



City of Longview

1525 Broadway
Longview, WA 98632
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Agenda

City Council

*Mayor Erik Halvorson
Mayor Pro Tem Keith Young
Council Member Chris Bryant
Council Member Mike Claxton
Council Member Ruth Kendall
Council Member Kalei LaFave
Council Member Wayne Nichols*

Thursday, February 12, 2026

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE

26-00102 KEVIN ASAY, CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

3. ROLL CALL

4. WORKSHOP

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

26-0052 JANUARY 22, 2026 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

6. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

7. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**26-00131 2026 UTILITIES PROJECTS AND RATES****8. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Thirty Minutes)****9. PUBLIC HEARINGS****26-00106 ORDINANCE NO. 3571 - AMENDING LMC CHAPTER 6.06 (DOG LICENSING TERM AND SPAY-NEUTER RELEASE PROGRAM FOR CATS)****RECOMMENDED ACTION:****HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 3571
AMENDING CHAPTER 6.06 OF THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE****10. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS (Thirty Minutes)****11. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS****12. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS****26-00108 RESOLUTION NO. 2604 – WATER RATES FOR 2026****RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2604****26-00109 RESOLUTION NO. 2605 – SEWER RATES FOR 2026****RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2605****13. MAYOR'S REPORT****26-0075 COUNCIL COMMITTEES****14. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS****15. CONSENT****26-0053 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS****26-00107 SET PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 3572 – ADOPTING THE THREE RIVERS REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY DISCHARGE PRETREATMENT POLICY AND AMENDING CHAPTER 15.24 OF THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE****RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 12, 2026, DURING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3572****26-00130 SET PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NO. 3573 - ESTABLISHMENT OF AMBULANCE TRANSPORT AND MILEAGE RATES FOR FIRE-EMS SERVICES****RECOMMENDED ACTION:****MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 12, 2026, DURING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3573****26-00132 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2026 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

16. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

17. **MISCELLANEOUS**

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

26-00110 TO CONSIDER MINIMUM PRICE AT WHICH REAL ESTATE WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE OR LEASE PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)

26-00111 LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

*** Any invocation that may be offered at the Council meeting shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, to and for the benefit of the Council. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Council, and the Council does not endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker.**

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.



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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Halvorson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. **INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE**

26-0060 PASTOR TODD BEAL, NEW AND LIVING WAY CHURCH

After the invocation provided by Pastor Todd Beal of New and Living Way Church, the flag salute was recited.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Halvorson, Mayor Pro Tem Young, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Nichols

Staff Present: City Manager Jennifer Wills, Interim City Attorney Chris Pimker, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little,

Parks & Recreation Director Justin Brown, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Fire Battalion Chief Eric Koreis, Public Information Officer Angela Abel, Information Technology Director Mike Sullivan, Library Director Jacob Cole, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim

4. **WORKSHOP**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilmember Claxton, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to approve the January 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and the January 15, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

26-0022 JANUARY 8, 2026 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

26-0048 JANUARY 15, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

6. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

7. **PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

26-001155 **PROCLAMATION - LONGVIEW LIBRARY 100TH ANNIVERSARY; RECIPIENT JACOB COLE, LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Mayor Halvorson presented the proclamation to Library Director Jacob Cole, who accepted on behalf of the Library.

26-001156 **PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL SQUIRREL APPRECIATION DAY; RECIPIENT SPENCER BOUDREAU, PRESIDENT OF THE LONGVIEW SANDBAGGERS**

Mayor Halvorson presented the proclamation to Spencer Boudreau, who accepted on behalf of the Longview Sandbaggers.

26-0040 **LPD MDT REPLACEMENT**

Police Chief Robert Huhta and Captain Branden McNew presented. Council discussed the presentation.

26-0041 **OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

Police Chief Robert Huhta and Fire Battalion Chief Erik Koreis presented. Council discussed the presentation.

26-0045 **DOWNTOWN UNIFORM PARKING PROPOSAL**

Community Development Director Nick Little presented. Council discussed the presentation.

8. **CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Thirty Minutes)**

*Mike Pederson provided public comment.
Clint Hash provided public comment.
Larry Jacobs provided public comment.
Jennifer Leach provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Tom Spain provided public comment.
Jason Still provided public comment.
Derek Fine provided public comment.*

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

10. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS (Thirty Minutes)

Dawn Courtney provided public comment in support of the LPD MDT replacement.

Larry Jacobs provided public comment regarding the downtown parking proposal.

Jennifer Leach provided public comment in support of the Opioid Settlement funds.

Shaun Higgins provided public comment in support of the Opioid Settlement funds and regarding the downtown parking proposal.

Jason Still provided public comment on the LPD MDT replacement, Opioid Settlement funds, and the downtown parking proposal.

The Council recessed at 8:43 p.m. for a period of 10 minutes, until 8:53 p.m. At 8:53 p.m. the council reconvened with all members present.

11. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**25-001104 LIBRARY ALCOHOL USE POLICY****RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT THE POLICY**

Library Director Jacob Cole explained the background of the request and the proposed policy. The Library Board has approved the proposed policy.

Council discussed the proposed policy.

Council requested Director Cole return with a detailed scope for the Library's 100-year Anniversary Gala and apply for a special use permit. Council wants to see how an event with alcohol is managed and obtain additional information before making a change to the policy.

12. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**13. MAYOR'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Mayor Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to oppose HB2489.

Council discussed the motion.

Jason Still provided public comment in support of the motion.

Dawn Courtney provided public comment in support of the motion.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment in support of the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Halvorson provided a verbal report.

14. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember LaFave provided a verbal report.

Councilmember Nichols provided a verbal report.

15. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

26-001157 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

26-0023 SET PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 3571 – AMENDMENTS TO LMC CHAPTER 6.06 (DOG LICENSING TERM AND SPAY-NEUTER RELEASE PROGRAM FOR CATS)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2026 DURING THE REGULAR

CITY COUNCIL MEETING, TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3571 AMENDING CHAPTER 6.06 OF THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE

26-0030 POLICE MDT FLEET REFRESH - DELL PRO RUGGED 14 LAPTOPS AND HAVIS DOCKING STATIONS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 52 DELL PRO RUGGED 14 (RB14250) LAPTOPS AND 35 HAVIS DELL VEHICLE DOCKING STATIONS FOR PATROL USE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$224,282.73, INCLUDING ESTIMATED SALES TAX AND FREIGHT, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER (OR DESIGNEE) TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY PURCHASE DOCUMENTS.

26-0043 RESOLUTION NO. 2602 - PSA WITH CARL'S TOWING SERVICE & REPAIR, INC.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2602 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AMENDMENT #1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CARL'S TOWING SERVICE & REPAIR, INC.

16. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

26-0031 DOWNTOWN UNIFORM PARKING PROPOSAL, INCLUDING PATH FORWARD FOR IMPLEMENTATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

SEEKING APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT THE DOWNTOWN UNIFORM PARKING PROPOSAL

A motion was made Mayor Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Young, for staff to take the proposal back to the DAC for proposed adjustments creating 10-hour parking on 14th Avenue between Vandercook and Florida and the side streets of Maple, Broadway, Hudson and Hemlock between 14th Avenue and 15th Avenue and revisiting the recent RWC Downtown Parking Study to ensure these recommendations align with the guiding principles outlined in the study. The motion carried unanimously.

26-0042 RESOLUTION NO. 2603 - OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2603 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR APPROVED OPIOID REMEDIATION AND ABATEMENT ACTIVITIES

*A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Nichols, to adopt Resolution No. 2603. The motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Nichols, Councilmember Young, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Claxton
Nays: Councilmember Halvorson*

26-0047 2026 CITY COUNCIL SUMMIT EXPECTATION DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

PROVIDE DIRECTION FOR THE 2026 CITY COUNCIL SUMMIT

*City Manager Jennifer Wills requested direction for the 2026 city council summit.
Consensus from council: March 13 from 5 to 8 pm and March 14 from 9 am to 1 pm. The*

preferred location is the 911 Center, if not available, locate at the City Hall. No facilitator, use workshop model. Discussion focused on council business, not city business. Items of discussion include: council goals, city manager goals, protocol manual, boards and commissions, and strategic vision. Staff participation as needed. City Manager Wills will bring back an agenda for the council's review.

Councilmember Bryant and Councilmember Claxton volunteered to attend the Revenue Committee on February 9.

17. **MISCELLANEOUS**

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10: p.m.

*Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk*

*Approved: _____
Mayor*

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

PROPOSED 2026 UTILITY RATES

Longview City Council

February 12th, 2026

Prepared by:

Chris Collins, Public Works Director/
Assistant City Manager

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SEWER RATE RECOMMENDATIONS

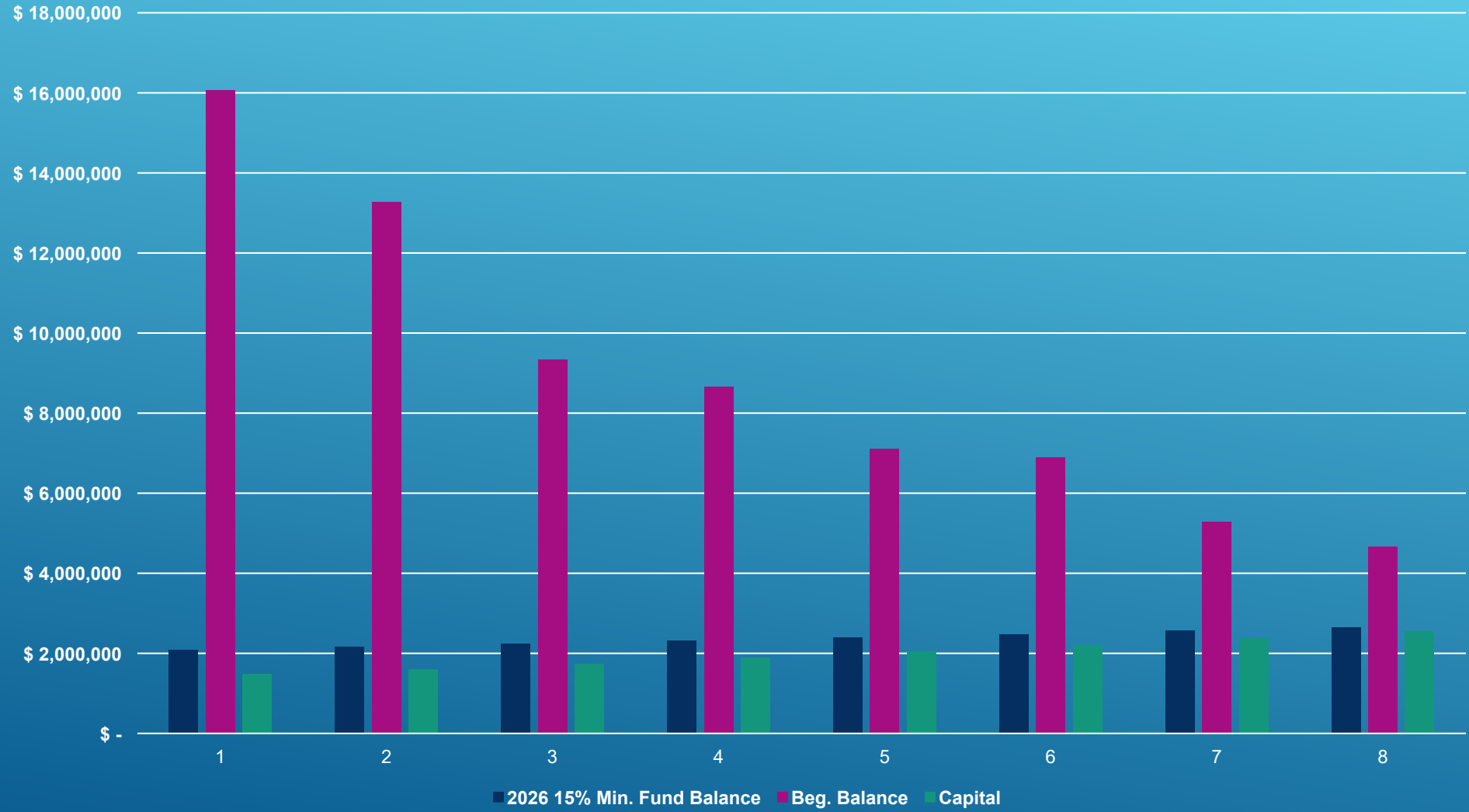
| Water Fund Projections | | 4% | 5% |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2025 | 2026 | 2026 |
| Annual Revenues | \$ 14,792,158.00 | \$ 15,383,844.32 | \$ 15,531,765.90 |
| Annual Operating Budget | \$ 13,436,122.00 | \$ 13,906,386.27 | \$ 13,906,386.27 |
| Annual Capital Contribution | \$ 1,356,036.00 | \$ 1,477,458.05 | \$ 1,625,379.63 |
| Rate for 6CCF | \$ 78.27 | \$ 81.40 | \$ 82.18 |
| \$ Increase | \$ - | \$ 3.13 | \$ 3.91 |

SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS – PLAN 4%

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Sewer | | Beg. Balance | 16,071,542 | 13,275,250 | 9,331,338 | 8,663,758 | 7,100,231 | 6,889,255 | 5,289,630 | 4,655,601 |
| | | Capital | 1,477,458 | 1,606,088 | 1,742,297 | 1,886,474 | 2,039,024 | 2,200,374 | 2,370,971 | 2,551,283 |
| | | | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 2032 | 2033 |
| Carryover Capital Projects | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4014 Oak St. Pump Station | | | 146,000 | 1,500,000 | | | | | | |
| Mint Farm Sewer Pump Station Odor Control | | | 100,000 | | | | | | | |
| Columbia Heights Sewer Reconstruction | | | 100,000 | 400,000 | 359,878 | | | | | |
| General Sewer Plan | | | 100,000 | | | | | | | |
| | | Subtotal | 446,000 | 1,900,000 | 359,878 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Planned Capital Projects | | Request | | | | | | | | |
| Annual Main Replacements | | | 1,500,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 1,150,000 |
| Annual Main Relining | | | 1,500,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Public / Private Joint Utility Imp | | | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| LID | | | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| OB2, OB3, OB4 odor control | | | 100,000 | 200,000 | | | | | | |
| Seal Coat Utility Operations Lot 50% | | | 41,000 | | | | | | | |
| Power Gate Utility Operations Center 50% | | | 10,500 | | | | | | | |
| Repaint Utility Operations Center 50% | | | 26,250 | | | | | | | |
| Utility Operations Center Remodel | | | | | | | | 150,000 | 755,000 | 800,000 |
| Schnider Pump Satation Sabilization | | | 200,000 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5501 Finch PS | | | 300000 | 1,700,000 | | | | | | |
| 2277 48th PS | | | | | 300000 | 1,700,000 | | | | |
| 4711 Merlin PS | | | | | | | 300000 | 1,700,000 | | |
| 2401 50th PS | 2,000,000 | | | | | | | | 300000 | 1,700,000 |
| 122 Selix PS | 2,000,000 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4007 Pacific Way PS | 2,000,000 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2947 Lynn Place PS | 2,000,000 | | | | | | | | | |
| 920 7th Ave | 2,000,000 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Subtotal | 3,827,750 | 3,650,000 | 2,050,000 | 3,450,000 | 2,250,000 | 3,800,000 | 3,005,000 | 4,800,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | 4,273,750 | 5,550,000 | 2,409,878 | 3,450,000 | 2,250,000 | 3,800,000 | 3,005,000 | 4,800,000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | End Balance | 13,275,250 | 9,331,338 | 8,663,758 | 7,100,231 | 6,889,255 | 5,289,630 | 4,655,601 | 2,406,884 |

2026 Utility Rate Information / Sewer Utility

Sewer Fund 4% per year

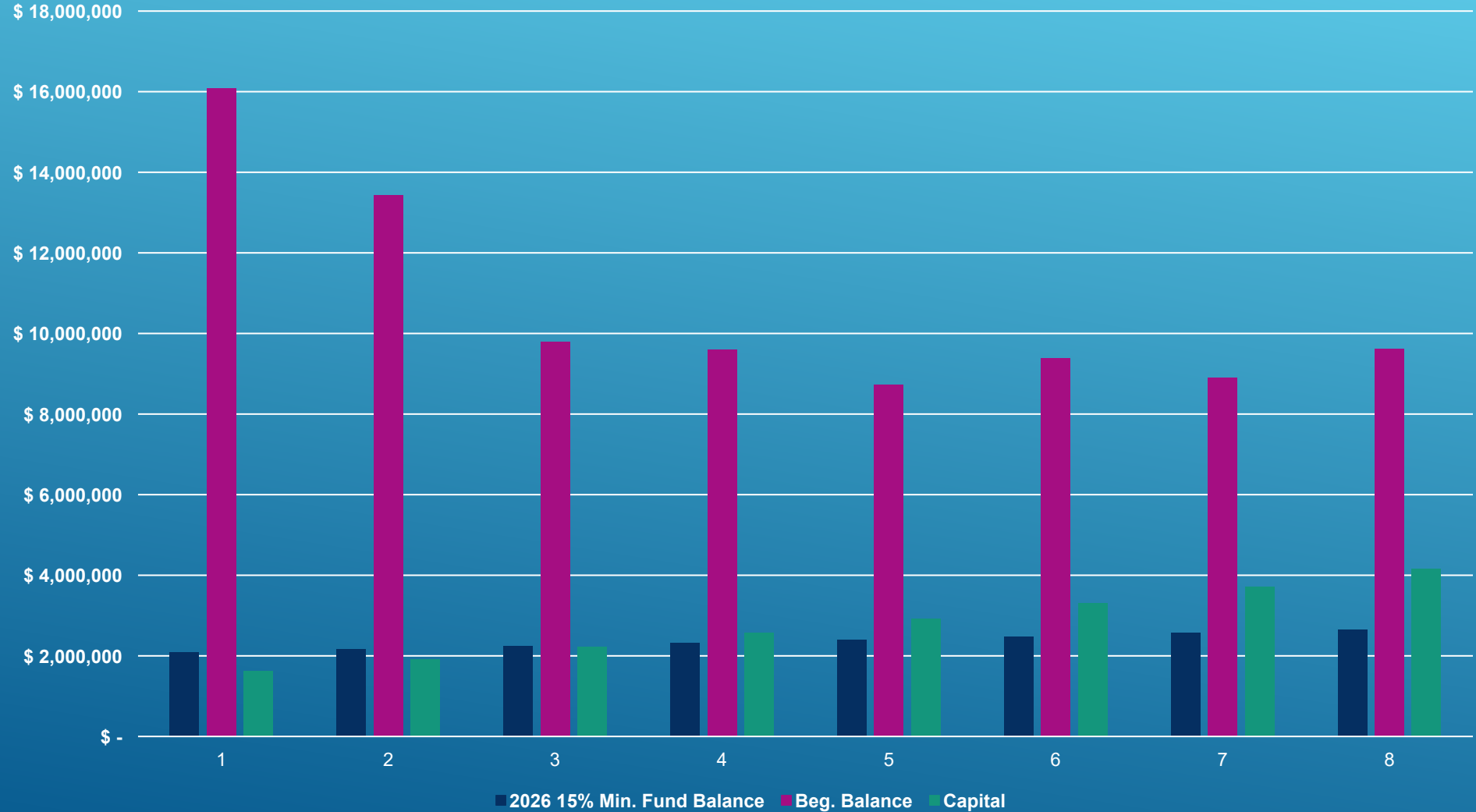


SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS – PLAN 5%

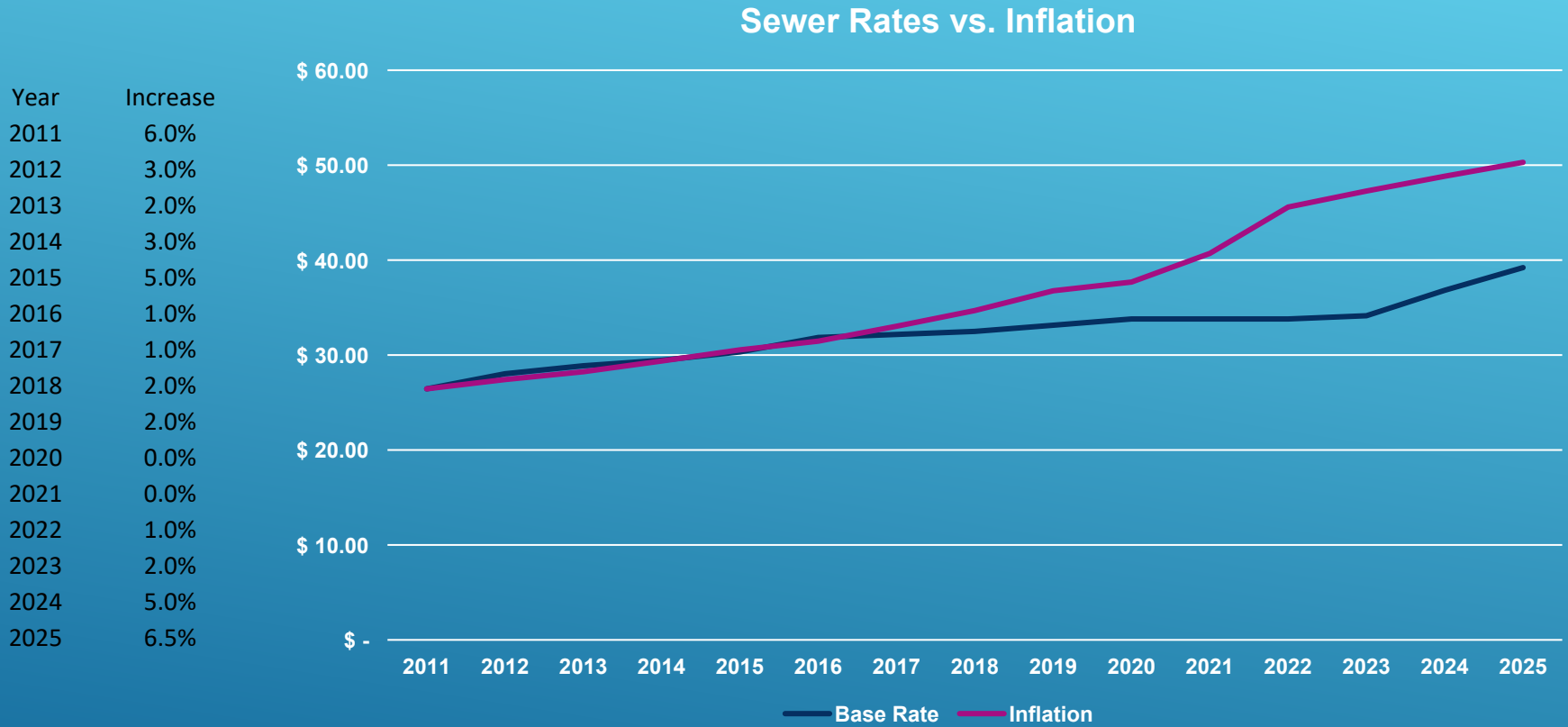
| Sewer | | Beg. Balance | 16,071,542 | 13,423,172 | 9,788,416 | 9,605,441 | 8,717,143 | 9,388,203 | 8,894,685 | 9,609,237 |
|---|----------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | Capital | 1,625,380 | 1,915,244 | 2,226,903 | 2,561,701 | 2,921,060 | 3,306,482 | 3,719,552 | 4,161,947 |
| | | | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 2032 | 2033 |
| Carryover Capital Projects | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4014 Oak St. Pump Station | | | 146,000 | 1,500,000 | | | | | | |
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| | Subtotal | | 446,000 | 1,900,000 | 359,878 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Planned Capitol Projects | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Request | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual Main Replacements | | | 1,500,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 1,150,000 |
| Annual Main Relining | | | 1,500,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Public / Private Joint Utility Imp | | | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| LID | | | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
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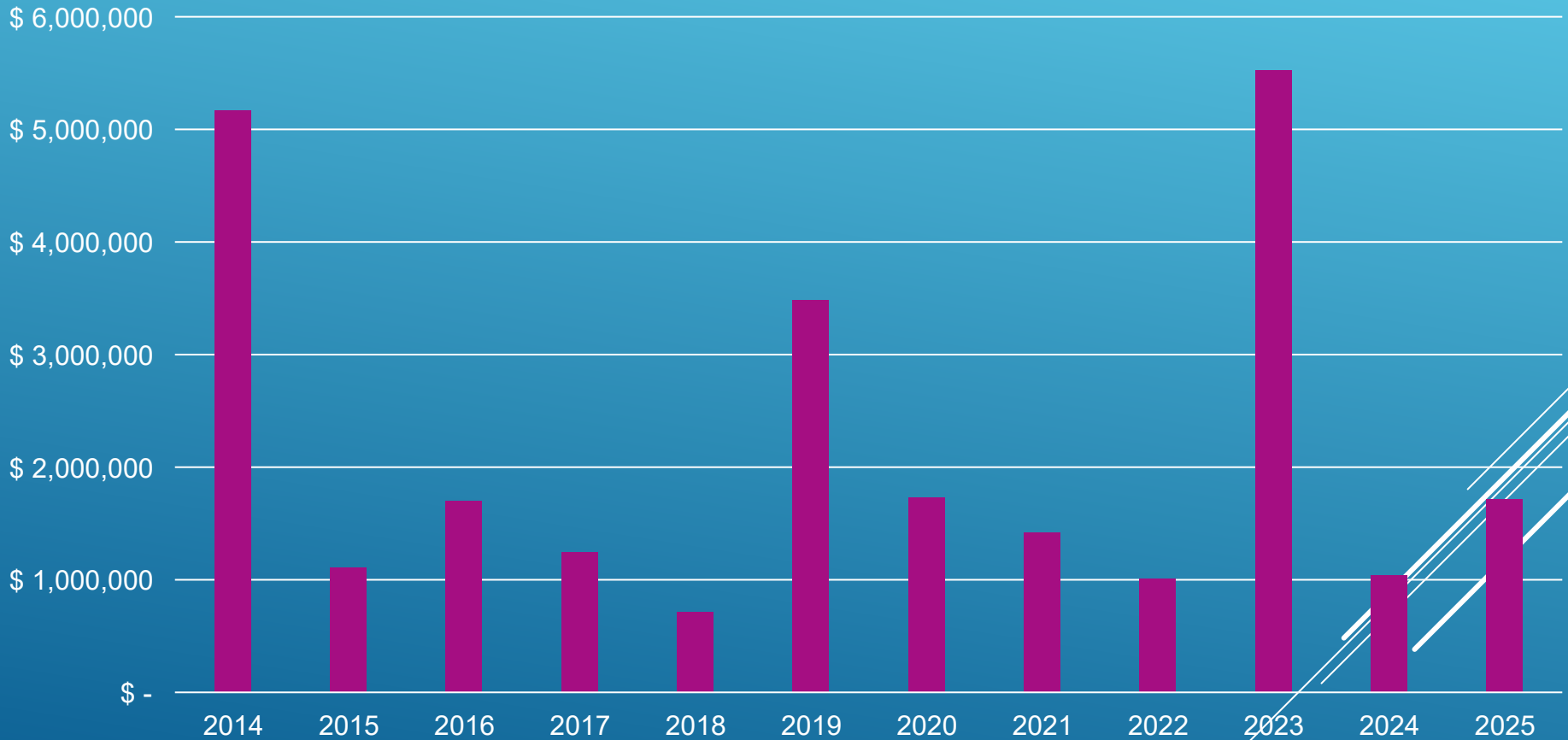


SEWER RATES VS. INFLATION



HISTORIC SEWER CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Capital Investment



COMPARISON OF 2025 RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES

(BASED ON A MONTHLY CONSUMPTION OF 600 CF)

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Kalama | \$132.05 |
| Chehalis | \$101.43 |
| Castle Rock | \$100.38 |
| Port Angeles | \$99.08 |
| Mercer Island | \$93.77 |
| Centralia | \$91.66 |
| Lynnwood | \$91.40 |
| Auburn | \$90.57 |
| Kent | \$89.47 |
| Longview (2026 Proposed 5%) | \$82.18 |
| Mountlake Terrace | \$81.76 |
| Longview (2026 Proposed 4%) | \$81.40 |
| Woodland | \$80.46 |
| Longview (2025 Current) | \$78.27 |
| Olympia | \$75.75 |
| Aberdeen | \$75.17 |
| Kelso | \$73.59 |
| Everett | \$65.76 |
| Edmonds | \$64.78 |
| Vancouver | \$58.72 |
| Bellingham | \$58.18 |
| <u>Renton</u> | <u>\$56.47</u> |
| <u>Comparison Average (2025)</u> | <u>\$82.94</u> |



DISCUSSION

FULLY FUNDED
SEWER UTILITY
= 31.29%
INCREASE

Water

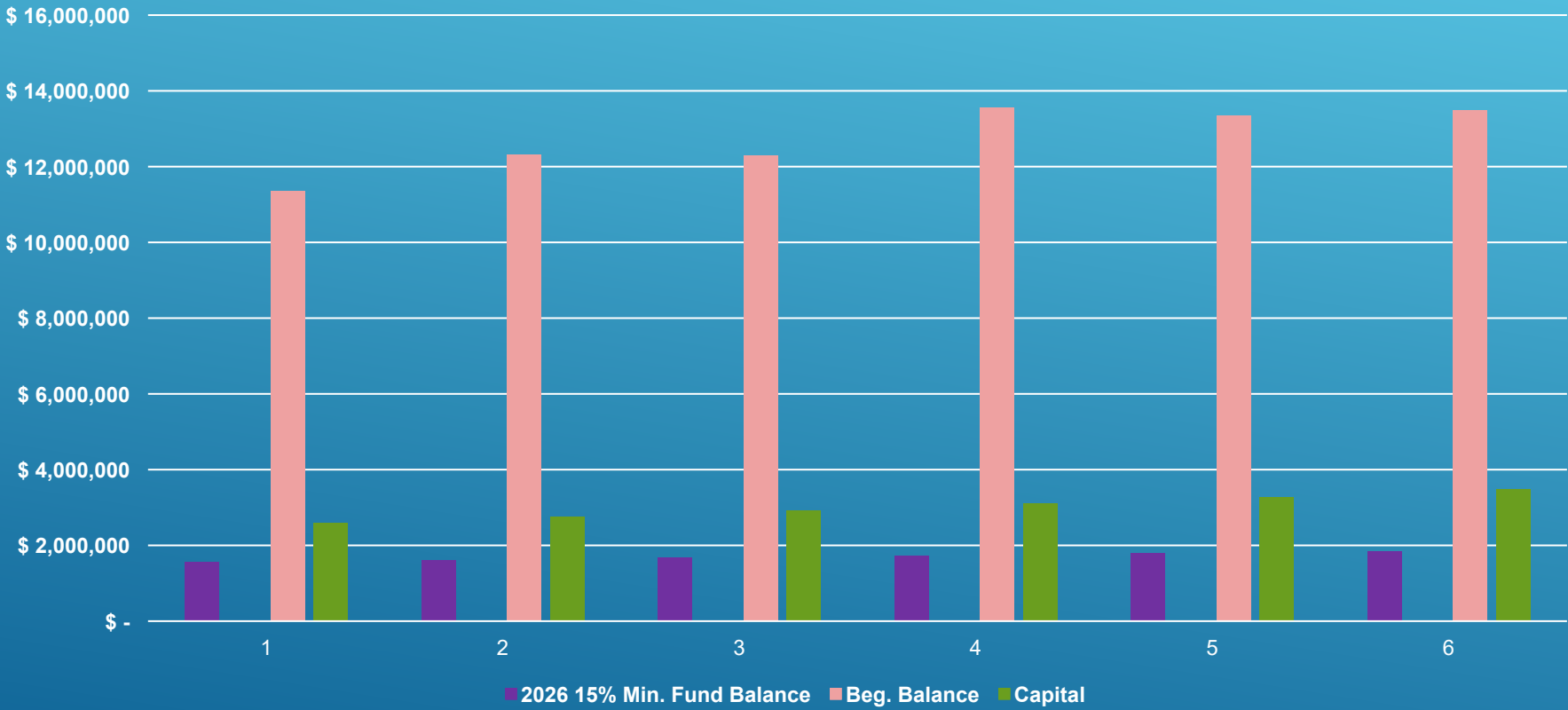


WATER RATE RECOMMENDATION

| Water Fund Projections | | 4% |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2025 | 2026 |
| Annual Revenues | \$ 12,831,000.00 | \$ 13,280,085.00 |
| Annual Operating Budget | \$ 10,384,000.00 | \$ 10,747,440.00 |
| Annual Capital Contribution | \$ 2,447,000.00 | \$ 2,532,645.00 |
| Rate for 6CCF | \$ 44.95 | \$ 46.52 |
| \$ Increase | | \$ 1.57 |

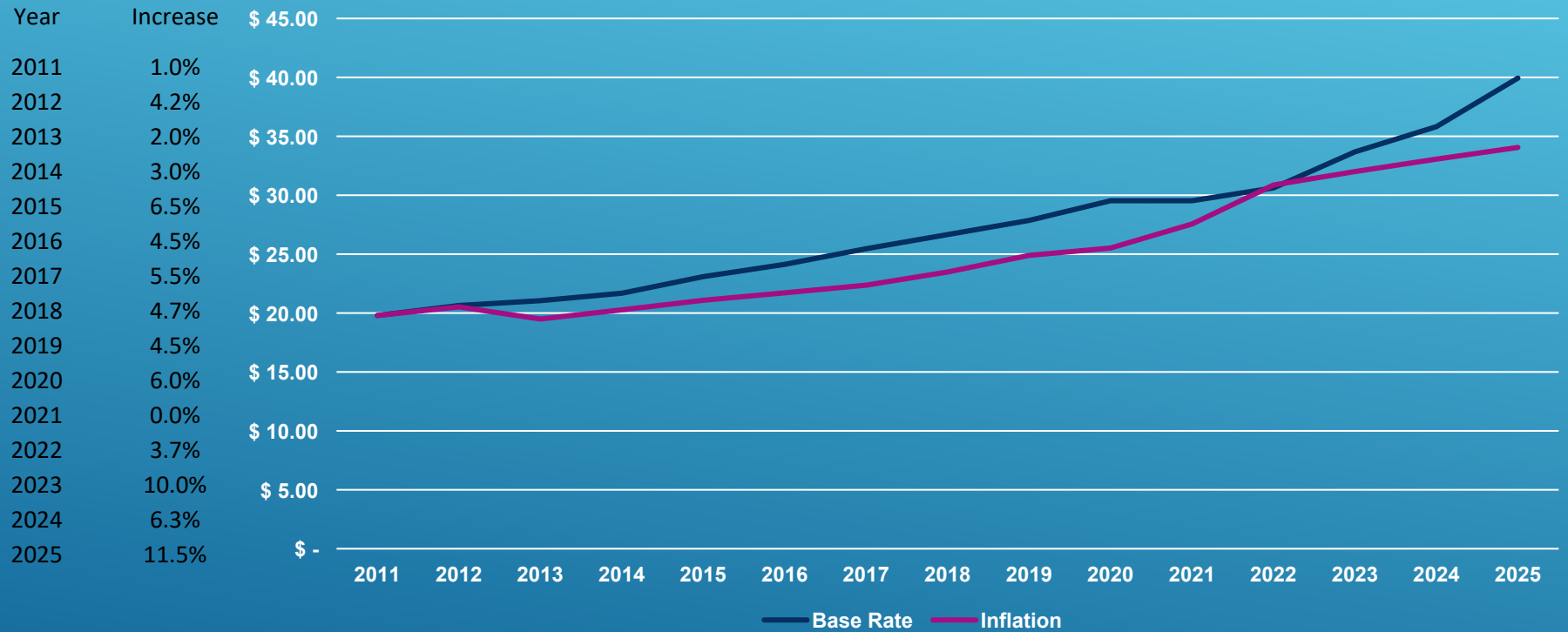
2026 Utility Rate Information / Water Utility

Water Fund 4% per year

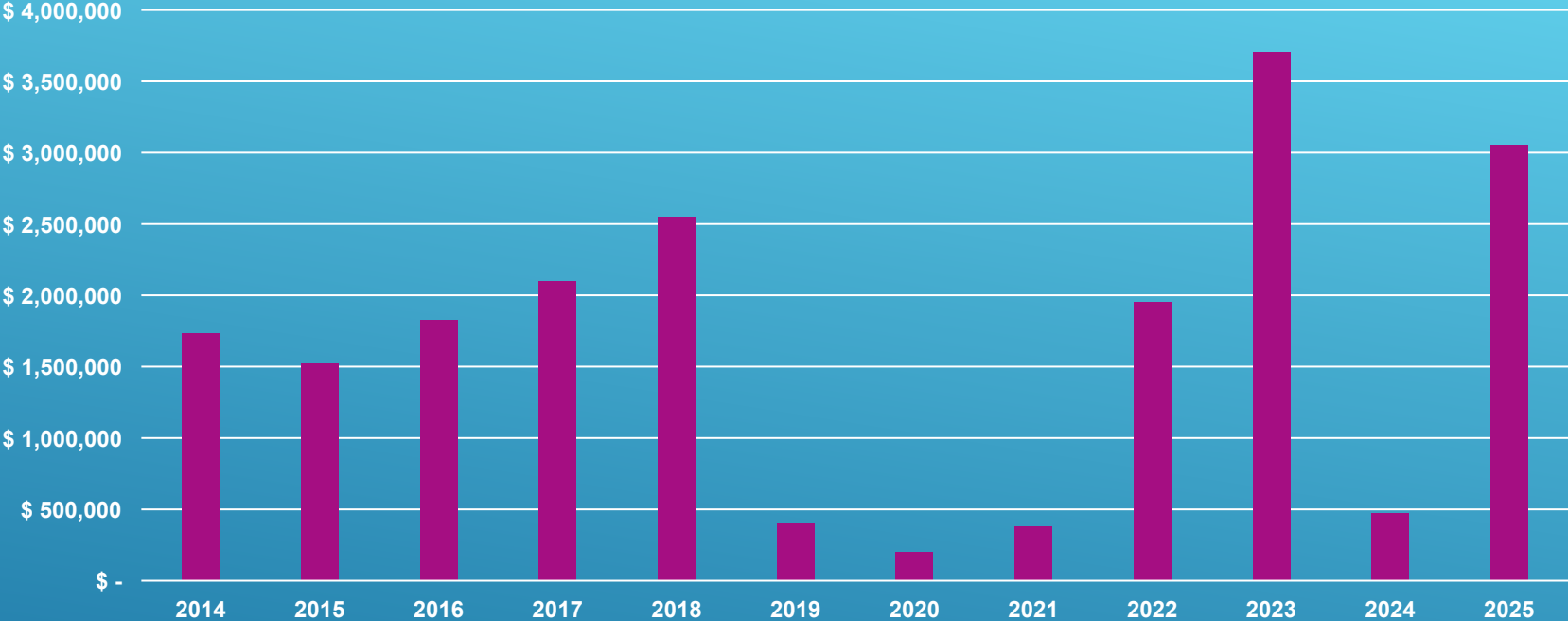


WATER RATES VS. INFLATION

Water Rates vs. Inflation



Capital Investment



HISTORIC WATER CAPITAL INVESTMENT

COMPARISON OF 2025 RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES

(BASED ON A MONTHLY CONSUMPTION OF 600 CF)

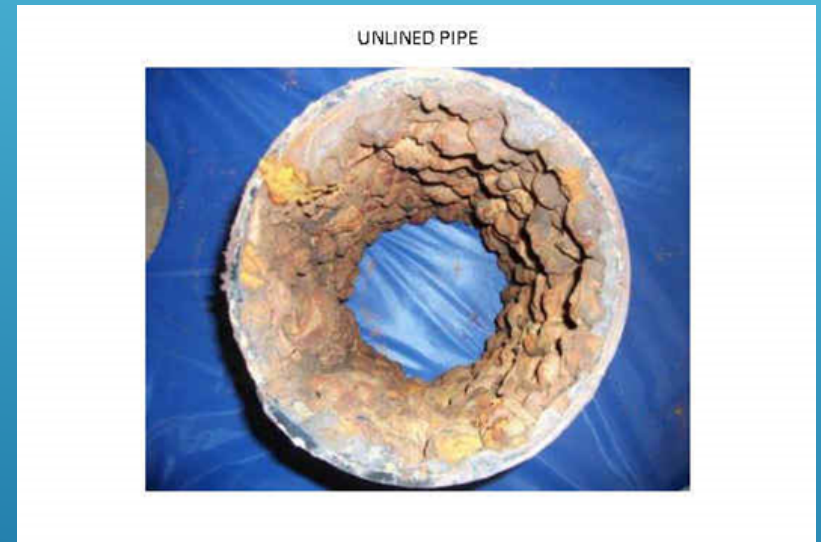
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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Castle Rock | \$80.66 |
| Mercer Island | \$67.38 |
| Edmonds | \$64.48 |
| Port Angeles | \$62.42 |
| Woodland | \$61.84 |
| Mountlake Terrace | \$56.96 |
| Bellingham | \$55.35 |
| Kelso | \$53.59 |
| Centralia | \$51.15 |
| Auburn | \$49.60 |
| Kent | \$49.12 |
| Longview (2026 Proposed 4%) | \$46.75 |
| Aberdeen | \$45.11 |
| Longview (2025 Current) | \$44.95 |
| Chehalis | \$44.22 |
| Renton | \$41.19 |
| Everett | \$38.65 |
| Vancouver | \$35.04 |
| Lynnwood | \$32.69 |
| Kalama | \$31.69 |
| Olympia | \$22.81 |

Comparison Average (2025) \$49.45



- 24,000 LF of asbestos cement pipe.
- 13,000 LF of steel pipe.
- 195,000 LF of pipe installed in the 1920's.
- Fully Funded Water Utility = 34.25% increase

DISCUSSION





City of Longview

Agenda Summary

ORDINANCE NO. 3571 - AMENDING LMC CHAPTER 6.06 (DOG LICENSING TERM AND SPAY-NEUTER RELEASE PROGRAM FOR CATS)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 3571 AMENDING CHAPTER 6.06 OF THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE

DATE: February 12, 2026

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Address quality of place issues
Continue effective financial management

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Ordinance No. 3571 proposes amendments to Chapter 6.06 of the Longview Municipal Code related to animal licensing and animal shelter operations.

The ordinance includes two primary amendments. The first revises LMC 6.06.110 to clarify that a dog license is valid for one year from the date of purchase, rather than being tied to a calendar year. This amendment is intended to improve clarity and consistency for pet owners and align the code with how licenses are issued and administered.

The second amendment adds a new section, LMC 6.06.410, authorizing a spay-neuter release program for cats, including Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and Shelter-Neuter-Return (SNR) practices. These programs allow eligible community cats to be sterilized, vaccinated, ear-tipped for identification, and returned to their location of origin as an alternative to traditional impoundment and holding requirements.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public testimony on the proposed amendments to Chapter 6.06 of the Longview Municipal Code. Following the hearing, Council may deliberate and take action on the ordinance or provide additional direction to staff.

The dog licensing amendment is administrative in nature and intended to reduce confusion related to license expiration dates.

The spay-neuter release program represents a significant operational and fiscal consideration for the City's animal sheltering model. By reducing the number of cats entering long-term shelter care, the program is expected to significantly lower sheltering costs, reduce length of stay, and improve overall shelter capacity. These cost reductions and operational efficiencies were a key consideration in the City's contract discussions with the Humane Society of Southwest Washington, which provides animal sheltering services on behalf of the City.

In addition to fiscal benefits, the program reflects widely accepted best practices for humane community cat management and includes clear eligibility criteria, exceptions, recordkeeping requirements, and safeguards related to public health and safety.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

Adoption of Ordinance No. 3571 is expected to result in reduced costs associated with cat sheltering by decreasing intake volumes and length of stay. The program supports the City's current contractual approach with the Humane Society of Southwest Washington and is anticipated to be implemented within existing resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Hold the public hearing and motion to adopt Ordinance No. 3571 amending Chapter 6.06 of the Longview Municipal Code.

STAFF CONTACT:

Chris Collins, Public Works Director/Asst. City Manager

Attachments:

1. Ordinance_3571 City of Longview_CC_clean
2. Ordinance_3571 City of Longview_Redline_CC

ORDINANCE NO. 3571

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 6.06 OF THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE BY REVISING SECTION 6.06.110 RELATED TO DOG REGISTRATION EXCEPTIONS TO CLARIFY THAT A LICENSE IS VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 6.06.410 AUTHORIZING A SPAY-NEUTER RELEASE PROGRAM FOR CATS.

WHEREAS, the City of Longview regulates the licensing of dogs and the impoundment and disposition of animals under Chapter 6.06 of the Longview Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to clarify that dog licenses recognized under reciprocal jurisdiction provisions are valid for one year from the date of purchase, rather than being tied to a calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the City further seeks to reduce shelter overcrowding, improve public health outcomes, and humanely manage community cat populations through the implementation of a spay-neuter release program; and

WHEREAS, Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and Shelter-Neuter-Return (SNR) programs are widely recognized as effective, humane approaches to managing community cats; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

6.06.110 Dog registration – Exceptions.

(1) No certificate and tag shall be required for a dog less than six months of age when satisfactory proof of age can be and is, on request, submitted to the animal licensing authority, and for any dog which is a part of an inventory of a pet shop.

(2) No owner, manager, or employee of a veterinary hospital shall be required to purchase a registration certificate for any dog treated or boarded in such establishments.

(3) No certificate and tag issued by the animal licensing authority shall be required for any adult dog licensed in another jurisdiction and displaying a current tag from that jurisdiction until expiration of the other certificate or license or one year from the date the license was purchased, whichever occurs first, at which time a certificate and tag shall be required in accordance with this chapter.

(4) No certificate and identification tag shall be required for a dog owned by a governmental agency for use in connection with law enforcement activities.

(5) It shall be the responsibility of the person claiming an exception under the provisions of this section to demonstrate the exception. (Ord. 3504 § 8, 2023; Ord. 3040 § 1, 2008; Ord. 2372 § 1, 1989).

Section 2.

Addition of New Section 6.06.410 – Impoundment and disposition of cats (Spay-Neuter Release Program).

6.06.410 Impoundment and Disposition of Cats

(1) The purpose of this section is to reduce shelter crowding, improve public health outcomes, and humanely manage community cat populations by authorizing the implementation of a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) or Shelter-Neuter-Return (SNR) program. This approach allows for the sterilization, vaccination, and return of healthy, community cats to the locations where they were found, rather than subjecting them to standard impoundment or holding periods.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Animal Shelter or its authorized agents may forego the standard stray hold period for cats that meet the following criteria:

a. The cat appears healthy, is of appropriate age and condition to undergo sterilization surgery, and shows no signs of ownership (e.g., collar, microchip, or other identifiable markings). These cats may be returned to field after they serve the required stray hold period.

b. The cat was impounded or received as a stray from within the jurisdiction's boundaries.

c. The cat is assessed as suitable for return under the Shelter-Neuter-Return or Trap-Neuter-Return program.

d. Eligible cats may be sterilized, vaccinated against rabies and other core diseases, ear-tipped for identification, and returned to the approximate location where they were found, unless relocation is deemed necessary for public health or safety reasons.

(2) Exceptions

The stray hold exemption shall not apply to:

a. Cats with verified ownership, microchips, or other traceable identification.

b. Cats that are visibly ill, injured.

c. Cats determined by Animal Control to present a public safety risk or nuisance that cannot reasonably be mitigated.

(3). Recordkeeping and Reporting

The Animal Shelter shall maintain accurate records of all cats processed under this section, including:

1. Location of intake and return.
2. Medical treatments administered (sterilization, vaccinations, etc.).
3. Any exceptions applied under subsection (C).

An annual report summarizing outcomes under this section shall be made available to the jurisdiction on a monthly or quarterly basis.

(4) Coordination with Animal Control and Public Communication

The Animal Shelter shall coordinate with Animal Control officers and community partners to educate the public about the Shelter-Neuter-Return program, promote responsible pet ownership, and reduce community cat population growth through humane, sustainable methods.

Section 3. Corrections. Upon approval of the city attorney, the city clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary technical corrections to this ordinance, including, without limitation, the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or section/subsection numbering.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Publication. This Ordinance shall be published by an approved summary consisting of the title. A summary of this Ordinance may be published in lieu of the entire ordinance, as authorized by State Law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force _____, 2026.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof this ___ day of _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

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PASSED by the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof this ___ day of _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney



City of Longview

Agenda Summary

RESOLUTION NO. 2604 – WATER RATES FOR 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2604

DATE: February 12, 2026

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Continue effective financial management
Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The proposed 4 percent rate adjustment consists of a 3.5 percent inflationary increase to address rising operational costs, along with an additional 0.5 percent dedicated to capital investment. This approach is consistent with the City’s Water System Plan, which recommends modest annual increases above inflation to gradually reduce the system’s long-term capital funding shortfall.

The incremental 0.5 percent above inflation is a strategic, phased approach to strengthening the water utility’s financial position without imposing large single-year rate impacts on customers. Over time, this method helps close the capital investment gap while maintaining rate stability and predictability.

Financial Impacts:

Revenue generated from this adjustment will support:

- Escalating operational and maintenance costs driven by inflation.
- Ongoing system maintenance and regulatory compliance.
- Planned water system capital projects identified in the Water System Plan.
- Continued progress toward addressing the utility’s capital investment shortfall.

This rate structure ensures the water utility remains financially sustainable while continuing to fund critical infrastructure needs.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2604 to establish the 2026 water rates, providing for a 4.0 percent increase over 2025, comprised of a 3.5 percent inflationary adjustment and a 0.5 percent additional contribution toward capital investment, consistent with the City’s long-term water system planning and financial sustainability goals.

STAFF CONTACT:

Chris Collins, Public Works Director/Asst City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution 2604 Water Rates 2026 4% Clean CC
2. Resolution 2604 Water Rates 2026 4% Redline CC

RESOLUTION NO. 2604

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.2510.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Chapter 15.02 of the Longview Municipal Code, the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington hereby enacts this Resolution to set the rates and charges for providing water to cover the projected operating and capital costs of the water utility; now, therefore

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:

Section 1. Water for All Uses Within the 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

(1) All Classes Except Irrigation

\$ 20.60 per month for 3/4" x 5/8" meter
\$ 41.54 per month for 1" meter
\$ 76.39 per month for 1-1/2" meter
\$ 118.16 per month for 2" meter
\$ 229.60 per month for 3" meter

\$ 355.01 per month for 4" meter
\$ 705.41 per month for 6" meter
\$ 1121.27 per month for 8" meter
\$ 1609.03 per month for 10" meter
\$ 2305.49 per month for 12" meter

(2) Irrigation

\$ 16.30 per month for 3/4" x 5/8" meter
\$ 30.74 per month for 1" meter
\$ 54.76 per month for 1-1/2" meter
\$ 83.62 per month for 2" meter
\$ 160.56 per month for 3" meter
\$ 247.08 per month for 4" meter
\$ 487.51 per month for 6" meter
\$ 776.02 per month for 8" meter
\$ 1071.07 per month for 10" meter
\$ 1593.36 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 - \$4.36 per 100 cu. ft.
For the next 800 cu. ft. - \$5.08 per 100 cu. ft.
For all over 1,600 cu. ft. - \$6.62 per 100 cu. ft.

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

All water consumed - \$5.01 per 100 cu. ft.

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

All water consumed - \$5.36 per 100 cu. ft.

(4) Irrigation

All water consumed - \$7.92 per 100 cu. ft.

Section 2. Water for all Uses Outside the Corporate Limits.

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)

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:

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| <u>INSIDE CITY</u> | <u>OUTSIDE CITY</u> |
| \$ 20.34 | \$ 34.01 |

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, three thousand two hundred eighty-four dollars and forty-six (\$3415.84) per year for each such service.
- (b) Youth Athletic Leagues: Water consumed at City parks that host Youth Athletic Leagues shall be charged at twenty-five percent (25%) of the rates set forth in the resolution. The park accounts are in the name of the City of Longview and shall be billed to the City of Longview Parks and Recreation Department.
- (c) Mint Valley Golf Course Irrigation: Water consumed at the Mint Valley Golf Course for irrigation purposes only, shall be charged at twenty-five percent (25%) of the rates set forth in this Resolution.
- (d) Community Gardens Irrigation: Water consumed by community gardeners utilizing City Community Garden facilities 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 accounts are 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 due date shown on each bill, and if not paid within fifteen (15) days thereafter, shall be deemed delinquent. In accordance with Longview Municipal Code, if full payment on a utility account has not been received at the Finance Department by the thirtieth (30th) day after the due date, a penalty as shown in the master fee schedule 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 due 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, a penalty as shown in the master fee schedule 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, there is hereby established a charge as shown in the master fee schedule 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. A charge as shown in the master fee schedule 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 as shown in the master fee schedule 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 as shown in the master fee schedule and a non-refundable meter assembly installation and removal fee as shown in the master fee schedule in advance of the City installing the meter assembly on the hydrant. The permittee shall also pay a meter rental charge as shown in the master fee schedule 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 the Longview Municipal Code:

- ¾ -inch to 1 ½ -inch meters: as shown in the master fee schedule
- larger than 1 ½ -inch meters: as shown in the master fee schedule

Section 10. City of Kelso Water Delivery Rate

All water delivered to the City of Kelso for domestic or commercial purposes 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

Monthly meter charges will be applied according to Section 1.A.(1) above.

B. Delivery Charges

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

All water delivered - \$ 2.03 per 100 cu. ft.

C. Purveyor rate

In addition to the minimum monthly meter charges and delivery charges shown above, a purveyor rate will also be levied by the Water Operating Board for water consumed.

Sections 3, 4 and 7 above will apply to the City of Kelso and all its connections to the City of Longview water distribution system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 2510 passed by the City Council on August 27, 2024 is hereby repealed in its entirety on the date this Resolution becomes effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on March 1, 2026.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, and approved by its Mayor at a regular council meeting of said City Council held on the 12th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

M A Y O R

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2604

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\$ ~~113.62~~ ~~118.16~~ per month for 2" meter
\$ ~~220.77~~ ~~229.60~~ per month for 3" meter

~~\$ 341.36~~ ~~355.01~~ per month for 4" meter
~~\$ 676.28~~ ~~705.41~~ per month for 6" meter
~~\$ 1078.14~~ ~~1121.27~~ per month for 8" meter
~~\$ 1547.14~~ ~~1609.03~~ per month for 10" meter
~~\$ 2216.82~~ ~~2305.49~~ per month for 12" meter

(2) Irrigation

~~\$ 15.67~~ ~~16.30~~ per month for 3/4" x 5/8" meter
~~\$ 29.56~~ ~~30.74~~ per month for 1" meter
~~\$ 52.65~~ ~~54.76~~ per month for 1-1/2" meter
~~\$ 80.40~~ ~~83.62~~ per month for 2" meter
~~\$ 154.38~~ ~~160.56~~ per month for 3" meter
~~\$ 237.58~~ ~~247.08~~ per month for 4" meter
~~\$ 468.76~~ ~~487.51~~ per month for 6" meter
~~\$ 746.17~~ ~~776.02~~ per month for 8" meter
~~\$ 1071.07~~ ~~1071.07~~ per month for 10" meter
~~\$ 1532.08~~ ~~1593.36~~ 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 - \$ ~~4.19~~ ~~4.36~~ per 100 cu. ft.
For the next 800 cu. ft. - \$ ~~4.88~~ ~~5.08~~ per 100 cu. ft.
For all over 1,600 cu. ft. - \$ ~~6.37~~ ~~6.62~~ per 100 cu. ft.

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

All water consumed - \$ ~~4.82~~ ~~5.01~~ per 100 cu. ft.

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

All water consumed - \$ ~~5.15~~ ~~5.36~~ per 100 cu. ft.

(4) Irrigation

All water consumed - \$ ~~7.62~~ ~~7.92~~ per 100 cu. ft.

Section 2. Water for all Uses Outside the Corporate Limits.

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)

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> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| \$ 19.56 20.34 | \$ 32.70 34.01 |

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, three thousand two hundred eighty-four dollars and forty-six (~~\$3284.46~~ 3415.84) per year for each such service.
- (b) Youth Athletic Leagues: Water consumed at City parks that host Youth Athletic Leagues shall be charged at twenty-five percent (25%) of the rates set forth in the resolution. The park accounts are in the name of the City of Longview and shall be billed to the City of Longview Parks and Recreation Department.
- (c) Mint Valley Golf Course Irrigation: Water consumed at the Mint Valley Golf Course for irrigation purposes only, shall be charged at twenty-five percent (25%) of the rates set forth in this Resolution.
- (d) Community Gardens Irrigation: Water consumed by community gardeners utilizing City Community Garden facilities 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 accounts are 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 due date shown on each bill, and if not paid within fifteen (15) days thereafter, shall be deemed delinquent. In accordance with Longview Municipal Code, if full payment on a utility account has not been received at the Finance Department by the thirtieth (30th) day after the due date, a penalty as shown in the master fee schedule 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 due 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, a penalty as shown in the master fee schedule 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, there is hereby established a charge as shown in the master fee schedule 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. A charge as shown in the master fee schedule 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 as shown in the master fee schedule 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 as shown in the master fee schedule and a non-refundable meter assembly installation and removal fee as shown in the master fee schedule in advance of the City installing the meter assembly on the hydrant. The permittee shall also pay a meter rental charge as shown in the master fee schedule 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 the Longview Municipal Code:

- ¾ -inch to 1 ½ -inch meters: as shown in the master fee schedule
- larger than 1 ½ -inch meters: as shown in the master fee schedule

Section 10. City of Kelso Water Delivery Rate

All water delivered to the City of Kelso for domestic or commercial purposes 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

Monthly meter charges will be applied according to Section 1.A.(1) above.

B. Delivery Charges

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

All water delivered - \$ ~~1.95~~ 2.03 per 100 cu. ft.

C. Purveyor rate

In addition to the minimum monthly meter charges and delivery charges shown above, a purveyor rate will also be levied by the Water Operating Board for water consumed.

Sections 3, 4 and 7 above will apply to the City of Kelso and all its connections to the City of Longview water distribution system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 2510 passed by the City Council on August 27, 2024 is hereby repealed in its entirety on the date this Resolution becomes effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on March 1, 2026.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, and approved by its Mayor at a regular council meeting of said City Council held on the 12th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

M A Y O R

City Clerk



City of Longview

Agenda Summary

RESOLUTION NO. 2605 – SEWER RATES FOR 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2605

DATE: February 12, 2026

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Continue effective financial management
Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The purpose of this resolution is to adopt the City's 2026 sewer utility rates. Council is asked to consider two rate scenarios: a 4.0 percent increase or a 5.0 percent increase over 2025.

Background:

Both rate options were presented and discussed during the utility rate workshop and reflected in the accompanying presentation. Each scenario is designed to support the Sewer Utility's operational needs and long-term capital improvement plan, with differing impacts on reserve levels.

The proposed increases are structured relative to inflation as follows:

- A 4 percent increase, representing approximately 0.5 percent above inflation, would require drawing down reserve funds over time to implement the adopted capital improvement plan.
- A 5 percent increase, representing approximately 1.5 percent above inflation, would stabilize the reserve fund following the initial drawdown while continuing to fund planned capital investments.

Both approaches recognize the need to gradually address the utility's capital funding gap while maintaining affordability and avoiding large single-year rate impacts.

Financial Impacts:

Under both scenarios, additional revenue will support:

- Rising operational and maintenance costs driven by inflation.
- Ongoing regulatory compliance and system reliability.
- Implementation of sewer system capital projects.

The key distinction between the two options is reserve fund performance:

- The 4 percent option relies on reserve drawdown over time to deliver the capital program.
- The 5 percent option provides sufficient ongoing revenue to stabilize reserves after the initial drawdown while maintaining progress on capital investments.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff requests Council direction on the preferred rate scenario. Upon direction, staff recommends adoption of the corresponding resolution to establish the 2026 sewer rates, either:

- A 4.0 percent increase, utilizing reserves over time to implement the capital improvement plan; or
- A 5.0 percent increase, which stabilizes the reserve fund following the initial drawdown while continuing to fund operational, maintenance, and capital needs.

Either option advances the City's long-term sewer utility sustainability goals, with the 5.0 percent scenario providing greater financial resiliency.

STAFF CONTACT:

Chris Collins, Public Works Director/Asst City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution 2605 Sewer Rates 4 % 2026 Clean CC
2. Resolution 2605 Sewer Rates 4 % 2026 Redline CC
3. Resolution 2605 Sewer Rates 5 % 2026 Clean CC
4. Resolution 2605 Sewer Rates 5 % 2026 Redline CC

RESOLUTION NO. 2605

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.2511

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 15.02 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; now therefore

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
 - \$ 40.78 per month for each single family residence and duplex (if single account)
 - \$ 40.78 per month for each unit of a duplex (if two separate accounts)
 - (2) Trailer Courts and Apartments (Triplex and above)
 - \$ 91.74 per month
 - (3) Commercial, Churches, Schools and Motels/Hotels
 - \$ 69.64 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 \$ 6.77 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 \$ 6.77 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 \$ 6.77 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 \$ 39.84 per month, which amount represents \$ 6.77 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 \$ 6.77per 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:

$$\text{TSS Fee} = \text{TSS (mg/l)} - 350 \text{ (mg/l)} \times \text{Flow (mgd)} \times 8.34 \times \$0.68$$

$$\text{BOD Fee} = \text{BOD (mg/l)} - 350 \text{ (mg/l)} \times \text{Flow (mgd)} \times 8.34 \times \$0.49$$

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.

$$\text{TSS Fee} = \text{TSS (mg/l)} - 350 \text{ (mg/l)} \times \text{Flow (mgd)} \times 8.34 \times \$0.68$$

$$\text{BOD Fee} = \text{BOD (mg/l)} - 350 \text{ (mg/l)} \times \text{Flow (mgd)} \times 8.34 \times \$0.49$$

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)

For sewer discharge patterns not accurately predicted by metered water consumption nor captured by the billing periods or calculation methods specified above, the City may calculate the customer's sewer service charges based on past water consumption at the site, water consumption patterns for similar customers, or from customer-provided data. The calculated sewer consumption billing shall be agreed to in writing by the customer and the Director of Public Works. The City shall periodically review on-site water and sewer consumption patterns and business practices for continued accuracy, and retains the right to adjust the calculated sewer billing accordingly.

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 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. 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 as shown in the master fee schedule shall be charged for such inspections, and shall be paid at the time that a permit is granted under LMC. 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 shown in the master fee schedule.

C. Sewer Treatment System Development Charge

(1) In addition to all of the foregoing charges, a Sewer Treatment System Development Charge (SDC) as shown in the master fee schedule for wastewater treatment will be charged for each Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU).

(2) Very Low Strength Industrial:

In addition to all of the foregoing charges, a Sewer Treatment System Development Charge (SDC) as shown in the master fee schedule 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 (300) 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 shown in the master fee schedule.:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 2511 passed by the City Council on August 27, 2024, is hereby repealed in its entirety on the date this Resolution becomes effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on March 1, 2026

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 February, 2026.

M A Y O R

ATTEST:

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2605

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.2511

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 15.02 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; now therefore

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
 - \$ ~~39.21~~ 40.78 per month for each single family residence and duplex (if single account)
 - \$ ~~39.21~~ 40.78 per month for each unit of a duplex (if two separate accounts)
 - (2) Trailer Courts and Apartments (Triplex and above)
 - \$ ~~88.21~~ 91.74 per month
 - (3) Commercial, Churches, Schools and Motels/Hotels
 - \$ ~~67.25~~ 69.64 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 \$ ~~6.51~~ 6.77 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 \$ ~~6.51~~ 6.77 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 \$ ~~6.51~~ 6.77 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 \$ ~~38.31~~ 39.84 per month, which amount represents \$ ~~6.51~~ 6.77 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 \$ ~~6.51~~ 6.77 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:

0.68
$$\text{TSS Fee} = \text{TSS (mg/l)} - 350 \text{ (mg/l)} \times \text{Flow (mgd)} \times 8.34 \times \$\text{0.65}$$

0.49
$$\text{BOD Fee} = \text{BOD (mg/l)} - 350 \text{ (mg/l)} \times \text{Flow (mgd)} \times 8.34 \times \$\text{0.47}$$

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.

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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 shown in the master fee schedule.

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- (2) Very Low Strength Industrial:

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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.

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(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.

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The rates for issuance of a Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority (TRRWA) discharge permit shall be as shown in the master fee schedule.:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 2511 assed by the City Council on August 27, 2024, is hereby repealed in its entirety on the date this Resolution becomes effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on March 1, 2026

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 February, 2026.

M A Y O R

ATTEST:

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2605

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.2511

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 15.02 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; now therefore

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:

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 - (3) Commercial, Churches, Schools and Motels/Hotels
 - \$ 70.61 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 \$ 6.84 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 \$ 6.84 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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- (e) For any billing period, if the customer's total metered water consumption is zero, the consumptive sewer charge will be \$0.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk

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0.68
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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.

(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 shown in the master fee schedule.:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 2511 passed by the City Council on August 27, 2024, is hereby repealed in its entirety on the date this Resolution becomes effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on March 1, 2026

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 February, 2026.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk



City of Longview

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APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Based upon the authentication and certification of claims and demands against the city, prepared and signed by the City's auditing officer, and in full reliance thereon, it is moved and seconded as shown in the minutes of this meeting that the following vouchers/warrants are approved for payment:

SECOND HALF JANUARY 2026 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: \$3,618,098.46

SECOND HALF JANUARY 2026 PAYROLL:

\$466,445.11, checks
\$1,060,097.12, direct deposits
\$941,316.34 wire transfers
\$2,467,858.57 Total

STAFF CONTACT:

Lindy Kennedy, Accountant
Sara Rios, Payroll Specialist

Attachments: None



City of Longview

Agenda Summary

SET PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 3572 – ADOPTING THE THREE RIVERS REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY DISCHARGE PRETREATMENT POLICY AND AMENDING CHAPTER 15.24 OF THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 12, 2026, DURING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3572

DATE: February 12, 2026

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Address quality of place issues
Provide sustainable water quality and environmental infrastructure

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The purpose of this item is to set a public hearing for March 12 to consider Ordinance 3572, which would amend Section 15.24 of the Longview Municipal Code and adopt the Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority (TRRWA) Discharge Pretreatment Policy.

The proposed ordinance updates Chapter 15.24 of the Longview Municipal Code to align local code with current regional pretreatment requirements. Adoption of the TRRWA Discharge Pretreatment Policy formalizes standards governing industrial and non-domestic wastewater discharges into the City's sewer system and the regional treatment facility.

These updates are necessary to ensure regulatory consistency, protect critical wastewater infrastructure, support compliance with state and federal pretreatment requirements, and provide clear enforcement authority for managing discharges that could adversely impact system operations, treatment processes, or environmental outcomes.

Setting the public hearing allows Council to receive public comment and formally consider the ordinance before taking action.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

Minimal cost to set and notice the hearing. Adoption of the ordinance supports long-term protection of sewer infrastructure and treatment systems by establishing clear pretreatment standards.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to set a public hearing for March 12, 2026, during the regular city council meeting, to consider Ordinance No. 3572.

STAFF CONTACT:

Chris Collins, Public Works Director/Asst City Manager

Attachments: None



City of Longview

Agenda Summary

SET PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NO. 3573 - ESTABLISHMENT OF AMBULANCE TRANSPORT AND MILEAGE RATES FOR FIRE-EMS SERVICES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 12, 2026, DURING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3573

DATE: February 12, 2026

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Enhance public safety & emergency response
Continue effective financial management

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The purpose of this item is to set a public hearing for March 12, 2026 to consider Ordinance 3573, which should amend LMC Chapter 5.08 of the Longview Municipal Code and adopt a resolution establishing official ambulance transport and mileage rates for Fire-EMS Services. These rates apply to basic life support (BLS) and advanced life support (ALS) services and are intended to maintain consistency with rates approved for contracted ambulance providers.

Setting the public hearing allows council to receive public comment and formally consider the ordinance before taking action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to set a public hearing for March 12, 2026, during the regular city council meeting, to consider Ordinance No. 3573.

STAFF CONTACT:

Fire Chief Brad Hannig

Attachments: None



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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2026 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

DATE: February 12, 2026

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

- Improve streets and roads
- Enhance public safety & emergency response
- Preserve and enhance neighborhoods
- Improve transportation systems
- Address quality of place issues
- Strengthen economic conditions & create new opportunities
- Continue effective financial management

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Background:

On January 8, our federal lobbying team presented the draft 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda to City Council for review and discussion. That presentation provided an opportunity for Council to ask questions, offer feedback, and ensure alignment with the City’s strategic priorities.

The agenda returns this evening for Council’s consideration and formal adoption.

Overview of the Federal Legislative Agenda:

The proposed 2026 agenda focuses on both Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS)/grant requests and key federal policy priorities that support Longview’s infrastructure, public safety, economic vitality, and long-term resiliency.

Federal Funding Requests Include:

- **Beech Street Corridor Safety Improvement Project** – Design and construction funding to address a high-collision corridor in the Highlands neighborhood, improve multimodal safety, and upgrade supporting infrastructure.
- **Public Safety Enhancement Program** – Funding for additional police officers, public defenders, and updated digital radio equipment to address staffing shortages, unfunded state mandates, and officer safety needs.
- **Beech Street Culvert Replacement** – Replacement of the aging 1948 wooden box culvert and advancement of corridor improvements 843c4be1-e82e-41a0-a3bc-1dec0bb....
- **Dedicated Fill Line to Water Reservoir Project** – Improvements to stabilize Longview’s water quality and pressure through enhancements at the Mint Farm Water Treatment Facility and associated reservoirs.

Federal Policy Priorities Include:

- Support for a robust Surface Transportation Reauthorization that maintains critical infrastructure funding programs.
- Energy reliability and transmission policies that support regional power needs and economic development.

- Support for modifications through the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) to address Mt. St. Helens sediment management and update the federal Level of Protection standards for Cowlitz County communities.

Fiscal Impact:

Adoption of the legislative agenda does not commit City funds. It authorizes staff and our federal lobbyists to advocate on behalf of the City's adopted priorities in Washington, D.C.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to adopt the 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda as presented.

STAFF CONTACT:

City Manager Jennifer Wills

Attachments:

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2026 Federal Legislative Agenda - Draft

Congressionally Directed Spending and Grant Requests

| <u>Project Title</u> | <u>Request Amount</u> |
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| Beech Street Corridor Safety Improvement Project (BCSI) | \$12M/\$3M |
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The City of Longview is seeking federal investments for its Beech Street Corridor Safety Improvement (BSCSI/Corridor) Project. The goal of the BSCSI is to improve safe access through the Beech Street Corridor by making long overdue safety and mobility investments in an historically economically disadvantaged neighborhood called “The Highlands.” The Beech Street corridor has been identified in the regionally adopted Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Safety Action Plan as a priority for investment due to a pattern of serious and fatal collisions. The multi-lane, higher speed facility has a crash history that is four times the Cowlitz County average and is in desperate need of improvement.

Funds will be used to complete design (\$3 million) and/or construction (\$12 million) of a half mile of Beech Street – a four-lane, one-way couplet with eight cross streets that significantly inhibits mobility and is the most dangerous stretch in the corridor. The proposed improvements include upgraded crossings, speed reduction measures, pedestrian and bicycle safety enhancements, and supporting infrastructure upgrades to stormwater, water, and sewer systems that will improve operational safety and reliability. *Account: DOT Safe Streets for All, DOT Rural and Tribal Pilot Program and DOT HIP CDS*

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| Public Safety Enhancement Program | \$2 million |
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The City of Longview requests \$2 million to hire up to three police officers, up to four public defenders and purchase dual band digital radios to improve public safety and address newly enacted unfunded state mandates. The City of Longview is facing persistent challenges in crime, homelessness, and overall public safety that are stretching its current police resources thin. Longview’s crime rates — particularly property crime — are above national averages, and the department has at times had to limit in-person responses due to capacity constraints. The city has invested in specialized units like a Behavioral Health Unit and outreach coordinators to address homelessness and behavioral health crises, but these efforts require adequate law enforcement support to be effective.

At roughly 1.5 officers per 1,000 residents, Longview’s police staffing levels fall below many peer communities and reflect broader state-wide staffing shortages. Additional federal funding for three police officers would strengthen patrol capacity, improve response times, and support targeted units addressing homelessness and public safety — ultimately enhancing community well-being and stability. State requirements are also forcing the City to hire an additional four public defenders, a cost burden that is simply unaffordable. Federal assistance would help us bridge local budget constraints.





The portable radio is a police officer’s lifeline and Longview’s police department radios are out of warranty. In addition, Cowlitz 911 Public Authority of which the police department is a part, is in the process of updating its communications to digital, making it even more important to upgrade Longview’s as well. Over the last several years, officers have been impacted by the radio problems putting officer safety at risk. *Account: DOJ Byrne CDS*

Beech Street Culvert Replacement **\$4 million**

The City of Longview is seeking \$4 million to replace the aging wooden box culvert in its Beech Street corridor. Originally constructed in 1948, the corridor’s ditch was capped with a wooden box culvert, which has now outlived its useful life. This funding request will enable the city to achieve the 30% design milestone required to begin construction on a modern replacement. The proposed design includes replacing the wooden culvert with a “dry creek bed” that will run down the center of new road that is part of a future larger corridor project. *Account: STAG*

Dedicated Fill Line to Water Reservoir Project **\$2 million**

Ever since the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens, the City of Longview has struggled with its water supply. After decades of managing the sand and silt from the eruption continuously eroding its equipment, the city moved its water source from the Cowlitz River inland to the Mint Plant. Since then, the water system has struggled with water quality and consistent pressure. The City is seeking federal funds to address the ongoing water quality and supply issues at the Mint Farm Water Treatment Facility to finally provide safe, reliable drinking water to the city’s residents and businesses.

The project will stabilize water pressure and chlorine dosage, reduce energy costs, and mitigate water contaminants. Funds would go toward design, engineering, and public outreach for the direct fill water main from the Mint Farm Water Treatment Facility to the Main reservoir located on Alexia Court and the Mt. Solo Reservoir. *Account: STAG*

Policy Items

Support Robust Transportation Reauthorization Bill

The City supports a Surface Transportation Reauthorization that fully funds the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD), Safe Streets for All (SS4A), Reconnecting Communities, and INFRA (freight) programs. Strategic initiatives in Longview depend on the continuation of federal programs. The continuation of all these programs provides Longview with tools to manage growth effectively, strengthen economic resilience, and ensure our transportation remains safe, efficient and accessible for all users.

Energy Reliability and Economic Development

The City supports policies that expand energy generation and transmission to meet regional demand and attract industry. The NW faces growing shortages of firm power and infrastructure capacity. Pragmatic, transitional solutions are needed to maintain reliability and economic growth.





Mt. St. Helens Sediment

Cowlitz County communities continue to live with the aftermath of the 1980 Mt. St. Helens eruption in the form of sediment that still flows from the volcano. The Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is mandated by Congress to manage the sediment's flood risk and establish safe flood protection levels for the Cowlitz County communities of Castle Rock, Lexington, Kelso, and Longview. Critical components of the Corps' efforts to mitigate the sediment's impacts are the Sediment Retention Structure (SRS) and the collection of data on the sediment moving through the Cowlitz and Toutle Rivers. These efforts are the fulfillment of a promise made by the federal government in the devastating aftermath of the Mt. St. Helens eruption. While local communities are deeply grateful by recent investments to raise the crest of the SRS to capture more material further upstream, it does not address longstanding concerns that have been expressed regarding large sediment deposits on the Toutle and Cowlitz Rivers that continue to threaten infrastructure, property and homes. Cowlitz County communities believe dredging these areas are critical and while data suggest the Corps is maintaining their authorized Level of Protection (LOP), the realities on the ground would suggest these levels, first established in 1985, need to be modified to ensure the federal government is meeting their obligations.

Request: Support the Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) request to modify the Mt. St. Helens project's Level of Protection (LOP) to better reflect the dynamic landscape and the on-the-ground realities.

