u>Residential</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>WRAF* Surcharge</u>
<u>Inside</u>	<u>49.13</u>	<u>53.06</u>	<u>57.30</u>	<u>61.88</u>	<u>66.84</u>	<u>\$6.25</u>
<u>Outside</u>	<u>72.30</u>	<u>78.09</u>	<u>84.33</u>	<u>91.08</u>	<u>98.37</u>	<u>\$6.25</u>

*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:

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

Residential	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
1st Tier Block 1-5,000 gallons	1.31	1.41	1.53	1.65	1.78
2nd Tier Block 5,001-15,000 gallons	3.31	3.58	3.86	4.17	4.50
3rd Tier Block 15,001 + gallons	4.43	4.79	5.17	5.58	6.03

B. Residential with ADU Monthly Fees:

Basic Rate:

Residential	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	WRAF* Surcharge
Inside	50.68	51.49	52.78	53.99	58.05	\$6.25
Outside	74.61	75.79	76.69	79.48	85.45	\$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:

Residential	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1st Tier Block 1-5,000 gallons	1.09	1.11	1.14	1.16	1.19
2nd Tier Block 5,001-15,000 gallons	2.76	2.80	2.87	2.94	3.01

3rd Tier Block 15,001 + gallons	3.69	3.75	3.84	3.93	4.03
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€B. Commercial and Irrigation Water Users.

Basic Rate (according to meter size):

Customer Class	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	WRAF* Surcharge
5/8-inch Inside	38.98	39.61	40.60	41.53	44.66	\$6.25
5/8-inch Outside	57.39	58.30	58.76	61.14	65.73	\$6.25
1-inch Inside	73.94	75.12	77.00	78.77	84.69	\$7.50
1-inch Outside	106.69	108.40	111.11	113.66	122.21	\$7.50
1.5-inch Inside	175.62	178.43	182.85	187.09	201.16	\$7.50
1.5-inch Outside	249.20	253.19	259.51	265.48	285.45	\$7.50
2-inch Inside	318.20	323.31	331.39	339.01	364.52	\$8.00
2-inch Outside	449.00	456.09	467.59	478.35	514.32	\$8.00
4-inch Inside	1,275.09	1,295.49	1,327.88	1,358.42	1,460.57	\$30.00
4-inch Outside	1,794.15	1,827.94	1,873.64	1,916.73	2,060.87	\$30.00

Customer Class	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	WRAF* Surcharge
5/8-inch Inside	49.13	53.06	57.30	61.88	66.84	\$6.25
5/8-inch Outside	72.30	78.09	84.33	91.08	98.37	\$6.25
1-inch Inside	93.16	100.61	108.66	117.35	126.74	\$7.50
1-inch Outside	134.43	145.19	156.80	169.34	182.89	\$7.50
1.5-inch Inside	221.28	238.98	258.10	278.74	301.04	\$7.50
1.5-inch Outside	314.00	339.11	366.24	395.54	427.19	\$7.50
2-inch Inside	400.97	433.05	467.69	505.11	545.52	\$8.00
2-inch Outside	565.75	611.01	659.89	712.68	769.70	\$8.00
4-inch Inside	1606.63	1735.16	1873.97	2023.89	2185.80	\$30.00
4-inch Outside	2266.96	2448.31	2644.18	2855.71	3084.17	\$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:

Meter Size	Tier Block	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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
6 inch	192,001 – 640,000 gallons	2.76	2.80	2.87	2.94	3.01
6 inch	640,001+ gallons	3.69	3.75	3.84	3.93	4.03

Meter Size	Tier Block	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
5/8 – 3/4 inch	0 – 5,000 gallons	1.31	1.41	1.53	1.65	1.78
5/8 – 3/4 inch	5,001 – 15,000 gallons	3.31	3.58	3.86	4.17	4.50
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3 inch	0 – 48,000 gallons	1.31	1.41	1.53	1.65	1.78
3 inch	48,001 – 160,000	3.31	3.58	3.86	4.17	4.50

	<u>gallons</u>					
<u>3 inch</u>	<u>160,001+ gallons</u>	<u>4.43</u>	<u>4.79</u>	<u>5.17</u>	<u>5.58</u>	<u>6.03</u>
<u>4 inch</u>	<u>0 – 85,000 gallons</u>	<u>1.31</u>	<u>1.41</u>	<u>1.53</u>	<u>1.65</u>	<u>1.78</u>
<u>4 inch</u>	<u>85,001 – 280,000 gallons</u>	<u>3.31</u>	<u>3.58</u>	<u>3.86</u>	<u>4.17</u>	<u>4.50</u>
<u>4 inch</u>	<u>280,001+ gallons</u>	<u>4.43</u>	<u>4.79</u>	<u>5.17</u>	<u>5.58</u>	<u>6.03</u>
<u>6 inch</u>	<u>0 – 192,000 gallons</u>	<u>1.31</u>	<u>1.41</u>	<u>1.53</u>	<u>1.65</u>	<u>1.78</u>
<u>6 inch</u>	<u>192,001 – 640,000 gallons</u>	<u>3.31</u>	<u>3.58</u>	<u>3.86</u>	<u>4.17</u>	<u>4.50</u>
<u>6 inch</u>	<u>640,001+ gallons</u>	<u>4.43</u>	<u>4.79</u>	<u>5.17</u>	<u>5.58</u>	<u>6.03</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.

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

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>4-inch Inside</u>	<u>18.95</u>	<u>20.47</u>	<u>22.11</u>	<u>23.88</u>	<u>25.79</u>
<u>4-inch Outside</u>	<u>27.90</u>	<u>30.13</u>	<u>32.54</u>	<u>35.14</u>	<u>37.95</u>

E. All rates shall be subject to an automatic annual rate of ~~three~~ **five** percent (~~35~~**5**%), beginning January 1, 202~~38~~**3**, unless modified by City Council prior to the adjustment date.

F. **Residential properties with more than one residential unit (e.g. apartments, multi-plexes, homes with accessory dwelling units) will be charged the applicable monthly Residential Basic Rate times the number of residential units. The owner or operator of each multiple residential facility shall pay the applicable 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 **residential** 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	\$40.00*	\$56.00*
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 \$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 January 1, 2023.

PASSED in regular session this 16th day of November, 2022.

Marla Keethler, Mayor

Stephanie Porter, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Kenneth B. Woodrich, City Attorney