

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-43

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CITY SEWER UTILITY RATES
FOR THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021,
AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-27**

WHEREAS, Forest Grove Code Section 52.01 and as set forth in the Agreement with Clean Water Services, Page 5, Section 4.B., of the Agreement requires the City to collect rates and charges set by Clean Water Services; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2017, Clean Water Services began to set a regional rate on the portion of sewer services it provides with the City of Forest Grove setting a rate for the portion of the sewer services that the City provides; and

WHEREAS, the City is increasing its FY 2021-22 local rate by 4.5%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE AS FOLLOWS:

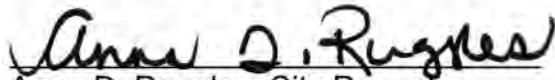
Section 1: The City of Forest Grove sets the following sanitary sewer utility rates for servicing the local portion of the sewer collection system that the City is responsible to maintain: Monthly Base Charge of \$9.51 per Dwelling Unit Equivalent (DUE) and a Use Charge of \$0.462 per 1,000 gallons per month for individual customer winter average. The revenue collected by this fee shall be retained by the City.

Section 2: The above rates shall become effective July 1, 2021.

Section 3: Resolution No. 2019-27 is repealed upon the effective implementation date of the foregoing rates.

Section 4: This resolution is effective immediately upon its enactment by the City Council.

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 28th day of June, 2021.


Anna D. Ruggles, City Recorder

APPROVED by the Mayor this 28th day of June, 2021.


Peter B. Truax, Mayor



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CITY RECORDER USE ONLY:

AGENDA ITEM #: 7.

MEETING DATE: 06/28/2021

FINAL ACTION: RESO 2021-43

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

TO: *City Council*

FROM: *Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager*

MEETING DATE: *June 28, 2021*

PROJECT TEAM: *Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director
Gregory Robertson, Public Works Director*

SUBJECT TITLE: *Sewer Rate Increase for FY 2021-22*

ACTION REQUESTED:

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ISSUE STATEMENT: Prior to July 1, 2017, Clean Water Services (CWS) set regional and local sewer rates and the City had added a surcharge to raise sufficient revenue to cover the costs of operating the local portion of the sewer collection system. The regional rate is charged by CWS to covers its cost of the sewer collection and treatment system. Starting in FY 2017-18, CWS began setting only the regional sewer rate and each local jurisdiction had to set the full local sewer rate that it needs to cover its sewer costs. The City has established its local sewer rate and needs to adjust that rate for FY 2021-22. Staff has attached a resolution setting the FY 2021-22 sewer rate for Council consideration.

BACKGROUND: CWS sets the regional rate and the cities have been establishing their own local rates. The City first set its own local rate as of July 1, 2017. Sewer rates were last increased on July 1, 2019, as a rate increase was not done on July 1, 2020, due to COVID. CWS is proposing a 4.5% increase to its sewer rates as of July 1, 2021.

For FY 2019-20, the City's rate was set at a local base rate of \$9.10 per Dwelling Equivalent Unit (DUE) and a Use Charge of \$0.442 per 1,000 gallons per month based on winter water usage. City staff is also proposing an increase of 4.5% in the City's Local Sewer to be effective July 1, 2021, to keep pace with increasing sewer costs. The new rate would be a local base rate of \$9.51 per Dwelling Equivalent Unit (DUE) and a Use Charge of \$0.462 per 1,000 gallons per month based on winter water usage.

FISCAL IMPACT: The increases to the CWS and the City's sanitary sewer rates will increase the total sewer rate for a typical residential customer from \$50.13 to \$52.39 per month for a total increase of \$2.26 per month based on average residential consumption of 8ccf or 5,984 gallons per month of winter water usage.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council approve the attached resolution adopting the City local rate for sanitary sewer services.

ATTACHMENT(s): Resolution



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED UTILITY RATE INCREASES FOR THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forest Grove City Council will hold Public Hearings **Monday, June 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.** or thereafter, in the Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street, Forest Grove, to consider the following proposed fees and utility rate increases for the City of Forest Grove. If enacted by City Council, the proposed increases would be effective July 1, 2021:

- **SANITARY SEWER:** 4.5 percent (4.5%) City and 4.5 percent (4.5%) Clean Water Services per month per equivalent dwelling unit. Approximately \$2.26 per month combined increase average residential customer.
- **SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT:** 5.4 percent (5.4%) City and 5.4 percent (5.4%) Clean Water Services per month per equivalent dwelling unit. Approximately \$0.55 per month combined increase average residential customer.

COVID-19: During the pandemic, all public meetings are held in a “hybrid” format allowing the public to attend meetings both virtual and in-person. The Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street, is open and has limited availability and social distancing measures. The City Council encourages that written comments or testimony be submitted at the hearing or sent prior to the hearing to the attention of the City Recorder’s Office, P.O. Box 326, 1924 Council Street, Forest Grove, OR 97116, aruggles@forestgrove-or.gov. A copy of the staff report and proposed fees are available and published on the City's website at <https://www.forestgrove-or.gov/meetings>. To provide public testimony by Zoom Webinar, please email aruggles@forestgrove-or.gov at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

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Anna D. Ruggles, CMC, City Recorder
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