

**CITY OF NEWPORT, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NUMBER 20241121**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT ADOPTING AND AMENDING RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER UTILITY SERVICES; ESTABLISHING SCHEDULE AND ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Newport, Pend Orielle County, Washington (the “City”) is a duly incorporated and existing City by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the state of Washington;

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates a water and sewer utility system, and is entitled by way of RCW 35A.80.010 and Chapter 35.92 RCW to adopt water and sewer rates for its customers to provide utility services;

WHEREAS, the City needs to adequately provide for sewer and water infrastructure on an ongoing basis, and plan for future replacement of sewer and water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City’s utilities are expected to be financially self-sufficient and rate adjustments are necessary from time to time to properly maintain and operate the water and utility system;

WHEREAS, the City has analyzed its operating, maintenance, and other costs associated with its water and sewer system and has determined there is a need to increase the rates by a minimum of the current average projected US Bureau of Labor Statistics COLA rate of 2% and adjusted a fraction of cents to round them to the nearest whole cents when calculated with tax; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to conduct a rate study to evaluate whether the current utility rates are sufficient to meet its obligations and ensure the utility has stable operating reserves; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2024, the City Council held a public hearing to accept public comment concerning the proposed sewer and water utility rates; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary and appropriate to adopt the below rates to reflect the increased costs associated with providing water and sewer utility services as well as the maintenance and operation of related public facilities and infrastructure, and the anticipated needs of the utilities.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as follows:

Section 1. Rate Schedule. The following language:

WATER AND SEWER RATES & FEES

Residential ¾” Water Monthly Rate	10,000 Gallons	\$48.74
Residential 1” Water Monthly Rate *	13,000 Gallons	\$63.36
Residential Multifamily 1” Water Monthly Rate	13,000 Gallons	\$63.36
Commercial ¾” Water Monthly Rate	10,000 Gallons	\$48.74
Commercial 1” Water Monthly Rate	13,000 Gallons	\$63.36
Commercial 1 ½” Water Monthly Rate	20,000 Gallons	\$97.47

Commercial 2" Water Monthly Rate	27,000 Gallons	\$131.60
Commercial 3" Water Monthly Rate	40,000 Gallons	\$194.96
Commercial 4" Water Monthly Rate	53,000 Gallons	\$258.32
Commercial 6" Water Monthly Rate	80,000 Gallons	\$389.92
Residential ¾" Sewer Monthly Rate	10,000 Gallons	\$64.22
Residential 1" Sewer Monthly Rate *	13,000 Gallons	\$83.49
Residential Multifamily 1" Sewer Monthly Rate	13,000 Gallons	\$83.49
Commercial ¾" Sewer Monthly Rate	10,000 Gallons	\$64.22
Commercial 1" Sewer Monthly Rate	13,000 Gallons	\$83.49
Commercial 1 ½" Sewer Monthly Rate	20,000 Gallons	\$128.44
Commercial 2" Sewer Monthly Rate	27,000 Gallons	\$173.38
Commercial 3" Sewer Monthly Rate	40,000 Gallons	\$256.86
Commercial 4" Sewer Monthly Rate	53,000 Gallons	\$340.35
Commercial 6" Sewer Monthly Rate	80,000 Gallons	\$513.73

* This connection is not available for new connections only existing accounts.

Section 2 Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Resolution be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3 Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Newport, Washington, this 18th day of November 2024.



KEITH CAMPBELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:


NICKOLE NORTH, CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:

By: 

MEGAN C. CLARK, CITY ATTORNEY