

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-14

Public Hearing Draft

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, updating the City's Water and Sewer Utility Fees – Monthly Rates, amending Bainbridge Island Municipal Code Section 13.16.060, and amending Section 11.B. of the City's Fee Schedule relating to water and sewer utility fees – monthly rates.

WHEREAS, on June 7, 1982, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1982-20, setting water and sewer monthly rates; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2011, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2011-26, reducing the City's monthly water rates; and

WHEREAS, studies of the rates, charges, and fees of utility systems are generally conducted on periodic intervals to insure they provide adequate revenue for the utilities, and to insure the rates, charges, and fees are, and continue to be, in conformance with state law; and

WHEREAS, in March 2018, the City contracted with Financial Consulting Solutions Group (FCS Group) to evaluate and provide a recommendation to the City concerning water and sewer monthly rates; and

WHEREAS, the FCS Group worked closely with both City staff and the Utility Advisory Committee for several months in reviewing the data and proposed rate adjustments; and

WHEREAS, the FCS Group prepared a Water and Sewer Rate Study dated March 7, 2019, which was approved by the Utility Advisory Committee recommending revisions to the City's monthly water and sewer rates; and

WHEREAS, at the March 19, 2019 City Council Study Session, the FCS Group presented the March 7, 2019 Water and Sewer Rate Study to the Council recommending revisions to the City's water and sewer monthly rates, and the Council made some minor revisions and directed staff to develop utility bill inserts and schedule a public hearing at a future business meeting; and

WHEREAS, at the April 16, 2019 City Council Study Session, the FCS Group presented a revised Water and Sewer Rate Study dated April 16, 2019 to the Council; and

WHEREAS, at the April 16, 2019 City Council Study Session, the Council concurred with the revised recommendations and directed staff to return in May with an ordinance adopting the proposed revisions based on the April 16, 2019 Water and Sewer Rate Study; and

WHEREAS, beyond 2021, rate revenue increases of 2% per year are recommended by the April 16, 2019 Rate Study until the next rate review.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 13.16.060.A. of the Bainbridge Island Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

A. All water and sewer rates shall be subject to an adjustment beginning with the first full billing period of 2022 and each year thereafter through 2024 equal to 2% annually. each year equal to the annual percentage increase in the United States Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for November of the preceding year as shown in the release from the Bureau of Labor Statistics plus two percent unless the city council determines by December 31st of any year that the adjustment shall be another amount or shall not occur for the next year.

Section 2. The rates in Section 11.B. of the City’s Fee Schedule are hereby amended as follows:

WATER RATES

WATER RATES FOR THE WINSLOW WATER SYSTEM AND CASEY STREET WATER SYSTEM (Ordinance Nos. 2011-26 and 2012-21, Resolution 2018-12)				
	Current	2019	2020	2021
CATEGORY 1 (SINGLE FAMILY) shall pay a monthly fixed base rate based on size of water meter as follows:				
Up to ¾-inch	\$10.77	\$11.59	\$12.02	\$12.45
1-inch	\$21.24	\$22.85	\$23.70	\$24.55
1.5-inch	\$38.72	\$41.65	\$43.20	\$44.75
2-inch	\$59.71			
3-inch	\$115.70			
4-inch	\$178.65			
6-inch	\$353.94			
Plus, a charge for consumption on an incremental basis as follows:				
For the first 500 cubic feet (cf)	\$1.09 per 100 cf	\$1.17 per 100 cf	\$1.22 per 100 cf	\$1.26 per 100 cf
For the next 700 cubic feet (cf)	\$1.76 per 100 cf	\$1.89 per 100 cf	\$1.96 per 100 cf	\$2.03 per 100 cf
For the next 1,800 cubic feet (cf)	\$2.49 per 100 cf	\$2.68 per 100 cf	\$2.78 per 100 cf	\$2.88 per 100 cf
For amounts over 3,000 cubic feet (cf)	\$3.39 per 100 cf	\$3.65 per 100 cf	\$3.78 per 100 cf	\$3.92 per 100 cf
	Current	2019	2020	2021
CATEGORY 2 (MULTIPLE DWELLINGS)				
Base Rate per Living Unit	\$5.37	\$5.37	\$5.37	\$5.38
Consumption Charge per 100 cf	0.	\$1.11	\$1.11	\$1.11
Plus, a charge for consumption on an incremental basis as follows:				
For the first 500 cubic feet (cf)	\$1.09 per 100 cf per unit			
For the next 700 cubic feet (cf)	\$1.76 per 100 cf per unit			
For the next 1,800 cubic feet (cf)	\$2.49 per 100 cf per unit			
For amounts over 3,000 cubic feet (cf)	\$3.39 per 100 cf per unit			

	Current	2019	2020	2021
CATEGORY 3 (COMMERCIAL) shall pay a monthly fixed base rate based on size of water meter as follows:				
Up to ¾-inch	\$16.45	\$16.33	\$16.33	\$16.33
1-inch	\$36.40	\$36.12	\$36.12	\$36.12
1.5-inch	\$69.78	\$69.25	\$69.25	\$69.25
2-inch	\$109.52	\$108.69	\$108.69	\$108.69
3-inch	\$215.89	\$214.25	\$214.25	\$214.25
4-inch	\$335.55	\$333.00	\$333.00	\$333.00
6-inch	\$667.94	\$662.87	\$662.87	\$662.87
Consumption Charge per 100 cf		\$1.54	\$1.54	\$1.54
Plus, a charge for consumption as follows:				
For water billed November to April	\$1.43 per 100 cf			
For water billed May to October	\$1.65 per 100 cf			

	Current	2019	2020	2021
CATEGORY 4 (OTHER) , other than irrigation systems or construction projects, shall pay a monthly fixed base rate based on size of water meter as follows:				
Up to ¾-inch	\$24.04			
1 inch	\$55.37			
1.5 inch	\$107.58			
2 inch	\$170.23			
3 inch	\$337.28			
4 inch	\$525.22			
6 inch	\$1,047.31			
Plus, a charge for consumption as follows:				
For water billed November to April	\$1.43 per 100 cf	\$0.00 per 100 cf	\$0.00 per 100 cf	\$0.00 per 100 cf
For water billed May to October	\$1.65 per 100 cf	\$0.00 per 100 cf	\$0.00 per 100 cf	\$0.00 per 100 cf

CATEGORY 4 (INDUSTRIAL), shall pay rates as set by individual contract, which contract shall not provide rates less than any of the categories 1 through 3.

	Current	2019	2020	2021
IRRIGATION SYSTEMS shall pay a monthly base rate on size of water meter as follows:				
Up to ¾-inch	\$4.73	\$4.09	\$4.09	\$4.09
1-inch	\$6.22	\$5.38	\$5.38	\$5.38
1.5-inch	\$8.70	\$7.53	\$7.53	\$7.53
2-inch	\$11.70	\$10.12	\$10.12	\$10.13
3-inch	\$19.64	\$16.99	\$16.99	\$17.00
4-inch	\$28.59	\$24.74	\$24.74	\$24.75
6-inch	\$53.47	\$46.26	\$46.26	\$46.28
Plus, a charge for consumption of:	\$3.89 per 100 cf	\$3.37 per 100 cf	\$3.37 per 100 cf	\$3.37 per 100 cf

	Current	2019	2020	2021
WATER FOR CONSUMPTION ON PROJECTS AT CITY LOCATION (Ordinance No. 2003-42)				
	\$3.89 per 100 cf	\$3.89 per 100 cf	\$3.89 per 100 cf	\$3.89 per 100 cf
Plus, 125% of direct cost to city for connection setup and delivery. plus a billing charge of \$19.19 per bill sent.				
Through single family residential meter/flat rate	\$55.96 per 90-	\$00.00 per 90-	\$00.00 per 90-	\$00.00 per 90-

	days	days	days	days
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WATER RATES FOR THE ROCKAWAY BEACH AREA

	Current	2019	2020	2021
CATEGORY 1 (SINGLE FAMILY) shall pay a monthly fixed base rate based on size of water meter as follows:				
Up to 3/4-inch	\$11.64	\$11.64	\$12.02	\$12.45
1-inch	\$22.94	\$22.94	\$23.70	\$24.55
1.5-inch	\$41.85	\$41.85	\$43.20	\$44.75
2-inch	\$64.53			
Plus, a charge for consumption on an incremental basis as follows:				
For the first 500 cubic feet (cf)	\$1.18 per 100 cf	\$1.18 per 100 cf	\$1.22 per 100 cf	\$1.26 per 100 cf
For the next 700 cubic feet (cf)	\$1.90 per 100 cf	\$1.90 per 100 cf	\$1.96 per 100 cf	\$2.03 per 100 cf
For the next 1,800 cubic feet (cf)	\$2.69 per 100 cf	\$2.69 per 100 cf	\$2.78 per 100 cf	\$2.88 per 100 cf
For amounts over 3,000 cubic feet (cf)	\$3.66 per 100 cf	\$3.66 per 100 cf	\$3.78 per 100 cf	\$3.92 per 100 cf

	Current	2019	2020	2021
CATEGORY 4 (OTHER) , other than irrigation systems or construction projects, shall pay a monthly fixed base rate based on size of water meter as follows:				
Up to 3/4-inch	\$24.04			
1-inch	\$55.37			
1.5-inch	\$107.58			
2-inch	\$170.23			
Plus, a charge for consumption as follows:				
For water billed November to April	\$1.43 per 100 cf	\$0.00 per 100 cf	\$0.00 per 100 cf	\$0.00 per 100 cf
For water billed May to October	\$1.65 per 100 cf	\$0.00 per 100 cf	\$0.00 per 100 cf	\$0.00 per 100 cf

SEWER RATES

SEWER RATES FOR USERS OF BOTH WATER AND SEWER

(Ordinance Nos. 2009-39, 2011-25 and 2012-22)

	Current	2019	2020	2021
CATEGORY 1 *(SINGLE FAMILY)	\$42.69 per month/unit + \$7.28 per 100 cf of wtr.	\$42.69 per month + \$7.28 per 100 cf of wtr.	\$42.69 per month + \$7.28 per 100 cf of wtr.	\$42.69 per month + \$7.28 per 100 cf of wtr.
CATEGORY 2 *(MULTI-FAMILY)	\$37.39 per month/unit + \$7.28 per 100 cf of wtr.	\$37.39 per month/unit + \$7.28 per 100 cf of wtr.	\$37.39 per month/unit + \$7.28 per 100 cf of wtr.	\$37.39 per month/unit + \$7.28 per 100 cf of wtr.
CATEGORY 3 (COMMERCIAL)	\$123.69 per month/unit + \$7.28 per 100 cf of wtr.	\$126.16 per month + \$7.28 per 100 cf of wtr.	\$128.69 per month + \$8.99 per 100 cf of wtr.	\$131.26 per month + \$9.90 per 100 cf of wtr.
CATEGORY 4 (MIXED USE)	\$123.69 per month/unit + \$7.28 per 100 cf of wtr.	\$00.00 per month + \$0.00 per 100 cf of wtr.	\$00.00 per month + \$0.00 per 100 cf of wtr.	\$00.00 per month + \$0.00 per 100 cf of wtr.
CATEGORY 4 (INDUSTRIAL)	Set by individual contract	Set by individual contract	Set by individual contract	Set by individual contract
CATEGORY 6 (SENIOR/LOW-INCOME)	\$21.35 per month + \$3.65 per 100 cf of wtr.	\$00.00 per month + \$0.00 per 100 cf of wtr.	\$00.00 per month + \$0.00 per 100 cf of wtr.	\$00.00 per month + \$0.00 per 100 cf of wtr.

*Sewer billings for the three summer months of mid-June through mid-September for all customers in Categories 1 and 2 shall be set at the average of each property's billing for the prior months of mid-December through mid-May.

SEWER RATES FOR USERS WITHOUT WATER SERVICE				
	Current	2019	2020	2021
The following monthly sewer rates shall apply to billings for users who do not contract with the City for the provision of water services. For Users served by the City's Sewer Treatment Plant, the following rates apply:				
CATEGORY 1 *(SINGLE FAMILY)	\$119.80 per month/unit Without meter,	\$119.80 per month/unit Without meter,	\$119.80 per month/unit Without meter	\$119.80 per month/unit Without meter
CATEGORY 3 (COMMERCIAL)	\$129.43 per ERU	\$139.53 per ERU	\$149.99 per ERU	\$160.89 per ERU
CATEGORY 6- (SENIOR/LOW-INCOME)	\$59.90 per month without meter.	\$00.00 per month without meter.	\$00.00 per month without meter	\$00.00 per month without meter

SEWER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS SERVED BY THE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 7 TREATMENT PLANT (Ordinance No. 2009-39)				
	Current	2019	2020	2021
Property that contributes sewage to the Kitsap County District No. 7 Treatment Plant shall pay a monthly rate equal to the monthly rate applied to the City by Kitsap County Sewer District No. 7 per ERU (presently \$58.71) for treatment plus:				
Properties with Grinder Pumps	\$23.59 per ERU	\$25.00 per ERU	\$26.58 per ERU	\$28.22 per ERU
Properties without Grinder Pumps	\$19.42 per ERU	\$20.58 per ERU	\$21.88 per ERU	\$23.23 per ERU
SEWER LATECOMER CHARGE (SEWER DISTRICT #7) (Kitsap County Sewer District No. 7 Resolution No. 2017-01)				
(1) Residential Single Family	\$10,330.00 (Flat Fee)	\$10,330.00 (Flat Fee)	\$10,330.00 (Flat Fee)	\$10,330.00 (Flat Fee)
(2) Commercial	\$10,330.00 per ERU	\$10,330.00 per ERU	\$10,330.00 per ERU	\$10,330.00 per ERU
Where "ERU" is defined as each set of 20-fixture units as shown on the schedule of fixture units in file with the City Clerk.				

Section 3. This ordinance shall govern over any provisions of any previously enacted ordinances or resolutions of the City of Bainbridge Island which relate to sewer or water system rates and charges to the extent that any such ordinances or resolutions are inconsistent with or conflict with this ordinance including, but not exclusive to, Ordinance Nos. 1982-20, 2011-26, and 2012-21, Resolution No. 2018-12, Ordinance Nos. 2003-42, 2009-39, 2011-25, and 2012-22, and Resolution No. 2017-01.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on July 15, 2019.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2019.

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Kol Medina, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:

Christine Brown, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: May 2, 2019
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
PUBLISHED:
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 15, 2019