

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10

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

WHEREAS, the City of Amity provides sewer 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 sewer rates and charges to guarantee that the City has sufficient revenues to pay for the sewer 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 2021-10 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 has determined it necessary to make an immediate adjustment of (\$15) fifteen dollars to the Sewer “Monthly Base Rate” over the course of Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 and an additional (\$15) dollars to the base rate beginning July 1, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF AMITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Effective July 1, 2021, the Amity City Council imposes a \$15 increase to the sewer base, over the course of Fiscal Year 2021-22, starting with the July 2021 monthly bill, as reflected in Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. Effective July 1, 2022, the Amity City Council imposes a \$15 increase to the sewer base, over the course of Fiscal Year 2022-23, starting with the July 2022 monthly bill, as reflected in Exhibit A.

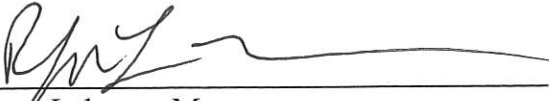
SECTION 3. Effective July 1, 2023, the Amity City Council imposes a (2%) two percent annual increase to the sewer “Monthly Base Rate,” as reflected in Exhibit A.

SECTION 4. The City Council directs City Staff to complete a sewer rate study and present it to Council by June 1, 2023.

SECTION 7. Effective July 1, 2021, Resolution 2019-09 Exhibit A, regarding sewer rate calculations and sewer information is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and the rates set forth in Exhibit A to this resolution shall be effective beginning July 1, 2021.

ADOPTED BY the City Council of the City of Amity, Oregon this 2nd day of June 2021.



Ryan Lehman, Mayor

Attest:



Natasha Johnson, City Recorder/Treasurer

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

• **Sewer:**

1. Standard ¾” water meter and below (per unit).

Residential <i>Effective July 1, 2021</i>	Monthly Base Rate \$63.00	Use Charge \$3.51
Residential <i>Effective July 1, 2022</i>	Monthly Base Rate \$78.00	Use Charge \$3.51
Residential <i>Effective July 1, 2023</i>	Monthly Base Rate \$79.56	Use Charge \$3.51

2. Water meters up to 1” (nonresidential use).

<i>Effective July 1, 2021</i>	Monthly Base Rate	Use Charge
Commercial	\$61.00	\$3.37
Industrial	\$61.00	\$5.70
Cafes, Restaurants, etc.	\$77.68	\$3.37
<i>Effective July 1, 2022</i>		
Commercial	\$77.00	\$3.37
Industrial	\$77.00	\$5.70
Cafes, Restaurants, etc.	\$92.68	\$3.37
<i>Effective July 1, 2023</i>		
Commercial	\$78.54	\$3.37
Industrial	\$78.54	\$5.70
Cafes, Restaurants, etc.	\$94.53	\$3.37

3. Large water meter (1” and above).

<i>Effective July 1, 2021</i>	Monthly Base Rate	Use Charge
Residential, School, Church, Government	\$107.00	\$3.37
All Others	\$107.00	\$5.70
<i>Effective July 1, 2022</i>		
Residential, School, Church, Government	\$122.00	\$3.37
All Others	\$122.00	\$5.70
<i>Effective July 1, 2023</i>		
Residential, School, Church, Government	\$124.44	\$3.37
All Others	\$124.44	\$5.70

A. The new sewer “Monthly Base Rate” that is set shall be in effect for a period of one year, except as described herein.

- a. The “Monthly Base Rate” will increase by two percent (2%) annually beginning July 1, 2023.
 - b. The City shall complete a new Sewer Rate Study by June 1, 2023. This rate study will calculate a new “Monthly Base Rate.” The City Council shall implement a new “Monthly Base Rate” as established by the Sewer Rate Study.
 - c. Changes to these sewer rates shall be approved by the City Council through resolution.
- B. Sewer usage for residential services shall be determined as follows:
- a. The sewer usage shall be determined from the average water usage for a three-month period.
 - b. This period shall be from November through January. This average shall determine the sewer rate, which will be adjusted by July 1st
 - c. Sewer usage shall be the lesser of the amount calculated based on actual use or the rate determined by the three-month average.
 - d. Any new customer who activates a new account after the averaging period shall pay a usage rate based on the lesser of their actual water usage or 4,000 gallons. This rate shall be effective until the next averaging period.
 - e. Any existing customer who has sewer service only shall be charged at the rate of 4,000 gallons per unit per month.

4. Other fees and charges.

- A. Account Deposit: \$80.00 (per unit). All new customers and any customer whose water/sewer has been disconnected for non-payment shall pay a sewer account deposit prior to having the water turned on. Owners of property connected to the sewer system are eligible for a refund of the deposit fee after bills for water/sewer have been paid for twenty-four (24) consecutive months without having the water/sewer 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/sewer billing was received after the monthly due date.
- B. Late Charge: \$5.00 (per account; either sewer service OR water/sewer service). A \$5.00 charge will be added to the account when payment is not made by the date printed on the bill.
- C. There shall be no Stand-by Fee.

5. Applicable Definitions.

- A. Residential unit: Each individual dwelling unit attached to a given meter is counted as 1.0 residential unit regardless of occupancy. Therefore, two single family homes, a duplex or a single-family home with two separate living quarters are all considered 2 units.

- B. Non-residential unit: Each business or occupation attached to a given meter is counted as 1.0 non-residential unit. Therefore, two businesses attached to a single meter are considered 2.0 units. If an owner-occupied residence is attached to a business on a single meter than it shall be considered 1.25 units for the business and residence combined.

