

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11**

**A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING WATER UTILITY RATES, ESTABLISHING CHARGES, AND REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 2019-09 EXHIBIT A, REGARDING WATER RATE CALCULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Amity provides water utility services for businesses, agencies, and private residents within the Amity city limits and sewer service to established customers in the vicinity of the corporate boundaries of the City of Amity; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinances 500 and 501 grant the Amity City Council exclusive control over and regulation of water and sewer use charges; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 568 provides that water and sewer rates and charges to water and sewer users may be changed any time by resolution of the Amity City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Amity City Council desires to change the water rates and charges to guarantee that the City has sufficient revenues to pay for the water system operations, maintenance, and debt service costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Amity City Council desires to establish new rates and charges in accordance with the following rate schedules provided in “Resolution 2021-11 Exhibit A”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Amity City Council has determined that annual rate adjustments are necessary to keep pace with inflation and maintain financially sustainable sewer utility systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Amity City Council contracted with Oregon Association of Water Utilities (OAWU) to study the City’s water system’s costs and calculate new rates appropriate to the system’s current state and the City debt servicing requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Amity City Council has determined it necessary to make an adjustment to the water utility rate over the course of Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022, as recommended by OAWU.

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022.**

• **Water:**

**1. Standard Water Services Base Rate and Allowance**

Meter Size	Effective Rates*			Allowances (Units)	Gallons	Unit / \$
	Residential	Commercial	Outside			
5/8" – 3/4"	\$51.77	\$51.77		2	2000	\$25.89
5/8" – 3/4" Outside City	\$62.12	\$56.94		2	2000	\$28.47
1"	\$72.47	\$72.47	\$86.97	2.8	2800	\$25.88
1 ½"	\$93.18	\$93.18		3.6	3600	\$25.88
2"		\$150.12		5.8	5800	\$25.88
3"		\$569.43		22	22000	\$25.88
4"		\$724.73		28	28000	\$25.88
*Effective Rates will automatically increase by CPI every January 1 <sup>st</sup> , starting 1/1/23						

**2. Water Service Tiers for consumption**

Tier Levels	Per Unit			Usage * (Units)
	Residential	Commercial	Outside	
<b>One</b>	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	2.1
<b>Two</b>	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$7.20	4.1
<b>Three</b>	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$8.40	8+
*Usage is based on 5/8" & 3/4" meters, larger meters will be based on set ratios of these tiers. See City for further information.				

**3. New Water Rate (Example)**

An account attached to a single residential house inside of City Limits with a 3/4" water service will be charged a base rate of \$51.77. If the account uses 2,000 or less gallons in a month, then the account will be charged only \$51.77 for the month's water. If the account uses more gallons in a month, then the account will be charged for usage as normally calculated by the City, within each tier.

**Fees, Charges, and Services**

1. Change in size of service: \$200 + cost of meter. The installation of the service from the main to the property line will be the customer's responsibility and may be subject to SDC charges.
2. Meter Removal and Replacement: \$100 + cost of new meter. The charge for removal of an existing meter at the landlord or customer's request. This fee includes resetting of new or replacement meter of the same size.
3. Meter Removal: \$100 + cost of meter. The charge for removal of a meter by the City of Amity when the City finds the customer or landlord has violated the city

- water ordinances; this fee includes the resetting of the meter when the violation has been cleared.
4. Meter/Service Test Deposit: \$100. The deposit is required prior to the City testing a water meter or city service line at the customer or landlord's request. The deposit will be refunded if the City finds the meter registers more than 3% over usage or verifies an issue with the city side water pressure.
  5. Account Deposit: Class I water accounts \$70.00 per unit; Class II water accounts \$90.00 per unit; Class III water accounts \$210.00; Class IV water accounts \$270.00. All new customers and any customer whose water service has been disconnected for non-payment shall pay a water account deposit prior to having the water turned on. Owners of property connected to the water system are eligible for a refund of the deposit fee after bills for water have been paid for twenty-four (24) consecutive months without having the water disconnected for non-payment of the bill, and the owner has not had more than two (2) occasions in which the payment for the water billing was received after the monthly due date.
  6. Shut Off Notice (door hanger): \$10.00. The charge for delivery and posting of a shut-off notice to the water customer. The notice advises that the water service will be or has been disconnected.
  7. Late Charge: \$5.00. A \$5.00 charge will be added to the account when payment is not made by the due date printed on the bill.
  8. Disconnect and Reconnect fee: \$75.00. The charge if water service is disconnected due to non-payment of the water bill. The fee will be charged to the account prior to water service being reconnected.
  9. Stand-by Fee: Class I and II accounts \$24.56, Class III and Class IV accounts \$49.12. The monthly charge to a water account, which still has a functional meter at a home or business where service has been shut-off at the customer's own request.
  10. Turn off/Turn on fee: The charge for turning water service off or on at the customer's or owner's request shall be - No charge for the first turn off/turn on each month during working hours. Each additional turn off\turn on is subject to a \$25 charge. This charge may be waived by the city administrator when appropriate. After hours and weekends the charge shall be \$50 for every turn off\turn on.
  11. Water Truck Rates: \$25.00 for the first 1,000 gallons **plus \$7.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons.**