

**CITY OF WHITE SALMON
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-12-1017**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WA, AMENDING WHITE SALMON MUNICIPAL CODE 13.16.055 REVISING SEWER RATES, REPEALING SECTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the current rate schedule for sewer rates does not reflect the current costs and should be increase according to the “Water and Sewer Cost of Service Rate Study” prepared by Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc. ; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: by the City Council of the City of White Salmon that the following amendments be made to White Salmon Municipal Code Chapter 13.16:

SECTION 1 – Amendment to WSMC 13.16.055

Section 13.16.055 is hereby amended to read:

Key: **Underlined** = added language
~~Strikethrough~~ = deleted language

13.16.055 Sewer rates – Schedule.

A. The following sewer rate schedule shall apply to sewer users. As it is used herein the term “sewer users” shall mean anyone ~~who is physically connected to the sewer system, regardless of whether sewage is being collected~~ **having paid a connection fee, regardless of whether sewage is being collected. All charges follow the property. Billing for new customers shall begin the month following payment of the connection fee.**

1. Residence— each month Water meter disconnected.	\$ 50.00
2. Residence, each per month	\$ 50.00
3. Duplex, triplex or fourplex, per month, each unit	\$ 50.00
4. House, plus second user, per month, per each unit	\$ 50.00
5. Apartment houses, per month, per each unit	\$ 50.00
6. Trailer courts and/or cabin rental units, per month, each space or unit	\$ 50.00
7. Commercial users, per month, for the first 8,500 gallons of water	\$ 50.00
For each additional 8,500 gallons of water or part thereof	\$ 15.00
8. Governmental and nonprofit agencies per month, for the first 8,500 gallons of water	\$ 50.00
For each additional 8,500 gallons of water or part thereof	\$ 15.00
9. Other users, including home occupation, per month, for the first 8,500 gallons of water	\$ 55.00
For each additional 8,500 gallons of water or part thereof	\$ 15.00
10. For each residential dwelling, outside city limits, per month, per unit.	\$ 55.00
11. Other users, including home occupations, outside city limits, per month, for	

the first 8,500 gallons of water	\$ 55.00
For each additional 8,500 gallons of water or part thereof	\$ 15.00
12. Exclusion to commercial/other: Home occupation whose customers do not come to the residence will be charged only the appropriate residential rate upon filing with the city clerk-treasurer a dated affidavit stating that "no foot traffic associated with the business visits the residence."	

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Residential – Inside</u>	<u>53.05</u>	<u>53.05</u>	<u>53.50</u>	<u>54.00</u>	<u>55.15</u>
<u>Residential – Outside</u>	<u>58.35</u>	<u>58.35</u>	<u>58.85</u>	<u>59.40</u>	<u>60.61</u>
<u>Commercial – Inside, Low Strength</u>	<u>53.05</u>	<u>54.00</u>	<u>56.00</u>	<u>58.00</u>	<u>62.00</u>
<u>Commercial – Inside, Low Strength, Volume, per 8,500 gallons over first 8,500 gallons</u>	<u>15.91</u>	<u>21.75</u>	<u>25.75</u>	<u>32.00</u>	<u>34.00</u>
<u>Commercial – Outside, Low Strength</u>	<u>58.35</u>	<u>59.40</u>	<u>61.60</u>	<u>63.80</u>	<u>68.20</u>
<u>Commercial – Outside, Low Strength, Volume, per 8,500 gallons over first 8,500 gallons</u>	<u>17.50</u>	<u>23.92</u>	<u>28.32</u>	<u>35.20</u>	<u>37.40</u>
<u>Commercial – Inside, Medium Strength</u>	<u>53.05</u>	<u>55.00</u>	<u>57.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>	<u>63.00</u>
<u>Commercial – Inside, Medium Strength, Volume, per 8,500 gallons over first 8,500 gallons</u>	<u>16.00</u>	<u>22.75</u>	<u>27.25</u>	<u>33.50</u>	<u>35.75</u>
<u>Commercial – Outside, Medium Strength</u>	<u>58.35</u>	<u>60.50</u>	<u>62.70</u>	<u>66.00</u>	<u>69.30</u>
<u>Commercial – Outside, Medium Strength, Volume, per 8,500 gallons over first 8,500 gallons</u>	<u>17.60</u>	<u>25.02</u>	<u>29.97</u>	<u>36.85</u>	<u>39.32</u>
<u>Commercial – Inside, High Strength</u>	<u>53.05</u>	<u>56.00</u>	<u>58.00</u>	<u>62.00</u>	<u>64.00</u>
<u>Commercial – Inside, High Strength, Volume, per 8,500 gallons over first 8,500 gallons</u>	<u>16.50</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>37.50</u>	<u>39.00</u>
<u>Commercial – Outside, High Strength</u>	<u>58.35</u>	<u>61.60</u>	<u>63.80</u>	<u>68.20</u>	<u>70.40</u>
<u>Commercial – Outside, High Strength, Volume, per 8,500 gallons over first 8,500 gallons</u>	<u>18.15</u>	<u>27.50</u>	<u>33.00</u>	<u>41.25</u>	<u>42.90</u>

Low Strength is calculated.....

Medium Strength is calculated.....

High Strength is calculated.....

School accounts (alternative school, elementary school, and high school/middle school) will be charged \$1 per registered student per month for sewer services or if the above Commercial – Low Strength base rate is higher than the \$1 charge per students the base rate for Commercial – Low Strength shall be used. The number of registered students per

building(s)/account will be determined by the number of students registered January 1 of each year.

Residential structures with more than one residential unit (e.g. apartments, multi-plexes) per meter will be charged the applicable base rate times the number of units. Residential structures with accessory dwelling units will be charge additional rate based on 1/3 of the base fee.

Combination residential/commercial users shall be charged at the following rate, whichever is higher:

1. The monthly Residential rate, based on the location (inside or outside city), times the number of units; or

2. The monthly Commercial Low Strength rate, based on location (inside or outside city) plus volume rates.

B. All basic rates shall be subject to an automatic annual rate increase of three percent, beginning January 1, 2014~~23~~, unless modified by city council prior to the adjustment date.

C. All future rate and service charge changes shall be adopted by Resolution of the city council.

~~D. Any commercial user who uses water for cooling condenser units shall pay a surcharge of one-third of the commercial rate for water used for condenser cooling purposes.~~

~~ED.~~ The foregoing sewer rates based upon water usage do not include irrigation water, provided that irrigation water is separately metered.

~~F. Senior Citizen Discount. There will be a discount of fifty percent on the base residential rate for any customer sixty-two plus years of age or a recipient of social security disability benefits and an annual household income of fifty percent or less than the median family income for the county as provided by the department of housing and urban development. There will be a discount of twenty-five percent on the base residential rate for any customer sixty-two plus years of age or a recipient of social security disability benefits and an annual household income of seventy-five percent or less of the median family income for the county as provided by the department of housing and urban development. To remain eligible, any person receiving a discount must apply for the discount annually.~~

SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY.

If any section, sentence, or phrase of this Chapter is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a

court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence or phrase of this Chapter.

SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall become effective following passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED in regular session this ____ day of _____, 2017.

David Poucher, Mayor

Jan Brending, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Kenneth B. Woodrich, City Attorney

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