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City Council

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Thursday, November 19, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, will conduct a virtual Zoom meeting on Thursday, November 19th, at 6:00 p.m. A regular meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

For information about Zoom accessibility, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 360-442-5041.

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Meeting ID: 833 4675 5433

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. WORKSHOP

20-000482 UTILITY LMC & RESOLUTION CHANGES WORKSHOP

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
DIRECTION TO STAFF

20-000483 UTILITY RATES WORKSHOP

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
DIRECTION TO STAFF

4. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020 - 7:00 P.M. (SPECIAL MEETING - REPLACES REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 12/24 - CANCELED DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY)



City of Longview

Agenda Summary

UTILITY LMC & RESOLUTION CHANGES WORKSHOP

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COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

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Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

A presentation will be given to Council seeking direction for changes to the utility code and the rate resolutions.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ken Hash, Public Works Director

Kris Swanson, Administrative Services Manager

Attachments:

1. 2021 Recommended Utility Resolution changes PDF
2. Ord 3433 regarding delinquent water bills and turn on fees - KH

Proposed 2021 Utility Resolution changes

Longview City Council

November 12, 2020

Prepared by

Ken Hash, Public Works Director
Kris Swanson, Administrative Services Manager

Other Utility Rate Changes

Late Penalties on Delinquent Water Accounts

- LMC 15.56.010
- Current:
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- Proposed
 - If an account remains unpaid for thirty days (30) on the delinquent water account, an additional penalty, as fixed from time to time by resolution of the city council, shall be added to such account, regardless of whether or not the same is collected as a result of such demand for payment

Other Utility Rate Changes

Late Penalties on Delinquent Water Accounts

- LMC 15.56.050
- Current:
 - Any money due the city for water supplied to any customer shall be deemed delinquent if not paid on or before 15 days after the billing date shown on each bill.
- Proposed
 - (2) Any money due the city for water supplied to any customer shall be deemed delinquent if not paid on or before 15 days after the **billing due** date shown on each bill.

Other Utility Rate Changes

Snow Bird Cost Recovery Fees

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Other Utility Rate Changes

Sewer Treatment System Development Charge

- In addition to all of the foregoing charges, a Sewer Treatment System Development Charge (SDC) of one thousand five hundred sixty ~~nine~~ ~~hundred fifty~~ seven dollars (\$1,560~~957~~.00) for wastewater treatment will be charged for each Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) in accordance with the following conversion tables:
- 1 ERU per each two hundred fifty ~~three hundred~~ (250~~300~~) gallons per day flow

Recommendations

- Recommendation to move forward with changes to LMC 15.56.010, 15.56.022, 15.56.050 and the water rate resolution to address late penalties on delinquent water accounts and fees for voluntary water turn-ons.
- Recommendation to move forward with changes to the sewer rate resolution to decouple Capital Recovery Fees from water service connections.
- Recommendation to move forward with changes to the Sewer Treatment System development Charge.

DISCUSSION

ORDINANCE NO. 3433

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON AMENDING SECTION 15.56.010, 15.56.022 and 15.56.050 OF THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADDRESS LATE PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT WATER ACCOUNTS AND FEES FOR VOLUNTARY WATER TURN-ONS

WHEREAS, the City's Utility Department has changed the delinquent payment process for utility bills;

WHEREAS, utility ratepayers may request to have their water turned off by City staff prior to leaving town for sixty days or more; and may request to have their water turned on upon returning. The turnoffs and turn-ons are requested all days of the week plus evenings and the City desires to collect cost recovery fees

NOW THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Longview do ordain as follows:

Section 1 That Chapter 15.56.010 of the Longview Municipal Code shall be, and is hereby amended to read as follows; provided, manifest and numbering errors shall be corrected prior to publication:

15.56.010 Lien for nonpayment of water service. *

(1) All water rates shall be charged against the premises for which the water service was installed. All charges for water, when the same become delinquent and unpaid, shall be a lien against the premises to which water has been furnished; provided, that such lien shall not be for more than four months' charges due or to become due nor for any charges which have been due for more than four months. In case any charges for water become a lien against any premises, and remain unpaid for 40 days after the billing date shown on each bill, the water shall be cut off until all unpaid charges for water are paid. Failure to enforce such lien by cutoff of water service shall not be deemed to relieve the customer of the obligation to pay the amount billed and unpaid.

~~(2) If any employee of the city is required to make a call in person on the delinquent water account debtor for the purpose of attempting to collect said delinquent account, an additional penalty, as fixed from time to time by resolution of the city council, shall be added to such account, regardless of whether or not the same is collected as a result of such personal demand for payment. If an account remains unpaid for thirty days (30) on the delinquent water account, an additional penalty, as fixed from time to time by resolution of the city council, shall be added to such account, regardless of whether or not the same is collected as a result of such demand for payment~~

(3) If the water is cut off for such reason, a charge, as fixed from time to time by resolution of the city council, shall be assessed for again turning on the water. In no case shall the water again be turned on until all unpaid and delinquent charges for water, and other delinquent charges, have been fully paid.

(4) The right to enforce such lien may be exerted whenever and as often as such default occurs, and neither delay nor omission on the part of the city to enforce the same shall be deemed as a waiver of its right to enforce the same at any time within the period provided by law and this article so long as a default continues. (Ord. 1935 § 1, 1979; Ord. 1891 § 4, 1978; Ord. 1183 § 1, 1964; Ord. 426 § 13, 1943).

*For the statutory provisions regarding liens for utility services and enforcement thereof, see RCW 35.21.290 and 35.21.300.

Section 2 That Chapter 15.56.022 of the Longview Municipal Code shall be, and is hereby amended to read as follows; provided, manifest and numbering errors shall be corrected prior to publication:

15.56.022 Shutoff – Continuation of service.

At such time as any applicant for service ceases to occupy the premises to which water or other utility service has been rendered, and has requested that such service be terminated, the unpaid charges for such water and other utility services shall be determined, and such water and other utility services to such real property shall be shut off, except as follows:

(1) Upon payment for all such service to the time of such determination and shutoff, by or on behalf of the applicant for service, and continuation of water and other utility service thereafter to said real property in the name of a new applicant; or

(2) Upon the written agreement of the applicant for service to transfer the unpaid charges to other real property within the city and receiving water and other utility service in applicant's name, and the continuation of water and other utility service thereafter at the former location of the applicant for service, but in the name of a new applicant; or

(3) Upon the written promise of the record owner of the real property to which such water and/or other utility service has been rendered, or his agent, and the continuation thereafter of water and other utility service in the name of a new applicant. (Ord. 1955 § 1, 1979).

(4) Upon submission of the appropriate form, an account may be suspended and the meter locked out for periods over sixty (60) days. Water service will not be available until the account is

reactivated. During this time, water and sewer consumption fees will not be charged. A fee, as fixed from time to time by resolution of the city council, shall be charged to reactivate the account.

Section 3 That Chapter 15.56.050 of the Longview Municipal Code shall be, and is hereby amended to read as follows; provided, manifest and numbering errors shall be corrected prior to publication:

15.56.050 Date payment of bills due – Delinquency – Penalties.

(1) All money due the city for water supplied to any customer shall be due and payable within 15 days of the billing date shown on each bill.

(2) Any money due the city for water supplied to any customer shall be deemed delinquent if not paid on or before 15 days after the ~~billing~~ due date shown on each bill.

(3) A penalty charge, as fixed from time to time by resolution of the city council, shall be added to any water bill which is not paid on or before 30 days after the billing date shown on each bill; and additional penalty, as fixed from time to time by resolution of the city council, shall be added to such unpaid water bill for each successive 30-day period during which such bill, or any portion thereof, remains unpaid; provided, that no such penalties shall be charged during the time that water service to such customer is cut off in accordance with the provisions of LMC 15.56.010.

(4) Any payment made that is returned for lack of sufficient funds or for any other reason will not be considered received until payment by certified check, money order, or cash of the original amount due, plus a “nonsufficient funds (NSF)” charge of \$25.00 is received by the finance department. (Ord. 2952 § 2, 2006; Ord. 1935 § 2, 1979; Ord. 1891 § 5, 1978; Ord. 1183 § 1, 1964; Ord. 426 § 28, 1943).

Section 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect. The City of Longview hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 5. That the City of Longview City Clerk is hereby ordered and directed to cause this Ordinance to be published.

Section 6. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after thirty (30) days from the date of its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2020.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James McNamara
City Attorney

Published: _____



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UTILITY RATES WORKSHOP

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Attachments:

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2. Res #2339 - Water rates 2021 clean - KH
3. Res #2339 - Water rates 2021 tracked changes - KH
4. Res #2340 Sewer rates 2021 clean - KH
5. Res #2340 Sewer rates 2021 tracked changes - KH

Proposed 2021 Utility Rates

Longview City Council Workshop October 22, 2020

Prepared by

Gregory Hannon, Solid Waste & Recycling Manager

Ken Hash, Public Works Director

Steve Haubner, Stormwater Manager

2021 Utility Rate Information

Proposed Monthly Residential Utility Bill

(Based on a monthly water consumption of 600 cf)

<u>Utility</u>	<u>2020 Rate</u>	<u>Proposed 2021 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Incr.</u>
Water	\$ 33.24	\$33.57	\$0.33
Sewer	\$ 67.46	\$68.13	\$0.67
Stormwater	\$ 14.50	\$14.50	\$0.00
Solid Waste	\$ 18.78	\$18.97	\$0.19
Combined	\$ 133.98	\$135.17	\$1.19 (+0.89%)



Comparison of 2020 Combined Residential Utility Rates

(Water/Sewer/Storm/Solid Waste; based on a monthly consumption of 600 cf)

Renton	\$208.34
Port Angeles	\$192.05
Mercer Island	\$190.40
Kent	\$186.39
Castle Rock	\$183.02
Auburn	\$161.32
Centralia	\$168.71
Chehalis	\$165.61
Kalama	\$160.03
Bellingham	\$150.94
Olympia	\$150.18
Mountlake Terrace	\$148.91
Everett	\$137.39
Edmonds	\$136.13
Longview (2021 Proposed)	\$135.17
Longview (2020 Current)	\$133.98
Aberdeen	\$133.69
Vancouver	\$129.64
Woodland	\$128.35
Kelso	\$121.27
Lynnwood	\$120.79
Comparison Average (2020)	\$155.20

Solid Waste & Recycling



2021 Solid Waste & Recycling Rates



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2020 Utility Rate Information / Solid Waste-Recycling Utility

2021 Residential Solid Waste-Recycling Rate Plan

<u>Year</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>\$ Incr.</u>	<u>% Incr.</u>	<u>Previous Projection</u>
2013	\$16.39	\$0.55	3.5%	
2014	\$17.78	\$1.39	8.5%	
2015	\$18.41	\$0.63	3.5%	
2016	\$18.41	\$0.00	0.0%	
2017	\$18.41	\$0.00	0.0%	
2018	\$18.41	\$0.00	0.0%	
2019	\$18.41	\$0.00	0.0%	
2020	\$18.78	\$0.37	2.0%	
2021	\$18.97	\$0.19	1.0%	2.0%
2022	\$19.25	\$0.28	1.5%	2.0%
2023	\$19.54	\$0.29	1.5%	2.0%
2024	\$19.83	\$0.29	1.5%	2.0%
2025	\$20.13	\$0.30	1.5%	



2020 Utility Rate Information / Solid Waste-Recycling Utility

Distribution of 2021 Solid Waste-Recycling Rate

<u>Rate</u> <u>Component</u>	<u>Utility Cost</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Utility Activity</u>
\$5.98	\$1,810,000	31.5%	SW Collection
\$5.27	\$1,595,500	27.8%	Operations
\$5.12	\$1,550,000	27.0%	Waste Disposal
<u>\$2.60</u>	<u>\$790,000</u>	<u>13.7%</u>	<u>Recycling Collection</u>
\$18.97	\$5,745,500	100%	

The proposed rate increase includes an estimated CPI adjustment of 2.5% to the SW Collection and a 1% increase in the annual Waste Disposal tonnage.

Operations includes, but not limited to: City/State Taxes, Salaries/benefits, Administrative overhead, Operating Reserve Fund and Property Abatement costs.



Recommendations

Rate Resolution

- Approve the garbage-recycling rate increase of 1.0% for 2021



Questions?



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2020 Utility Rate Information

Water



2021 Utility Rate Information / Water Utility

2021 Water Capital Projects

Water Distribution Capital

Amount

Beech to Baltimore Water Main Replacement	\$350,000
Clean & Seal Coat Reservoir #5	\$100,000
Fishers Lane Treatment Plant Demolition	\$400,000
Madrona Ave Water Main Replacement	\$550,000
Niemi Booster Pump Station Rebuild	\$540,000
Large Meter Replacement	\$120,000
SCADA – New Sites	\$200,000
Trella Booster Station re-plumb	\$40,000
Annual Valve Replacements	\$30,000
Vehicle Replacement – Added funding	\$25,000
PRV Station Instalation	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$2,380,000



2021 Utility Rate Information / Water Utility

2021 Filter Plant Projects

Filter Plant Capital Projects

	<u>Amount</u>
Screw Press	\$500,000
Manway Hatch Replacement (8)	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$650,000



2021 Utility Rate Information / Water Utility

2021 Residential Water Rate Plan

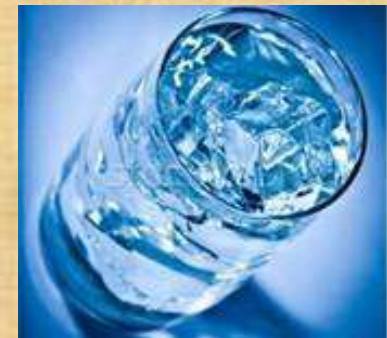
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<u>Year</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>\$ Incr.</u>	<u>% Incr.</u>	<u>Previous Projection</u>
2015	\$25.91	\$1.62	6.5%	
2016	\$27.09	\$1.18	4.5%	
2017	\$28.59	\$1.50	5.5%	
2018	\$29.26	\$1.37	4.7%	
2019	\$31.33	\$1.37	4.5%	
2020	\$33.24	\$1.91	6.0%	
2021	\$33.57	\$0.33	1.0%	4.5%
2022	\$33.91	\$0.34	1.0%	4.5%
2023	\$36.62	\$2.71	8.0%	2.0%
2024	\$39.54	\$2.93	8.0%	

2021 Utility Rate Information / Water Utility

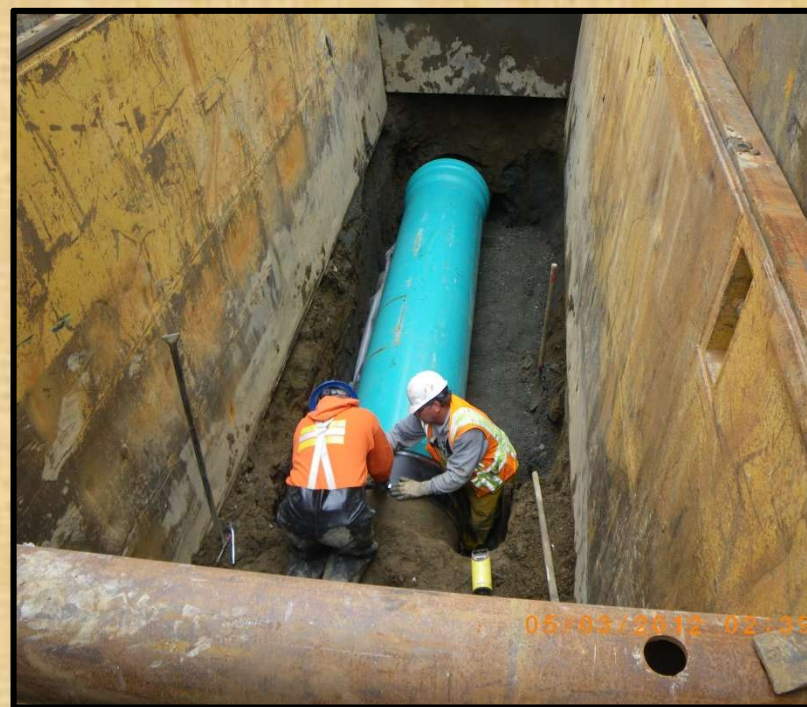
Distribution of 2021 Residential Water Rate

<u>Rate Component</u>	<u>Revenue Generated</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Use of Income</u>
\$23.73	\$5,238,334	70.7 %	Operations
\$ 8.03	\$1,773,686	23.9 %	Debt Service
\$ 1.81	\$ 400,000	5.4 %	Rate Funded Capital
\$ 0	\$ 0	0 %	Depreciation
\$33.57	\$7,412,020	100%	



2021 Utility Rate Information

Sewer



2021 Utility Rate Information / Sewer Utility

2021 Sewer Capital Projects

<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2626 38 th Ave Pump Station	\$120,000
Annual In-Situ Liner Projects	\$540,000
Mint Farm Sewer Pump Station Odor Control	\$90,000
OB #4 Pump Station Odor Control	\$10,000
2402 38 th Ave Pump Station	\$150,000
2600 42 nd Ave Pump Station	\$120,000
4014 Oak Street Pump Station	\$100,000
Sewer Mainline Camera System	\$20,000
<u>Vehicle Replacements – added funding</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,255,000

2021 Utility Rate Information / Sewer Utility

2021 Residential Sewer Rate Plan

(Based on a monthly consumption of 600 cf)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>\$ Incr.</u>	<u>% Incr.</u>	<u>Previous Projection</u>
2015	\$63.59	\$3.02	5.0%	
2016	\$64.21	\$0.62	1.0%	
2017	\$64.83	\$0.62	1.0%	
2018	\$66.14	\$1.31	2.0%	
2019	\$67.46	\$1.32	2.0%	
2020	\$67.46	\$ 0	0%	
2021	\$68.13	\$0.66	1.0%	2.0%
2022	\$68.81	\$0.68	1.0%	3.5%
2023	\$72.25	\$3.44	5.0%	4.0%
2024	\$75.86	\$3.61	5.0%	

2021 Utility Rate Information / Sewer Utility

Distribution of 2021 Residential Sewer Rate

<u>Rate Component</u>	<u>Revenue Generated</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Use of Income</u>
\$31.14	\$5,707,200	45.7 %	TRWWA Operations
\$ 3.17	\$581,800	4.7 %	TRWWA Debt Service
\$29.28	\$5,365,450	43.0 %	Operations
\$ 4.54	\$832,130	6.7 %	Debt Service
\$ 0.00	0	0 %	Rate Funded Capital
\$ 0.00	0	0 %	Depreciation
\$68.13	\$12,486,580	100%	



2021 Utility Rate Information

Stormwater

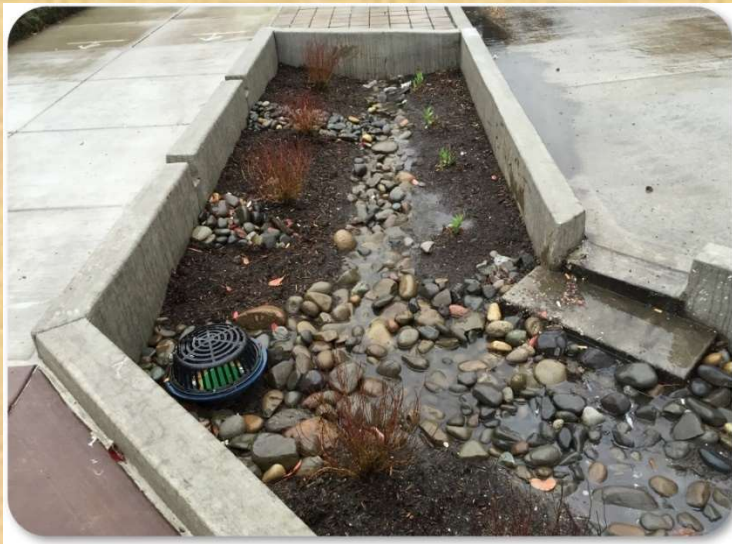


2021 Stormwater Enhancements

Enhancement

<u>Stormwater Management Action Plan</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>
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TOTAL	\$200,000
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2021 Utility Rate Information / Stormwater Utility

2021 Stormwater Capital Projects

Capital Projects

	<u>Amount</u>
Beech Street Box Culvert Maintenance	\$3,150,000
Mint Valley Pump Station Open Channel Imp	\$140,000
Miscellaneous Stormwater Projects	\$103,000
TOTAL	\$3,393,000



2021 Utility Rate Information / Stormwater Utility

2021 Residential Stormwater Rate Plan

<u>Year</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>\$ Incr.</u>	<u>% Incr.</u>	<u>Previous Projection</u>
2015	\$9.09	\$1.12	14.0%	
2016	\$10.09	\$0.49	11.0%	
2017	\$11.10	\$1.01	10.0%	
2018	\$12.21	\$1.11	10.0%	
2019	\$13.68	\$1.47	12.0%	
2020	\$14.50	\$0.82	6.0%	8.0%
2021	\$14.50	\$0.00	0.0%	3.0%
2022	\$14.65	\$0.15	1.0%	3.0%
2023	\$15.82	\$1.17	8.0%	3.0%
2024	\$17.08	\$1.26	8.0%	--



2021 Utility Rate Information / Stormwater Utility

Distribution of 2021 Residential Stormwater Rate

<u>Rate Component</u>	<u>Revenue Generated</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Use of Income</u>
\$3.83	\$2,364,329	26.4 %	Urban Forestry
\$3.55	\$2,194,425	24.5 %	Stormwater Operations
\$1.23	\$ 757,623	8.5 %	NPDES Permit & Development Review
\$0.40	\$ 249,900	2.8 %	Debt Service
\$5.49	\$ 3,390,000	37.9 %	Rate Funded Capital
\$0.00	\$ 0	0 %	Depreciation
\$14.50	\$8,956,277	100%	TOTAL



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Recommendations

- Approve the water rate increase of 1.0% for 2021
- Approve the sewer rate increase of 1.0% for 2021
- No stormwater rate increase until current rate study is complete.
- Recommendation to move forward with changes to LMC 15.56.022 and the water rate resolution to address the addition of a Snow Bird Cost Recovery Fee.
- Recommendation to move forward with changes to the sewer rate resolution to decouple Capital Recovery Fees from water service connections.

DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2339

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO AND SETTING RATES AND MINIMUM CHARGES FOR WATER AND WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS, FOR FIRE SERVICE, AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES FOR PROVIDING WATER SERVICE WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2316.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Chapter 15.56 of the Longview Municipal Code, the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington hereby enacts this Resolution to increase the rates and charges for providing water to cover the projected operating and capital costs of the water utility.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of said City that the rates for water service furnished by said City, both inside and outside the corporate limits thereof, shall be, and are hereby established, as follows:

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A. Minimum Monthly Meter Charges

(1) All Classes Except Irrigation

\$ 14.79 per month for 3/4" x 5/8" meter
\$ 29.83 per month for 1" meter
\$ 54.82 per month for 1-1/2" meter
\$ 84.82 per month for 2" meter
\$ 164.82 per month for 3" meter

\$ 254.84 per month for 4" meter
\$ 504.89 per month for 6" meter
\$ 804.92 per month for 8" meter
\$ 1,154.98 per month for 10" meter
\$ 1,655.03 per month for 12" meter

(2) Irrigation

\$ 11.70 per month for 3/4" x 5/8" meter
\$ 22.06 per month for 1" meter
\$ 39.30 per month for 1-1/2" meter
\$ 60.02 per month for 2" meter
\$ 115.26 per month for 3" meter
\$ 177.37 per month for 4" meter
\$ 349.97 per month for 6" meter
\$ 557.07 per month for 8" meter
\$ 798.65 per month for 10" meter
\$ 1,143.83 per month for 12" meter

B. Consumptive Charges

In addition to the minimum monthly meter charges shown above, the following rates shall be charged for metered water consumed:

(1) Single Family Residence and Duplex

For the first 800 cu. ft. or any portion thereof - \$ 3.13 per 100 cu. ft.
For the next 800 cu. ft. - \$ 3.64 per 100 cu. ft.
For all over 1,600 cu. ft. - \$ 4.76 per 100 cu. ft.

(2) Trailer Courts and Apartments (Triplex and above)

All water consumed - \$ 3.60 per 100 cu. ft.

(3) Commercial, Churches, Schools, Hospitals, and Motels/Hotels

All water consumed - \$ 3.81 per 100 cu. ft.

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All water consumed - \$ 5.68 per 100 cu. ft.

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All water supplied for domestic or commercial purposes outside the corporate limits of the City shall be supplied by meter only. The rates for such metered water supplied shall be in

accordance with the schedule in Section 1, plus an additional charge of sixty-five percent (65%) to cover public fire protection costs of the water system serving outside customers and other costs applicable thereto.

Section 3. Partial Monthly Charges.

When water has been supplied to any one customer for less than a calendar month, the amount to be charged such customer for the water furnished during said partial period shall be determined by dividing the applicable monthly minimum meter charge by thirty and multiplying the quotient times the number of days water was so supplied, plus the total consumptive charges for water actually supplied.

Section 4. Water Service Connection Charges.

- (a) All water installations shall meet or exceed the existing standards and specifications of the City, as set forth in the Longview Municipal Code or as determined by the City Engineer. Prior to the installation, the owner/contractor shall request an inspection of materials by the City Engineer, or his/her representative. No water installations or taps into the City water mains shall occur without a utility permit issued under LMC 15.44. Any utility construction within a public right-of-way or easement shall comply with the authorizing agency's requirements and permitting regulations, and a permit shall be obtained from such agency prior to starting construction of the utility facilities. At locations where the City is required to obtain a permit from the authorizing agency, the owner/contractor shall reimburse the City the cost of such permit. In addition, no water installation or taps shall occur except upon forty-eight (48) or more hours advance notice to the City Engineer, or his/her representative. All water installations requiring taps into a water main shall be performed by a licensed plumbing contractor qualified to perform tapping connections, per the standards set forth by the City.
- (b) The City Engineer, or his/her representative, shall inspect all materials to ensure compliance with the current City standards and specifications. Once the materials, location, and permits are approved, the contractor shall be permitted to install the service. The work shall be inspected by the City Engineer, or his/her representative.
- (c) No water installations or taps into the City's water main shall be covered or obscured until inspected and approved by the City Engineer, or his representative. An inspection fee of one-hundred fifty dollars (\$150) shall be charged for such inspections and shall be paid at the time that a permit is granted under LMC 15.44. Where the developer of newly platted land has installed a complete water

service to City standards, including corporation stop, service line, meter stop and meter box, the inspection fee is waived.

- (d) A meter set-in fee shall be charged according to the following schedule:

<u>CONNECTION SIZE</u>	<u>INSIDE CITY</u>	<u>OUTSIDE CITY</u>
3/4" and 1" Service	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00

For services greater than 1", the developer, owner or contractor shall furnish new, City-approved meters.

- (e) In addition to the foregoing charges, a capital recovery fee will be charged according to the meter size as follows:

<u>CONNECTION SIZE</u>	<u>CAPITAL RECOVERY FEE</u>
0.75"	\$ 2,031.00
1"	\$ 5,078.00
1.5"	\$ 10,155.00
2"	\$ 16,248.00
3"	\$ 32,496.00
4"	\$ 50,775.00
6"	\$ 101,550.00
8"	\$ 162,480.00
10"	\$ 233,565.00
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- (f) A charge of \$50 (regular business hours) or \$200 (after regular business hours and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday) shall be collected for the reactivation of a water service account suspended at the request of the account holder in accordance with LMC 15.56.022(4).

Section 5. Monthly Rates for Private Fire Sprinkler Systems and for Hydrants on Private Property.

The monthly charges for private fire sprinkler systems and hydrants installed on private property shall be as follows:

<u>INSIDE CITY</u>	<u>OUTSIDE CITY</u>
\$ 14.79	\$ 24.40

Private fire protection systems must be metered as provided in Section 15.64.080 of the Longview Municipal Code, and payment of the costs of such installation shall be the

responsibility of the property owner. Use of water from private fire sprinkler systems and hydrants shall be for fire suppression or system testing purposes only.

Section 6. Charges to City Owned Facilities.

- (a) Unmetered Service: For each unmetered water service to a City park or other City facility, the City shall pay into the Water Utility Fund, two thousand nine hundred forty-five dollars and seventy cents (\$ 2975.15) per year for each such service.
- (b) Youth Athletic Leagues: Water consumed at City parks that host Youth Athletic Leagues under a Longview Parks and Recreation Department Youth Sports Facility Use Agreement shall be charged at twenty-five percent (25%) of the rates set forth in this Resolution. Where a Youth Athletic League has secured its own facility, operates in coordination with the Longview Parks and Recreation Department, and is the account customer billed directly by the City, the league shall be billed at twenty-five percent (25%) of the account total determined by the rates set forth in this Resolution. Penalties, turn on charges, and other related charges shall be billed at one hundred percent (100%) of the amounts set forth in this Resolution.
- (c) Mint Valley Golf Course Irrigation: Water consumed at the Mint Valley Golf Course for irrigation purposes only, shall be charged at forty percent (40%) of the rates set forth in this Resolution.
- (d) Community Gardens Irrigation: Water consumed by community gardeners utilizing the City Community Garden facility owned and operated by the City of Longview Parks and Recreation Department shall be charged at twenty-five percent (25%) of the rates set forth in this Resolution. The Community Gardens account is in the name of the City of Longview and shall be billed to the City of Longview Parks and Recreation Department.

Section 7. Delinquent Payments.

All money due the City for furnishing water service for any customers shall be due and payable within fifteen (15) days of the billing date shown on each bill, and if not paid within fifteen (15) days thereafter, shall be deemed delinquent. In accordance with Longview Municipal Code Section 15.56.010(2), if full payment on a utility account has not been received at the Finance Department by the thirtieth(30th) day after the bill date, a penalty in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be assessed and written notice will be mailed for demand for

payment or otherwise. In the event the utility account remains delinquent beyond the forty-first (41st) day after the bill date, and after such contact has been attempted by the City, the utility service shall be disconnected or shut off until such time as the balance is paid in full. In accordance with the Longview Municipal Code Section 15.56.010(3), a penalty charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be assessed to turn on the utility service, once the balance, including penalty fees, are paid in full. In accordance with Longview Municipal Code Section 15.56.050, there is hereby established a charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to turn on a water service which has been disconnected or turned off due to a user failing to apply for water service as provided in Longview Municipal Code Section 15.44.010. A charge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) is hereby established if the City is required to turn on a water service after regular working hours. If the City determined that it was necessary to physically remove the meter to enforce the provisions of the Longview Municipal Code and this resolution, a charge of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) shall be assessed to reinstall the meter and turn on water service.

Section 8. Water Obtained from Fire Hydrant.

Anyone desiring to obtain water from an un-metered fire hydrant shall first obtain a Fire Hydrant Use Permit, and pay all applicable fees and deposits. Use of a fire hydrant to obtain water shall be temporary only, shall occur only at hydrants designated and approved by the Utilities Systems Manager or his/her designee, and shall not exceed ninety (90) calendar days unless otherwise approved by the Utilities Systems Manager or his/her designee. All water obtained from a hydrant shall be through a water meter and backflow prevention assembly provided by the City, except that the Utilities Systems Manager may authorize the permittee to provide its own meter and backflow prevention assembly.

The permittee shall pay a deposit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and a non-refundable meter assembly installation and removal fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) in advance of the City installing the meter assembly on the hydrant. The permittee shall also pay a meter rental charge of five dollars (\$5.00) per calendar day and shall pay for water used at the rates shown in Section 1.B (3).

All water supplied for use outside the corporate limits of the City shall be charged at the rates shown in Section 1.B (3), plus an additional charge of sixty-five percent (65%) as identified in Section 2 of this resolution.

The deposit is required for the purpose of assuring that said meter will be returned to the City, and that it will not be damaged. The permittee shall be fully responsible for any damage or loss to the hydrant and/or the hydrant meter assembly. If a meter assembly is returned to the City in a damaged condition, or the hydrant is damaged by the permittee's use, the permittee shall be responsible to pay all replacement or repair costs that exceed the deposit amount, in addition to the meter rental and water consumption charges. Replacement or repair costs shall become payable to the City within thirty (30) calendar days after notification and subsequent mailing of an invoice to permittee.

Permittees providing their own meter and backflow prevention assembly shall obtain a Fire Hydrant Use Permit for each hydrant used, and shall use only hydrants designated and approved by the Utilities Systems Manager or his/her designee. Such permittees shall be exempt from the installation/removal fee and meter rental charge, but shall pay a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) deposit, shall pay for all water consumed, and shall be responsible for any damage or loss to the hydrant due to their use of the hydrant.

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 permittee shall comply with the requirements set forth in the 2015 International Fire Code, Section 901.8 and subsequent editions; and LMC Sections 15.60.050 and 15.60.070.

The Utilities Division shall provide meter readings to the Finance Department, who shall determine and issue the monthly and final billings. The Finance Department shall refund the deposit to the permittee after all charges have been paid and upon verification from the Utilities Operations Manager or his/her designee, that the meter has been returned and that all City-owned property is undamaged.

Section 9. Water Shortage Fees.

During a water shortage emergency as defined in Chapter 15.74 of the Longview Municipal Code, fees shall be assessed as follows for installation and removal of flow restrictor devices on individual water services, or for disconnecting or shutting off services, as provided for to enforce the measures set forth in Chapter 15.74:

¾ -inch to 1 ½ -inch meters: \$150.00

larger than 1 ½ -inch meters: Actual costs for time, material, and equipment

Section 10. Temporary Aesthetic Water Quality Rate Reduction

On January 31, 2013, the City of Longview discontinued supplying its customers with water from the Cowlitz River and began supplying treated groundwater from the Mint Farm Regional Water Treatment plant. Several months later a limited number of customers began experiencing water quality issues due to destabilization of scale build up in the City's water mains. Although the water meets potable standards, objectionable odor, color, and taste characteristics have been experienced by a limited number of customers. As acknowledgement that some customers may receive water with objectionable aesthetic characteristics impacting their daily lives, the following reduced rates will be charged to certain qualifying customers.

10.1 Eligibility for Aesthetic Water Quality Rates

Eligibility for Aesthetic Water Quality Rates shall be based on water quality at a specific customer's location.

A. Eligibility: Customers may be eligible for Aesthetic Water Quality Rates upon request by the customer and after verification by City staff that the customer has experienced aesthetic water quality issues related to iron and/or manganese concentrations in the customer's water supply. Customers dealing only with spotting and other issues related to hardness and dissolved solids concentrations, chlorine odor or taste, or other issues not related to iron or manganese concentrations, are not eligible for Aesthetic Water Quality Rates. Eligibility for Aesthetic Water Quality Rates shall be determined by City staff based one or more of the following methods:

- i) Water sample collected by City staff from the water main serving the customer containing iron concentration greater than the state Dept. of Health established Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level of 0.3 mg/l.
- ii) Water sample collected by City staff from the water main serving the customer containing manganese concentration greater than the state Dept. of Health established Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level of 0.05 mg/l.
- iii) Water sample collected by City staff from the water main serving the customer with an apparent color reading of greater than 15 color units.
- iv) Non-quantifiable characteristics as determined by the Public Works Director or his/her designee.
- v) Eligibility testing of a customer's water shall occur no more frequently than once per week. After two tests fail to meet the eligibility criteria, the City will not conduct any further eligibility tests for that customer unless the City identifies a general deterioration of water quality in the City's mains in the area of the customer.

B. Eligibility Period

Customers shall be eligible for the Aesthetic Water Quality Rates for a period of two (2) months, after which continued eligibility must be determined in accordance with section 10.1.A.

10.2 Aesthetic Water Quality Rates Inside Corporate Limits

All water supplied for domestic or commercial purposes within the corporate limits of the City shall be supplied by meter only. The rates for such metered water supplied in any one month or fractional part thereof shall be in accordance with the following schedule but not less than the minimum monthly meter charge. These base monthly rates shall be charged for each month a customer's account is open, regardless of consumption history or actual use during any specific month:

A. Minimum Monthly Meter Charges – Aesthetic Water Quality

(1) All Classes Except Irrigation

\$ 7.39 per month for 3/4" x 5/8" meter
\$ 14.92 per month for 1" meter
\$ 27.41 per month for 1-1/2" meter
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\$ 82.42 per month for 3" meter
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\$ 577.49 per month for 10" meter
\$ 827.52 per month for 12" meter

(2) Irrigation

No reduced rates for irrigation; the rates in Section 1 shall apply.

B. Consumptive Charges – Aesthetic Water Quality

In addition to the minimum monthly meter charges shown above, the following rates shall be charged for metered water consumed:

(1) Single Family Residence and Duplex

For the first 800 cu. ft. or any portion thereof - \$ 1.57 per 100 cu. ft.
For the next 800 cu. ft. - \$ 1.83 per 100 cu. ft.
For all over 1,600 cu. ft. - \$ 2.38 per 100 cu. ft.

(2) Trailer Courts and Apartments (Triplex and above)

All water consumed - \$ 1.80 per 100 cu. ft.

(3) Commercial, Churches, Schools, Hospitals, and Motels/Hotels

For the first 800 cu. ft. or any portion thereof - \$ 1.91 per 100 cu. ft.
For the next 800 cu. ft. - \$ 2.88 per 100 cu. ft.
For all over 1,600 cu. ft. - \$ 3.81 per 100 cu. ft.

(4) Irrigation

No reduced rates for irrigation; the rates in Section 1 shall apply.

10.3 Aesthetic Water Quality Rates Outside the Corporate Limits.

The rates for water supplied shall be in accordance with the schedule in Section 10.2, plus an additional charge of sixty-five percent (65%) to cover public fire protection costs of the water system serving outside customers and other costs applicable thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 2316, passed by the City Council on December 5, 2019, is hereby repealed in its entirety on the date this Resolution becomes effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, and approved by its Mayor at a special meeting of said City Council held on the 12th day of November 2020..

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. ~~2316~~ 2339

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All water consumed - \$ ~~3.56~~3.60 per 100 cu. ft.

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All water consumed - \$ ~~5.63~~5.68 per 100 cu. ft.

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The monthly charges for private fire sprinkler systems and hydrants installed on private property shall be as follows:

<u>INSIDE CITY</u>	<u>OUTSIDE CITY</u>
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account has not been received at the Finance Department by the ~~fortieth-thirtieth~~(40th30th) day after the bill date, a penalty in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be assessed ~~should it become necessary for the City to make a personal call upon a delinquent utility account debtor for the purpose of attempting to collect such delinquent account, regardless of whether or not such an account is collected as a result of such personal and written notice will be mailed for~~ demand for payment or otherwise. In the event the utility account remains delinquent beyond the forty-first (41st) day after the bill date, and after such contact has been attempted by the City, the utility service shall be disconnected or shut off until such time as the balance is paid in full. In accordance with the Longview Municipal Code Section 15.56.010(3), a penalty charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be assessed to turn on the utility service, once the balance, including penalty fees, are paid in full. In accordance with Longview Municipal Code Section 15.56.050, there is hereby established a charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to turn on a water service which has been disconnected or turned off due to a user failing to apply for water service as provided in Longview Municipal Code Section 15.44.010. A charge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) is hereby established if the City is required to turn on a water service after regular working hours. If the City determined that it was necessary to physically remove the meter to enforce the provisions of the Longview Municipal Code and this resolution, a charge of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) shall be assessed to reinstall the meter and turn on water service.

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Anyone desiring to obtain water from an un-metered fire hydrant shall first obtain a Fire Hydrant Use Permit, and pay all applicable fees and deposits. Use of a fire hydrant to obtain water shall be temporary only, shall occur only at hydrants designated and approved by the Utilities Systems Manager or his/her designee, and shall not exceed ninety (90) calendar days unless otherwise approved by the Utilities Systems Manager or his/her designee. All water obtained from a hydrant shall be through a water meter and backflow prevention assembly provided by the City, except that the Utilities Systems Manager may authorize the permittee to provide its own meter and backflow prevention assembly.

The permittee shall pay a deposit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and a non-refundable meter assembly installation and removal fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) in

advance of the City installing the meter assembly on the hydrant. The permittee shall also pay a meter rental charge of five dollars (\$5.00) per calendar day and shall pay for water used at the rates shown in Section 1.B (3).

All water supplied for use outside the corporate limits of the City shall be charged at the rates shown in Section 1.B (3), plus an additional charge of sixty-five percent (65%) as identified in Section 2 of this resolution.

The deposit is required for the purpose of assuring that said meter will be returned to the City, and that it will not be damaged. The permittee shall be fully responsible for any damage or loss to the hydrant and/or the hydrant meter assembly. If a meter assembly is returned to the City in a damaged condition, or the hydrant is damaged by the permittee's use, the permittee shall be responsible to pay all replacement or repair costs that exceed the deposit amount, in addition to the meter rental and water consumption charges. Replacement or repair costs shall become payable to the City within thirty (30) calendar days after notification and subsequent mailing of an invoice to permittee.

Permittees providing their own meter and backflow prevention assembly shall obtain a Fire Hydrant Use Permit for each hydrant used, and shall use only hydrants designated and approved by the Utilities Systems Manager or his/her designee. Such permittees shall be exempt from the installation/removal fee and meter rental charge, but shall pay a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) deposit, shall pay for all water consumed, and shall be responsible for any damage or loss to the hydrant due to their use of the hydrant.

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 permittee shall comply with the requirements set forth in the 2015 International Fire Code, Section 901.8 and subsequent editions; and LMC Sections 15.60.050 and 15.60.070.

The Utilities Division shall provide meter readings to the Finance Department, who shall determine and issue the monthly and final billings. The Finance Department shall refund the

deposit to the permittee after all charges have been paid and upon verification from the Utilities Operations Manager or his/her designee, that the meter has been returned and that all City-owned property is undamaged.

Section 9. Water Shortage Fees.

During a water shortage emergency as defined in Chapter 15.74 of the Longview Municipal Code, fees shall be assessed as follows for installation and removal of flow restrictor devices on individual water services, or for disconnecting or shutting off services, as provided for to enforce the measures set forth in Chapter 15.74:

¾ -inch to 1 ½ -inch meters: \$150.00

larger than 1 ½ -inch meters: Actual costs for time, material, and equipment

Section 10. Temporary Aesthetic Water Quality Rate Reduction

On January 31, 2013, the City of Longview discontinued supplying its customers with water from the Cowlitz River and began supplying treated groundwater from the Mint Farm Regional Water Treatment plant. Several months later a limited number of customers began experiencing water quality issues due to destabilization of scale build up in the City's water mains. Although the water meets potable standards, objectionable odor, color, and taste characteristics have been experienced by a limited number of customers. As acknowledgement that some customers may receive water with objectionable aesthetic characteristics impacting their daily lives, the following reduced rates will be charged to certain qualifying customers.

10.1 Eligibility for Aesthetic Water Quality Rates

Eligibility for Aesthetic Water Quality Rates shall be based on water quality at a specific customer's location.

A. Eligibility: Customers may be eligible for Aesthetic Water Quality Rates upon request by the customer and after verification by City staff that the customer has experienced aesthetic water quality issues related to iron and/or manganese concentrations in the customer's water supply. Customers dealing only with spotting and other issues related to hardness and dissolved solids concentrations, chlorine odor or taste, or other issues not related to iron or manganese concentrations, are not eligible for Aesthetic Water Quality Rates. Eligibility

for Aesthetic Water Quality Rates shall be determined by City staff based one or more of the following methods:

- i) Water sample collected by City staff from the water main serving the customer containing iron concentration greater than the state Dept. of Health established Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level of 0.3 mg/l.
- ii) Water sample collected by City staff from the water main serving the customer containing manganese concentration greater than the state Dept. of Health established Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level of 0.05 mg/l.
- iii) Water sample collected by City staff from the water main serving the customer with an apparent color reading of greater than 15 color units.
- iv) Non-quantifiable characteristics as determined by the Public Works Director or his/her designee.
- v) Eligibility testing of a customer's water shall occur no more frequently than once per week. After two tests fail to meet the eligibility criteria, the City will not conduct any further eligibility tests for that customer unless the City identifies a general deterioration of water quality in the City's mains in the area of the customer.

B. Eligibility Period

Customers shall be eligible for the Aesthetic Water Quality Rates for a period of two (2) months, after which continued eligibility must be determined in accordance with section 10.1.A.

10.2 Aesthetic Water Quality Rates Inside Corporate Limits

All water supplied for domestic or commercial purposes within the corporate limits of the City shall be supplied by meter only. The rates for such metered water supplied in any one month or fractional part thereof shall be in accordance with the following schedule but not less than the minimum monthly meter charge. These base monthly rates shall be charged for each month a customer's account is open, regardless of consumption history or actual use during any specific month:

A. Minimum Monthly Meter Charges – Aesthetic Water Quality

(1) All Classes Except Irrigation

\$ ~~7.32~~7.39 per month for 3/4" x 5/8" meter
\$ ~~14.77~~14.92 per month for 1" meter
\$ ~~27.14~~27.41 per month for 1-1/2" meter
\$ ~~41.99~~42.41 per month for 2" meter
\$ ~~81.60~~82.42 per month for 3" meter
\$ ~~126.16~~127.42 per month for 4" meter
\$ ~~249.95~~252.45 per month for 6" meter
\$ ~~398.48~~402.46 per month for 8" meter
\$ ~~571.77~~577.49 per month for 10" meter
\$ ~~849.33~~827.52 per month for 12" meter

(2) Irrigation

No reduced rates for irrigation; the rates in Section 1 shall apply.

B. Consumptive Charges – Aesthetic Water Quality

In addition to the minimum monthly meter charges shown above, the following rates shall be charged for metered water consumed:

(1) Single Family Residence and Duplex

For the first 800 cu. ft. or any portion thereof - \$ ~~1.55~~1.57 per 100 cu. ft.
For the next 800 cu. ft. - \$ ~~1.81~~1.83 per 100 cu. ft.
For all over 1,600 cu. ft. - \$ ~~2.36~~2.38 per 100 cu. ft.

(2) Trailer Courts and Apartments (Triplex and above)

All water consumed - \$ ~~1.78~~1.80 per 100 cu. ft.

(3) Commercial, Churches, Schools, Hospitals, and Motels/Hotels

For the first 800 cu. ft. or any portion thereof - \$ ~~1.89~~1.91 per 100 cu. ft.
For the next 800 cu. ft. - \$ ~~2.83~~2.88 per 100 cu. ft.
For all over 1,600 cu. ft. - \$ ~~3.77~~3.81 per 100 cu. ft.

(4) Irrigation

No reduced rates for irrigation; the rates in Section 1 shall apply.

10.3 Aesthetic Water Quality Rates Outside the Corporate Limits.

The rates for water supplied shall be in accordance with the schedule in Section 10.2, plus an additional charge of sixty-five percent (65%) to cover public fire protection costs of the water system serving outside customers and other costs applicable thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. ~~2279~~2316, passed by the City Council on ~~November 15, 2018~~December 5, 2019, is hereby repealed in its entirety on the date this Resolution becomes effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on January 1, ~~2020~~2021.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, and approved by its Mayor at a special meeting of said City Council held on the ~~5th day of December, 2019~~12th day of November 2020.

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ATTEST:

MAYOR

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2340

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO AND SETTING RATES AND MINIMUM CHARGES FOR SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AND CONNECTIONS AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES FOR PROVIDING SANITARY SEWER SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2307.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 15.12 of the Longview Municipal Code, the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington hereby enacts this Resolution to increase the rates and charges for providing sewer service to cover the projected operating and capital costs of the sewer utility.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of said City that the rates for sanitary sewer service furnished by said City, both inside and outside the corporate limits thereof, shall be, and are hereby established, as follows:

Section 1. Customer Rates Inside Corporate Limits of the City.

The rates for sanitary sewer service for customers inside the corporate limits of the City shall be as follows; these base monthly rates shall be charged for each month a customer's account is open, regardless of consumption history or actual use during any specific month:

A. Monthly Base Customer Charges

(1) Residential

 \$ 34.14 per month for each single family residence and duplex (if single account)

 \$ 34.14 per month for each unit of a duplex (if two separate accounts)

(2) Trailer Courts and Apartments (Triplex and above)

 \$ 76.79 per month

(3) Commercial, Churches, Schools and Motels/Hotels

\$ 58.55 per month

B. Consumptive Charges

In addition to the monthly charges shown above, the following rates shall be charged based on metered water consumed or as otherwise specified:

(1) Residential

- (a) Monthly consumptive charges for single family and duplex residential customers shall be \$ 5.67 per 100 cubic feet (CCF) multiplied times the customer's average metered water consumed per month during the previous winter season billing periods. For customers on a bi-monthly billing cycle, average consumption shall be calculated using the customer's water meter readings that generally represent the customer's consumption during the months of November through February, or during the months of December through March, depending on the customer's assigned billing cycle. Charges for customers on a monthly billing cycle shall be based on the monthly average of their water consumption during the November through February billing periods. Except as provided below, such charges shall remain constant for a 12-month period and shall be adjusted annually.
- (b) Single family and duplex residential customers who do not have a complete billing cycle water consumption history for the billing periods specified above shall be charged \$ 5.67 per CCF multiplied by the metered water consumed, up to a maximum of 12 CCF per month, until such time as a consumption history is established as specified in (a) above.
- (c) Single family and duplex residential customers with an average water consumption of 1 CCF or less per month during the billing periods specified above, shall be charged \$ 5.67 per CCF multiplied by the metered water consumed, up to a maximum of 12 CCF per month, until such time as a consumption history is established as specified in (a) above.
- (d) Single family and duplex residential customers who do not have a City water service account and for which the City is unable to obtain official billing history from a state of Washington Department of Health approved water system for the billing periods specified above, shall be charged \$ 34.00 per month, which amount represents \$ 5.67 CCF multiplied by the current average residential metered water consumption of 6 CCF per month.

- (e) For any billing period, if the customer's total metered water consumption is zero, the consumptive sewer charge will be \$0.
- (2) Commercial, Churches, Schools, Hotels/Motels, Trailer Courts, and Apartments (Triplex and above)
 - (a) The sewer consumptive charge shall be based on metered water consumed at the rate of \$ 5.67 per 100 cubic feet.
- (3) The following charges for extra strength sewage shall be in addition to any other charges and shall be as determined by taking samples at intervals approved by the Director of Public Works. The fee shall be imposed on an industry or commercial business when any sample of wastewater discharged from that business during that month exceeds 350 mg/l TSS (total suspended solids) and/or BOD (biochemical oxygen demand). However, if the Volatile Suspended Solids (VSS) portion of the TSS is 100 mg/l or lower, then the surcharge for TSS shall not apply. The high strength fee shall be the greater of:

- (a) For single or intermittent discharges, the sum of the following high strength waste fees calculated for each sample tested during the month that exceeds 350 mg/l TSS and/or BOD:

$$\text{TSS Fee} = \text{TSS (mg/l)} - 350 \text{ (mg/l)} \times \text{Flow (mgd)} \times 8.34 \times \$0.55$$

$$\text{BOD Fee} = \text{BOD (mg/l)} - 350 \text{ (mg/l)} \times \text{Flow (mgd)} \times 8.34 \times \$0.40$$

VSS: If the VSS portion of the TSS is 100 mg/l or lower, then surcharges for TSS shall not apply.

For the calculation above, "Flow (mgd)" means the volume of wastewater discharged during the sample collection period.

OR:

- (b) For discharges of longer duration, the high strength waste fee will be based upon the average TSS and/or BOD concentration for all samples tested during that month when either or both averages exceed 350 mg/l.

$$\text{TSS Fee} = \text{TSS (mg/l)} - 350 \text{ (mg/l)} \times \text{Flow (mgd)} \times 8.34 \times \$0.55$$

$$\text{BOD Fee} = \text{BOD (mg/l)} - 350 \text{ (mg/l)} \times \text{Flow (mgd)} \times 8.34 \times \$0.40$$

VSS: If the VSS portion of the TSS is 100 mg/l or lower, then surcharges for TSS shall not apply.

For the calculation above, “Flow (mgd)” means the total volume of wastewater discharged during the month.

- (4) Subject to City Council approval, the City Manager may recommend modifications to commercial and industrial user charges for businesses that use metered water in excess of 7,500 cubic feet per month. Any such modification shall be based on classification of user and shall reflect the businesses' sewage flow volume as well as the degree of sewage treatment required for that class of business.
- (5) To account for unique water consumption patterns and/or history not captured by the billing periods or calculation methods specified above, the City may calculate the customer's sewer service charges based on an adjusted consumption history to more accurately represent sewer use based on metered water consumption.

Customers may also request adjusted sewer service charges based on their unique water use patterns or history. Such customers shall submit written documentation and explanations demonstrating why the City's billing history should not be used to calculate the customer's sewer charges, and recommending a consumption volume that should be used to calculate the customer's sewer charges. The customer shall submit documentation as required by the City. The Finance Director, after consulting with the Public Works Director, shall determine the consumption history or pattern to be used to calculate the customer's sewer service charges.

Section 2. Sewer Service for Youth Athletic Leagues.

Sewer service provided to City parks that host Youth Athletic Leagues under a Longview Parks and Recreation Department Youth Sports Facility Use Agreement shall be charged at twenty-five percent (25%) of the rates set forth in this Resolution. Where a Youth Athletic League has secured its own facility, operates in coordination with the Longview Parks and Recreation Department, and is the account customer billed directly by the City, the league shall be billed at twenty-five percent (25%) of the account total determined by the rates set forth in this Resolution.

Section 3. Customer Rates Outside Corporate Limits of the City.

The sanitary sewer rates for customers outside the corporate limits of the City shall be as follows:

- A. All Accounts Except Schools – To the sewer rates set forth in Section 1, add 65% of such rate to compensate the City as provided in Chapter 15.12 of the Longview Municipal Code.
- B. Schools – The same school rate for inside corporate limits, Sections 1A(3) & 1B(2)(a).
- C. Charges for extra strength sewage shall be as provided in Section 1B(3).

Section 4. Partial Monthly Charges.

When sewer service has been provided to any one customer for less than a calendar month, the amount to be charged such customer for the sewer service furnished during said partial period shall be determined by dividing the applicable monthly base charge by thirty and multiplying the quotient times the number of days sewer service was provided, plus the total consumptive charges. For single family and duplex residential customers charged a flat monthly consumptive charge in accordance with Section 1.B.(1)(a), the consumptive charge shall also be determined by dividing the applicable flat monthly charge by thirty and multiplying the quotient times the number of days sewer service was provided.

Section 5. Charge for Connection to Sanitary Sewer.

As provided by Chapter 15.24 of the Longview Municipal Code, the charge for connection to the sanitary sewer system shall be as follows:

- A. Sewer Service Connection Charges
 - (1) All sewer installations shall meet or exceed the existing standards and specifications of the City. Prior to the installation, the owner/contractor shall request an inspection of materials by the City Engineer, or his/her representative. No sewer installations or taps into the City sewer mains shall occur without a utility permit issued under LMC 15.44.010. Any utility construction within a public right-of-way or easement shall comply with the authorizing agency's requirements and permitting regulations, and a permit shall be obtained from such agency prior to starting construction of the utility facilities. At locations where the City is required to obtain a permit from the authorizing agency, the owner/contractor shall reimburse the City the cost of such permit. In addition, no sewer installation or taps shall occur except upon forty-eight (48) or more hours advance notice to the City Engineer, or his/her assigned representative. All sewer installations, including taps into a

sewer main, shall be performed by a licensed plumbing contractor qualified to perform tapping connections, per the standards set forth by the City.

- (2) The City Engineer, or his/her representative, shall inspect all materials to ensure compliance with the current City standards and specifications. Once the materials, location, and permits are approved, the contractor shall be permitted to install the service. The work shall be inspected by the City Engineer, or his/her representative.
- (3) No sewer installation or taps into the City's sewer main shall be covered or obscured until inspected and approved by the City Engineer, or his/her representative. An inspection fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) shall be charged for such inspections, and shall be paid at the time that a permit is granted under LMC 15.44.010. Where the developer of newly platted land has installed a complete sewer lateral or connection up to the property or sewer easement boundary, in accordance with City standards, including a cleanout, and the lateral or connection was approved as part of the development infrastructure, the inspection fee is waived.

B. Capital Recovery Fee

In addition to the foregoing charges, a Capital Recovery fee will be charged, for new and added sewer connections, according to the associated water connection size as follows:

<u>Connection Size</u>	<u>Capital Recovery Fee</u>
0.75"	\$2,314.00
1"	\$5,785.00
1.5"	\$11,570.00
2"	\$18,512.00
3"	\$37,024.00
4"	\$57,850.00
6"	\$115,700.00
8"	\$185,120.00
10"	\$266,110.00
12"	\$381,810.00

C. Sewer Treatment System Development Charge

- (1) In addition to all of the foregoing charges, a Sewer Treatment System Development Charge (SDC) of one thousand five hundred sixty dollars (\$1,560.00) for wastewater treatment will be charged for each Equivalent

Residential Unit (ERU) in accordance with the following conversion tables:

RESIDENTIAL:

<u>Dwelling</u>	<u>ERUs per dwelling unit</u>
Single family	1.00
Duplex, 3-plex, 4-plex	0.86
Apartment (5 or more)	0.67

COMMERCIAL:

<u>Water meter size (inches)</u>	<u>ERUs per meter</u>
3/4 x 5/8	1.00
1	2.50
1.5	5.00
2	8.00
3	16.00
4	25.00
6	50.00
8	80.00
10	115.00
12	165.00

INDUSTRIAL:

1 ERU per each two hundred fifty (250) gallons per day flow

(2) Very Low Strength Industrial:

In addition to all of the foregoing charges, a Sewer Treatment System Development Charge (SDC) of six hundred four dollars (\$604.00) for wastewater treatment will be charged for each new Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) in accordance with the following:

Industrial development, expansion, or increased discharge having projected discharge concentrations of less than 35 mg/L each for BOD and TSS:

1 ERU per each three hundred (250) gallons per day flow

For qualifying industrial dischargers, this SDC fee is charged in lieu of the SDC for industrial dischargers identified in Section C(1) above.

(3) For System Development Charges required to be paid by the City to the Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority (TRRWA), payment of such System Development Charges by City customers shall be made to the City thirty (30) days or more prior to the time that such charges are required to be paid by the City to TRRWA. In the event that payment to the City is not paid promptly, the City may discontinue sewer service or take other measures to effect collection as provided in any contractual agreement between the City and its customer.

(4) Deferral of Payment of SDCs of \$30,000 or More:

Deferral of payment of SDCs of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) or more, together with any “SDC increase” charges, may be made in the manner, in the amounts, and in accordance with the schedule of payments set forth in Resolution Nos. 02-87 and OB 19-179 of TRRWA, including any amendments thereto.

Section 6. Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority Discharge Permits

The rates for issuance of a Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority (TRRWA) discharge permit shall be as follows:

<u>PERMIT CATEGORY</u>	<u>FEE</u>
Commercial User	\$225
Industrial User	\$225
Potential Significant Commercial User	\$340
Potential Significant Industrial User	\$340
Significant Commercial User	\$450
Significant Industrial User	\$450

Permits will be issued based on the provisions contained in LMC Chapter 15.26 and the Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority Discharge Pretreatment Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 2307 passed by the City Council on November 15, 2018 is hereby repealed in its entirety on the date this Resolution becomes effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, and approved by its Mayor at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 12th day of November 2020.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. ~~23072340~~

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(2) Trailer Courts and Apartments (Triplex and above)

\$ ~~76.03~~76.79 per month

(3) Commercial, Churches, Schools and Motels/Hotels

\$ ~~57.97~~58.55 per month

B. Consumptive Charges

In addition to the monthly charges shown above, the following rates shall be charged based on metered water consumed or as otherwise specified:

(1) Residential

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- (c) Single family and duplex residential customers with an average water consumption of 1 CCF or less per month during the billing periods specified above, shall be charged \$ ~~5.64~~5.67 per CCF multiplied by the metered water consumed, up to a maximum of 12 CCF per month, until such time as a consumption history is established as specified in (a) above.
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average residential metered water consumption of 6 CCF per month.

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- A. Sewer Service Connection Charges
 - (1) All sewer installations shall meet or exceed the existing standards and specifications of the City. Prior to the installation, the owner/contractor shall request an inspection of materials by the City Engineer, or his/her representative. No sewer installations or taps into the City sewer mains shall occur without a utility permit issued under LMC 15.44.010. Any utility construction within a public right-of-way or easement shall comply with the authorizing agency's requirements and permitting regulations, and a permit shall be obtained from such agency prior to starting construction of the utility facilities. At locations where the City is required to obtain a permit from the authorizing agency, the owner/contractor shall reimburse the City the cost of such permit. In

addition, no sewer installation or taps shall occur except upon forty-eight (48) or more hours advance notice to the City Engineer, or his/her assigned representative. All sewer installations, including taps into a sewer main, shall be performed by a licensed plumbing contractor qualified to perform tapping connections, per the standards set forth by the City.

- (2) The City Engineer, or his/her representative, shall inspect all materials to ensure compliance with the current City standards and specifications. Once the materials, location, and permits are approved, the contractor shall be permitted to install the service. The work shall be inspected by the City Engineer, or his/her representative.
- (3) No sewer installation or taps into the City's sewer main shall be covered or obscured until inspected and approved by the City Engineer, or his/her representative. An inspection fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) shall be charged for such inspections, and shall be paid at the time that a permit is granted under LMC 15.44.010. Where the developer of newly platted land has installed a complete sewer lateral or connection up to the property or sewer easement boundary, in accordance with City standards, including a cleanout, and the lateral or connection was approved as part of the development infrastructure, the inspection fee is waived.

B. Capital Recovery Fee

In addition to the foregoing charges, a Capital Recovery fee will be charged, for new and added sewer connections, according to the associated water connection size as follows:

<u>Connection Size</u>	<u>Capital Recovery Fee</u>
0.75"	\$2,314.00
1"	\$5,785.00
1.5"	\$11,570.00
2"	\$18,512.00
3"	\$37,024.00
4"	\$57,850.00
6"	\$115,700.00
8"	\$185,120.00
10"	\$266,110.00
12"	\$381,810.00

C. Sewer Treatment System Development Charge

- (1) In addition to all of the foregoing charges, a Sewer Treatment System Development Charge (SDC) of one thousand ~~five hundred sixty nine hundred fifty seven~~ dollars (\$1,~~560~~957.00) for wastewater treatment will be charged for each Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) in accordance with the following conversion tables:

RESIDENTIAL:

<u>Dwelling</u>	<u>ERUs per dwelling unit</u>
Single family	1.00
Duplex, 3-plex, 4-plex	0.86
Apartment (5 or more)	0.67

COMMERCIAL:

<u>Water meter size (inches)</u>	<u>ERUs per meter</u>
3/4 x 5/8	1.00
1	2.50
1.5	5.00
2	8.00
3	16.00
4	25.00
6	50.00
8	80.00
10	115.00
12	165.00

INDUSTRIAL:

~~1 ERU per each two hundred fifty three hundred (250300) gallons per day flow~~

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(2) Very Low Strength Industrial:

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In addition to all of the foregoing charges, a Sewer Treatment System Development Charge (SDC) of six hundred four dollars (\$604.00) for wastewater treatment will be charged for each new Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) in accordance with the following:

Industrial development, expansion, or increased discharge having projected discharge concentrations of less than 35 mg/L each for BOD and TSS:

1 ERU per each three hundred (250300) gallons per day flow

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For qualifying industrial dischargers, this SDC fee is charged in lieu of the SDC for industrial dischargers identified in Section C(1) above.

(3) For System Development Charges required to be paid by the City to the Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority (TRRWA), payment of such System Development Charges by City customers shall be made to the City thirty (30) days or more prior to the time that such charges are required to be paid by the City to TRRWA. In the event that payment to the City is not paid promptly, the City may discontinue sewer service or take other measures to effect collection as provided in any contractual agreement between the City and its customer.

(24) Deferral of Payment of SDCs ~~in excess of~~ \$30,000 or More:

Deferral of payment of SDCs ~~in excess of~~ thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) or more, together with any “SDC increase” charges, may be made in the manner, in the amounts, and in accordance with the schedule of payments set forth in Resolution Nos. 02-87 and OB 19-179 of TRRWA, including any amendments thereto.

Section 6. Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority Discharge Permits

The rates for issuance of a Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority (TRRWA) discharge permit shall be as follows:

<u>PERMIT CATEGORY</u>	<u>FEE</u>
Commercial User	\$225
Industrial User	\$225
Potential Significant Commercial User	\$340
Potential Significant Industrial User	\$340
Significant Commercial User	\$450
Significant Industrial User	\$450

Permits will be issued based on the provisions contained in LMC Chapter 15.26 and the Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority Discharge Pretreatment Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. ~~2262-22802307~~ passed by the City Council on ~~April 12~~ November 15, 2018 is hereby repealed in its entirety on the date this Resolution becomes effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on ~~January 1, 2019~~ August 1, 2021.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, and approved by its Mayor at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ~~15-8-12~~th day of ~~November, 2018~~ November 2020.

ATTEST:

MAYOR

City Clerk