

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-29**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CITY SANITARY SEWER UTILITY RATES  
FOR CITY OF FOREST GROVE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023,  
AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-40**

**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 2023-24 local rate by 4.0% to equal the sewer increase proposed by Clean Water Services; and

**WHEREAS**, a duly notice public hearing was held on June 26, 2023.

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

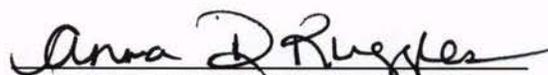
**Section 1:** The City of Forest Grove sets the following sanitary sewer utility rates for servicing the local portion of the sewer collection system that the City is responsible to maintain: Monthly Base Charge of \$10.29 per Dwelling Unit Equivalent (DUE) and a Use Charge of \$0.500 per 1,000 gallons 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, 2023.

**Section 3:** Resolution No. 2022-40 is repealed upon the effective implementation date of the foregoing rates.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 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

  
Anna D. Ruggles, City Recorder

**APPROVED** by the Mayor this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

  
Malynnda H. Wenzl, Mayor



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<u>CITY RECORDER USE ONLY:</u>	
AGENDA ITEM #:	<u>F. 10.</u>
MEETING DATE:	<u>06.26.2023</u>
FINAL ACTION:	<u>RESO 2023-29</u>

**CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**TO:** *City Council*

**FROM:** *Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager*

**MEETING DATE:** *June 26, 2023*

**PROJECT TEAM:** *Paul Downey, Assistant City Manager/ Finance Director  
Gregory Robertson, Public Works Director*

**SUBJECT TITLE:** *Sewer Rate Increase for FY 2023-24*

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

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*X all that apply*

**BACKGROUND:**

Prior to July 1, 2017, Clean Water Services (CWS) set regional and local sewer rates and the City added a surcharge to raise sufficient revenue to cover the costs of operating the local portion of the sewer collection system. The regional rate charged by CWS covers its cost of the sewer collection and treatment system.

Starting in FY 2017-18, CWS began setting only the regional sewer rate to cover its portion of the costs. This left each local jurisdiction to set a local sewer rate to cover its portion of the sewer costs. The City established a local sewer rate in FY 2017-18 and has been adjusting the rate annually since. Staff has attached a resolution adjusting the FY 2022-23 sewer rate for Council consideration.

Sewer rates were last increased on July 1, 2022. CWS is proposing a 4.0% increase to the regional sewer rates as of July 1, 2023. Staff is proposing a 4.0% increase to the local rate as of July 1, 2023, as it has been the practice to match CWS' rate increase to keep pace with increasing costs. The proposed resolution would increase the local base rate from \$9.89 to \$10.29 per Dwelling Equivalent Unit (DUE) and the use charge from \$0.480 per 1,000 gallons per month to \$0.500 per 1,000 gallons per month.

**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 \$54.54 to \$56.70 per month for a total increase of \$2.16 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's local rate for sanitary sewer services.

**ATTACHMENT(s):**

Resolution Establishing City Sewer Utility Rates for the City of Forest Grove, effective July 1, 2023, and repealing Resolution No. 2022-40

# Public Hearing June 26, 2023

## Requesting to Testify on Agenda Item No. F. 10.

### RESOLUTION NO. 2023-29 ESTABLISHING SANITARY SEWER UTILITY RATES FOR CITY OF FOREST GROVE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-40

**Public Hearing:** Hearings are held on each matter required by state law or City policy. The presiding officer will review the hearing instructions prior to public comment. When addressing the Council, please use the witness table (center front of the room), provide your full name. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes unless the presiding officer grants an extension. All testimony is electronically recorded. Written testimony may be submitted by 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting to: [CityCouncilors@forestgrove-or.gov](mailto:CityCouncilors@forestgrove-or.gov). *The City Council hearing are videotaped live and published.*

*Please sign-in below to testify:*

**PROPONENTS:** *\*(please print legibly)*

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