

RESOLUTION NO. 1414

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR THE MAINTENANCE, TESTING AND REPLACEMENT OF WATER METERS; ESTABLISHING WATER RATES INCLUDING DEBT SERVICE; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1392.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to establish a fair and equitable fee for maintenance, testing, calibration and replacement of each and every water meter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need to expend more funds to repair the aging system; and

WHEREAS, the City must raise rates to pay for the loan for the Water System improvements, including the \$855,000 Corrosion Control Treatment Project of 2018 and the \$3,764,515 Water System Improvement Project of 2018;

WHEREAS, the construction costs for the Corrosion Control Project were \$215,000 more than estimated which requires another increase in the debt service amount;

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous to establish a leak allowance clause to mitigate inadvertent water usage;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CASCADE LOCKS, HOOD RIVER COUNTY, OREGON, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Meter Maintenance Fee. A monthly charge will be assessed to each water system customer based upon the size of the supply of each water meter. This fee shall be transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund each month and used for the maintenance, testing, calibration and replacement for each water meter.

SECTION 2. Fire Flow Fee. A monthly charge will be assessed to each water system customer based upon the size of the water meter for the maintenance of hydrants and attendant water transmission lines.

SECTION 3. Calculations of Meter Maintenance and Monthly Capacity Charges.

Beginning with the July 1, 2013 billing period, each customer shall pay the following water meter maintenance charge, fire flow, and monthly capacity charge:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Meter Maint.</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Fire Flow</u>	<u>Total</u>
5/8 inch	\$ 0.88	\$ 9.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 11.38
3/4 inch	1.10	\$ 14.12	1.00	16.22
1 inch	1.42	\$ 23.34	3.00	27.76
1 1/2 inch	2.82	\$ 46.40	6.00	55.22
2 inch	3.96	\$ 74.07	8.00	86.03
2 inch turbine	6.04	\$ 74.07	10.00	90.11
3 inch turbine	7.78	\$ 161.70	15.00	184.48

3 inch compound	15.60	\$	161.70	20.00	197.30
4 inch compound	25.20	\$	290.55	25.00	340.75

SECTION 4. Establishing rate for the debt service incurred by the Corrosion Control Treatment Project. Beginning March 1, 2018, a monthly charge will be assessed to each water system customer based upon the size of the water meter for the payment on the debt service incurred by the Corrosion Control Treatment Project of 2018 in addition to the calculations in Section 3 and shown on the water bill as a separate line item:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>CCTP Debt Service</u>
5/8 inch	\$1.25
3/4 inch	1.86
1 inch	3.07
1 ½ inch	6.10
2 inch	9.74
2 inch turbine	9.74
3 inch turbine	21.27
3 inch compound	21.27
4 inch compound	38.52

Beginning September 1, 2019, the monthly charge will be increased to each water system customer based upon the size of the water meter for the payment on the debt service incurred by the Corrosion Control Treatment Project of 2018 in addition to the calculations in Section 3 and shown on the water bill as a separate line item:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>CCTP Debt Service</u>
5/8 inch	\$2.00
3/4 inch	2.97
1 inch	4.91
1 ½ inch	9.76
2 inch	15.59
2 inch turbine	15.59
3 inch turbine	34.03
3 inch compound	34.03
4 inch compound	61.15

SECTION 5. Establishing rate for the debt service incurred by the Water System Improvement Project. Beginning March 1, 2018, a monthly charge will be assessed to each water system customer based upon the size of the water meter for the payment on the debt service incurred by the Water System Improvement Project of 2018 in addition to the calculations in Section 3 and shown on the water bill as a separate line item:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>WSIP Debt Service</u>
5/8 inch	\$10.00
3/4 inch	14.86
1 inch	24.56
1 ½ inch	48.82
2 inch	77.94
2 inch turbine	77.94
3 inch turbine	170.15
3 inch compound	170.15
4 inch compound	305.74

SECTION 6. Establishing rate for the debt service incurred by the Water System Improvement Project. Beginning September 1, 2018, a monthly charge will be assessed to each water system customer based upon the size of the water meter for the payment on the debt service incurred by the Water System Improvement Project of 2018 in addition to the calculations in Section 3 and shown on the water bill as a separate line item. These rates will replace the rates established in Section 5.

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>WSIP Debt Service</u>
5/8 inch	\$20.00
3/4 inch	29.72
1 inch	49.13
1 ½ inch	97.65
2 inch	155.88
2 inch turbine	155.78
3 inch turbine	340.31
3 inch compound	340.31
4 inch compound	611.48

SECTION 7. Establishing Rate Per 1,000 Gallons. The charge for all water usage, regardless of purpose, shall be **\$2.50** per 1,000 gallons of water used.

SECTION 8. Large Water Users: For large water users (over 250,000 gallons per month) the City will negotiate a contracted rate on a case by case basis.

SECTION 9. Resource Pricing: For large water users (over 250,000 gallons per month) who purchase water as a resource, the City will negotiate a contracted rate subject to an automatic pricing index such as the Producers Price Index.

SECTION 10. Accidental Meter Damage. If a water meter is accidentally damaged by construction equipment or for any other reason, the person, corporation, partnership or business responsible for operating the equipment which has damaged the water meter shall pay all costs associated with its replacement or repair by the City.

SECTION 11. Meter Tampering. Any person, corporation, partnership or business which attempts to alter the reading on a water meter shall be assessed a fee to recalibrate, repair or replace that or any other water meter so altered. The fee shall include all administrative, inspection, recalibration, repair, replacement or legal costs associated with any attempt to alter a water meter. The City may disconnect such service until such time as all fees are paid by the responsible person, corporation, partnership or business.

SECTION 12. Leakage Allowance. The City will make every attempt to notify water users should the meter readings indicate an exceptionally high volume of usage. An inadvertent leak involves a plumbing malfunction and is not caused by human negligence such as leaving a water hose running overnight. The City may issue a leak allowance after receiving proof of cost of repair, by producing either a receipt for parts used to make the repair or proof of payment to a plumber who made the repair, and a reduction of water volume is demonstrated. The City may adjust the billing by using an average of the previous 12 months water usage to determine the billing amount or some other method suggested by the City's Finance Department and approved by the City Administrator.

SECTION 13. Repeal of Prior Resolutions. Resolution No. 1392 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 14. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

SECTION 15. Expiration. This resolution shall remain in effect until repealed by the City Council.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 8th day of April, 2019.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 8th day of April, 2019.

Mayor Tom Cramblett

ATTEST:

City Recorder Kathy Woosley