

**ORDINANCE 2017-1040**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTIONS 9.01.080, 9.01.090 AND 9.01.091 OF THE WAITSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO AMOUNTS CHARGED FOR WATER AND SEWER RATES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waitsburg is responsible for reviewing utility rates for water and sewer services that it provides and has the authority to increase those rates when necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that a 5% increase in water and sewer rates is necessary and appropriate for 2017 and 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds and declares that the amount of the increases is needed to ensure that funds are available for future expenditures in the Water and Sewer Fund for improvements to the City’s water and sewer supply systems.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Waitsburg does ordain as follows:

SECTIONS 9.01.080, 090 and 091 of the Waitsburg Municipal Code shall be and are hereby amended to read as follows:

**SECTION I –Water Rates**

9.01.080. Fees - Domestic Water.

A. The monthly charge for domestic water consumed by customers of the City of Waitsburg shall be determined by the following schedule:

1. The charge for the first 500 cubic feet of water per calendar month shall be determined by the meter size in accordance with the following table:

<u><i>Meter Size</i></u>	<u><i>Amount</i></u> <u><i>Per Unit</i></u>	<u><i>Meter Size</i></u>	<u><i>Amount</i></u> <u><i>Per Unit</i></u>
¾ inch (inside)	\$36.60	¾ inch (outside)	\$41.48
1 inch (inside)	\$38.43	1 inch (outside)	\$44.78
1 ½ inch (inside)	\$42.32	1 ½ inch (outside)	\$49.56
2 inch (inside)	\$55.34	2 inch (outside)	\$65.10
4 inch (inside)	\$97.07	4 inch (outside)	\$115.08

2. The rate shown in paragraph 1 above shall be a minimum charge per unit per calendar month. For all amounts of water in excess of 500 cubic feet per calendar month, the charge shall be \$0.65 per 100 cubic feet for inside and outside meters. The charges provided in this paragraph shall apply to all water usage throughout each month of the year back to most current reading. The city clerk shall prorate charges for those months during which the water meters are not read.

3. In the case of cabins, hotels, rooming houses, apartments, or similar uses or activities, the individual units of which are not considered ‘individual consumers’, the rate for water service charge per calendar month shall be computed as follows:

Where separate water service is provided for each unit, the charge shall be the basic charge according to meter size in Paragraph 1 above for the first unit, plus the base charge for a ¾” meter for each additional separate unit, plus the normal excess water charge as in Paragraph 2 above.

Where separate water service is not provided for each unit, the monthly charge shall be the basic rate according to meter size pursuant to Paragraph 1 above, plus the normal excess water charge pursuant to Paragraph 2 above.

## **SECTION II – Sewer Rates**

### 9.01.090. Fees - Sewer

A. The monthly charge for sewer for customers of the City of Waitsburg shall be determined by the following schedule:

**Residences** – \$44.89 per unit. For purposes of this section, a residence shall mean a separate residential unit. Single family dwellings, mobile homes, apartments, and each separate unit of a hotel or motel shall each be considered separate units. However, each separate unit of a hotel or motel shall be charged at the Hotels/Motels unit rate as set forth below.

**Service Stations, Garages, Public Works, and Fraternal Halls** –\$65.15 per month.

**Clubs** – \$71.93 per month.

**Restaurants and Taverns** – \$84.32 per month.

**Schools** – \$124.85 per building.

**Hotels/Motels** – \$17.17 per unit.

**All General Businesses, Churches and other buildings otherwise not designated** –\$44.89 per unit.

C. In the case of public sewer service to customers outside the corporate limits of the City of Waitsburg, the charge shall be as provided as in the basic schedule for users within the City limits plus an additional \$31.50 per month.

D. Effective January 1, 2018, rates for both water and sewer systems shall be increased by 5% with rates adjusted accordingly at that time.

## **SECTION III – Annual Adjustments**

### 9.01.091. Changes in utility rates based on the Consumer Pricing Index

A. In addition to such other changes as may be approved by the City Council, commencing January 1, 2019 and each successive year after , the rates and charges specified in sections 9.01.080 and 9.01.090 above shall automatically be increased by 2.5%.

B. In addition, each successive year, the increase will be reviewed and presented to the Council the first meeting in January, commencing January 1, 2018.

The remaining language in SECTIONS 9.01.080, 090 and 091 of the Waitsburg Municipal Code, not amended above, remains unchanged.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Council and publication as required by law.

Passed by the Waitsburg City Council this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

APPROVED

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Marty Dunn Mayor

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City Attorney Jared Hawkins

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe