

CITY OF WHITE SALMON

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-12-931

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WA, REPEALING WSMC 13.16.030, AMENDING CHAPTER 13.16.025 AND 13.16.055 OF THE WHITE SALMON MUNICIPAL CODE, ADJUSTING BASIC RATES AND ENFORCEMENT OF CHARGES, DELETING OBSOLETE SECTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, WSMC Ch.13.16 establishes water and sewer rates for users of White Salmon public utilities both inside and outside city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City has incurred additional costs maintaining and improving the systems and incurred long-term financial obligations acquiring water rights for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City held a public hearing on November 20, 2013 to discuss amendments to WSMC 13.16.025 and .055;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of White Salmon deems it to be in the best interest of the City that utility customers outside the city limits be charged rates different from those customers inside the city limits;

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SECTION 1 – Section 13.16.030 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2 – Amendment to WSMC 13.16.025

[added provisions underlined; deleted provisions ~~stricken~~]

Section 13.16.025 is hereby amended to read:

13.16.025 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 and with a water meter installed, regardless of whether water is being used. All charges follow the meter regardless of who owns the property being served:

A. Residential monthly Fees.

Basic Rate:

Meter Size	Inside City	Outside City	WRAF Surcharge
3/4" Meter	\$ 39.00 <u>34.72</u>	\$ 48.75 <u>51.11</u>	\$ 0.78 <u>6.25</u>

5/8" Meter \$ ~~39.00~~ 34.72 \$ ~~48.75~~ 51.11 \$ ~~0.78~~ 6.25

Water use:

In addition to the meter charge, water users will be charged for water use per 1,000 gallons or part thereof according to the following schedule:

0-3,000 gallons	\$	1.00
3,001-10,000 gallons	\$	2.00
Over 10,000 gallons	\$	3.00

B. Commercial and Irrigation Water Users.

Basic Rate:

Meter Size	Inside City	Outside City	WRAF* Surcharge
1" Meter	\$ 69.33 <u>65.84</u>	\$ 86.66 <u>94.98</u>	\$ 1.39 <u>7.50</u>
1 1/2" Meter	\$ 156.00 <u>156.39</u>	\$ 195.00 <u>221.95</u>	\$ 3.12 <u>7.50</u>
2" Meter	\$ 277.33 <u>283.37</u>	\$ 346.66 <u>399.92</u>	\$ 5.55 <u>8.00</u>
3" Meter	\$ 624.00 <u>635.57</u>	\$ 780.00 <u>897.80</u>	\$ 12.48 <u>20.00</u>
4" Meter	\$ 1,109.33 <u>1,135.47</u>	\$ 1,386.66 <u>1,601.66</u>	\$ 22.19 <u>30.00</u>
6" Meter	\$ 2,496.00 <u>2,657.30</u>	\$ 3,120.00 <u>3,616.22</u>	\$ 49.92 <u>55.00</u>
8" Meter	\$ 3,327.00 <u>3,420.35</u>	\$ 4,158.75 <u>4,818.49</u>	\$ 66.54 <u>75.00</u>
10" Meter	\$ 5,269.00 <u>5,410.61</u>	\$ 6,586.25 <u>7,624.85</u>	\$ 105.38 <u>125.00</u>

* Water Rights Acquisition Fund

Water use:

In addition to the basic rate, water users will be charged for water use per 1,000 gallons or part thereof according to the following schedule:

1" Meter	0-6,000 gallons	\$	1.00
	6,001-20,000 gallons	\$	2.00
	Over 20,000 gallons	\$	3.00
1 1/2" Meter	0-12,000 gallons	\$	1.00
	12,001-40,000 gallons	\$	2.00
	Over 40,000 gallons	\$	3.00
2" Meter	0-21,000 gallons	\$	1.00
	21,001-70,000 gallons	\$	2.00
	Over 70,000 gallons	\$	3.00

3" Meter	0-48,000 gallons	\$	1.00
	48,001-160,000 gallons	\$	2.00
	Over 160,000 gallons	\$	3.00
4" Meter	0-85,000 gallons	\$	1.00
	85,001-280,000 gallons	\$	2.00
	Over 280,000 gallons	\$	3.00
6" Meter	0-192,000 gallons	\$	1.00
	192,001-640,000 gallons	\$	2.00
	Over 640,000 gallons	\$	3.00

C. All Basic Rates shall be subject to an automatic annual rate increase of three percent (3%), beginning January 1, 2014, unless modified by City Council prior to the adjustment date.

D. All future rate and service charge changes shall be adopted by Resolution of the City Council.

E. E. The owner or operator of each multiple residential facility shall pay a base monthly Basic Rate equal to the total of the monthly Basic Rates for residential users based upon location and use for each user, plus water charges for residential users.

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

1. The monthly Basic Rate for residential users based upon number of units, location and use; plus water charges applicable to residential users, or
2. The monthly Basic Rate for commercial and irrigation users based upon location and meter size plus water charges applicable to commercial or irrigation users.

G. G. The owner or operator of each hotel or motel shall pay a monthly fee equal to the total of:

1. The monthly Basic Rate for commercial or irrigation users based upon meter size for the first unit; plus water charges applicable to commercial or irrigation users, plus;
2. One base monthly Basic Rate per each additional unit equal to one-half of the residential monthly fee based upon location.

H. H. Miscellaneous Service Charges.

	<u>In City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
Disconnect fee	\$20.00*	\$28.00*
Reconnect fee	20.00*	28.00*

New account setup fee	5.00	5.00
Late charge-delinquent fee	10.00	10.00

*(after working hours add \$40)

No late 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 unless and until the meter is removed.

Ⓔ J. Credit for monthly water fees for irrigation users during periods of low water usage.

1. The clerk-treasurer may grant an irrigation water user a credit against future monthly water fees if the irrigation water user affirmatively establishes each of the following conditions to the satisfaction of the clerk-treasurer:

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

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.

Ⓔ K. Senior Citizen Discount. There will be a discount of 50% on the base residential rate for any customer 62+ years of age or a recipient of Social Security Disability Benefits and an annual household income of 50% or less than the median family income for Klickitat County as provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Any customer receiving the Senior Discount shall be required to reapply annually to be eligible to participate in the program.

SECTION 3 – Amendment to WSMC 13.16.055

[added provisions underlined; deleted provisions ~~stricken~~]

Section 13.16.055 is hereby amended to read:

13.16.055 Sewer rates—Schedule.

A. The following sewer rate schedule shall apply to sewer users. As it is used herein the term "sewer users" shall mean anyone having paid a connection fee or who is physically connected to the sewer system, regardless of whether sewage is being collected:

1. Residence—each month—Water meter disconnected	\$43.20	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
2. Residence, each per month	43.20	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
3. Duplex, triplex or fourplex, per month, each unit	43.20	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
4. House, plus second user, per month, per each unit	43.20	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
5. Apartment houses, per month, per each unit	43.20	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
6. Trailer courts and/or cabin rental units, per month, each space or unit	43.20	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
7. Commercial users, per month, for the first 8,500 gallons of water	43.20	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
For each additional 8,500 gallons of water or part thereof	12.75	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
8. Governmental and nonprofit agencies per month, for the first 8,500 gallons of water	43.20	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
For each additional 8,500 gallons of water or part thereof	12.75	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
9. Other users, including home occupation, per month, for the first 8,500 gallons of water	44.20	<u>\$ 55.00</u>
For each additional 8,500 gallons of water or part thereof	12.75	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
10. For each residential dwelling, outside city limits, per month, per unit	44.20	<u>\$ 55.00</u>
11. Other users, including home occupations, outside city limits, per month, for the first 8,500 gallons of water	\$44.20	<u>\$ 55.00</u>
For each additional 8,500 gallons of water or part thereof	12.75	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
12. Exclusion to commercial/other: Home occupations whose customers do not come to the residence will be charged only the appropriate residential rate upon filing with the city clerk-treasurer a dated affidavit stating that "no foot traffic associated with the business visits the residence."		

B. All Basic Rates shall be subject to an automatic annual rate increase of three percent (3%), beginning January 1, 2014, unless modified by City Council prior to the adjustment date.

C. All future rate and service charge changes shall be adopted by Resolution of the City Council.

~~BD.~~ Any commercial user who uses water for cooling condenser units shall pay a surcharge of one-third of the commercial rate for water used for condenser cooling purposes.

~~CE.~~ The foregoing sewer rates based upon water usage do not include irrigation water, provided that irrigation water is separately metered.

~~D. Rate Break Assistance Program. The following senior citizen rate break assistance program is based on the (WGAP) Washington Gorge Action Programs (WGAP) Washington Gorge Action Programs (WGAP) under which water/wastewater customers qualify for utility discounts. Based on annual requalification applications from people in the program, CAP will provide updated information to the city annually.~~

~~If the CAP service is not used, customer qualification applications will be issued by the city finance department, evaluated and approved for those meeting the following income criteria. In order to qualify, customer shall provide updated household income annually to the city. Household income means total income of all residents, over the age of eighteen, of the household served by the city water connection as presented and identified by the applicant.~~

~~Criteria for the discounts are:~~

~~1. The applicant must be sixty two years of age or older, or a recipient of Social Security disability benefits.~~

~~2. Annual household income criteria and discount.~~

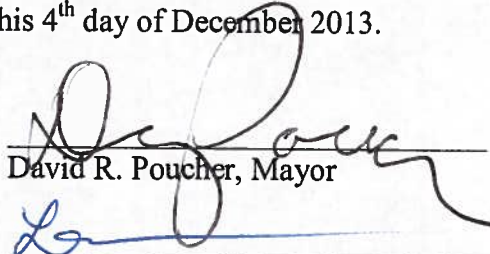
a. Income	\$1.00 — 47,999.00 = 40% discount.
b. Income	\$8,000.00 — \$9,999.00 = 30% discount.
c. Income	\$10,000.00 — \$12,999.00 = 20% discount.
d. Income	\$13,000.00 — \$14,999.00 = 15% discount.
e. Income	\$15,000.00 — \$18,000.00 = 10% discount.

F. Senior Citizen Discount. There will be a discount of 50% on the base residential rate for any customer 62+ years of age or a recipient of Social Security Disability Benefits and an annual household income of 50% or less than the median family income for Klickitat County as provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Any customer receiving the Senior Discount shall be required to reapply annually to be eligible to participate in the program.


SECTION 4 - 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.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective following passage and publication as provided by law and beginning with the January, 2014 billing.

PASSED in regular session this 4th day of December 2013.



David R. Poucher, Mayor



Leana Johnson, Clerk Treasurer

Approved as to form:



Kenneth B. Woodrich, City Attorney