

CITY OF PACIFIC, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1942

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO UTILITY RATES, INCREASING THE RATES FOR WATER, SEWER AND STORMWATER FOR BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL USES OF PROPERTY, IN ORDER TO COVER INCREASES IN OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS, SUCH RATES TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017, AMENDING SECTIONS 14.48.015, 14.88.010 AND 24.16.050 OF THE PACIFIC MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, the City of Pacific operates and maintains a potable water production, distribution, and treatment system; and

WHEREAS, the City also operates and maintains a wastewater collection system, which conveys wastewater to King County for treatment; and

WHEREAS, the City operates a stormwater utility, which imposes and enforces regulations on stormwater, as required by the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the City has hired a consultant to evaluate the costs associates with the City's water, sewer and stormwater utility, and if necessary, to make recommendations for increases or decreases to rates charged by the City for such service, in order for the City to cover the City's expenses for operation, maintenance and future capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City's consultant has recommended that the City increase all of the rates charged for such utility service; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on November 14, 2016, on the proposed rate increase, for the presentation of information by the City's consultant, the acceptance of public testimony on such rate increases and discussion by the City Council of the need for rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered this Ordinance at a regular meeting on November 28, 2016; Now, Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PACIFIC CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 14.48.015 of the Pacific Municipal Code, as last amended in Section 2 of Ordinance 2015-19, is hereby amended to increase rates for sewer service as follows:

14.48.015 Rates Designated

2017

A. Single Family Residential: Single-Family Residences, Manufactured Homes, Mobile Homes:

\$70.22 for each residential unit (\$44.22 Metro Charge and \$26.00 City of Pacific charge)

B. Non-Residential and Multiple Residential Uses:

Charges will be based on water usage as determined by water meter readings with a basic unit price of \$70.22 charged for the first 700 cubic feet of water consumption. Fractions of cubic feet over 700 cubic feet will be charged at \$10.03 per 100 cubic feet. A minimum \$70.22 will be charged for non-residential and multi-family residential use (duplexes, apartments, mobile home parks, etc.).

C. Reduced Rates for Low Income Senior Citizens and/or Low Income Disabled Customers. Any full-time occupant responsible for the payment of a monthly sewer charge shall be granted a 15 percent discount from the otherwise applicable rate if the person is at least 62 years of age, and/or is 18 years of age or older and has been awarded in writing a 50 percent or higher disability rating from any state of Washington and/or federal agency/program, and meets the low-income guidelines as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for taxable household income and has properly filled out an application as required requesting such reduction. Staff is directed to establish and implement a review/re-application process to ensure the integrity of those accounts receiving the discount.

Section 2. Pacific Municipal Code Section 14.88.010 is hereby amended to increase rates for water service as follows:

2018

A. Single Family Residential: Single-Family Residences, Manufactured Homes, Mobile Homes:

\$79.47 for each residential unit (\$44.22 Metro Charge and \$35.25 City of Pacific charge)

B. Non-Residential and Multiple Residential Uses:

Charges will be based on water usage as determined by water meter readings with a basic unit price of \$79.47 charged for the first 700 cubic feet of water consumption. Fractions of cubic feet over 700 cubic feet will be charged at \$11.35 per 100 cubic feet. A minimum \$79.47 will be charged for non-residential and multi-family residential use (duplexes, apartments, mobile home parks, etc.).

C. Reduced Rates for Low Income Senior Citizens and/or Low Income Disabled Customers. Any full-time occupant responsible for the payment of a monthly sewer charge shall be granted a 15 percent discount from the otherwise applicable rate if the person is at least 62 years of age, and/or is 18 years of age or older and has been awarded in writing a 50 percent or higher disability rating from any state of Washington and/or federal agency/program, and meets the low-income guidelines as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for taxable household income and has properly filled out an application as required requesting such reduction. Staff is directed to establish and implement a review/re-application process to ensure the integrity of those accounts receiving the discount.

Section 2. Pacific Municipal Code Section 14.88.010 is hereby amended to increase rates for water service as follows:

**14.88.010 Water Rates.
2017**

A. The monthly rate for water supplied by meter inside the City limits shall be as follows:

<u>Inside City</u>				
Meter Size	Base Rate	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Base (Inches)		\$3.50	\$4.00	\$4.50
5/8"	\$17.75	1 - 7	7.1 – 14	14.1 -
1"	\$29.64	1 – 12	12.1 – 24	24.1 -
1.5"	\$59.11	1 – 23	23.1– 47	47.1 -
2"	\$94.61	1 – 37	37.1 - 75	75.1 -
3"	\$177.50	1 – 70	70.1 – 140	140.1 -
4"	\$295.89	1 – 117	117.1 – 233	233.1 -
6"	\$591.61	1 – 233	233.1 – 467	467.1 -

Multi-family units are charged a base rate for each living unit on the receiving side of the meter. Tier rates are multiplied by the number of base units charged (*i.e.*, a triplex will be charged the first tier rate for 1-21 CCF, second tier rates for 21.1-42 CCF, etc.)

B. The monthly rates for water supplied outside the City limits shall be as follows:

<u>Outside City</u>				
Meter Size	Base Rate	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Base (Inches)		\$3.85	\$4.40	\$4.95
5/8"	\$19.53	1 - 7	7.1 – 14	14.1 -
1"	\$32.61	1 – 12	12.1 – 24	24.1 -

1.5"	\$65.02	1 – 23	23.1– 47	47.1 -
2"	\$104.07	1 – 37	37.1 - 75	75.1 -
3"	\$195.25	1 – 70	70.1 – 140	140.1 -
4"	\$325.48	1 – 117	117.1 – 233	233.1 -
6"	\$650.77	1 – 233	233.1 – 467	467.1 -

C. The following surcharges shall continue in effect for those customers of the City formerly served by the Webstone Water District:

User Category	Base Charge	Use Charge
Residential (5/8" meter)	\$ 15.00	\$1.50
Commercial (5/8" meter)	\$ 15.00	\$1.50
Commercial (1" meter)	\$ 30.00	\$1.50
Commercial (1-1/2 meter)	\$250.00	\$1.50
Commercial (2" meter)	\$105.00	\$1.50
Commercial (3" meter)	\$195.00	\$1.50
Commercial (4" meter)	\$330.00	\$1.50
Commercial (6" meter)	\$660.00	\$1.50

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Inside City

Meter Size Base (Inches)	Base Rate	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
		\$3.50	\$4.00	\$4.50
5/8"	\$25.00	1 - 7	7.1 – 14	14.1 -
1"	\$41.75	1 - 12	12.1 – 24	24.1 -
1.5"	\$83.25	1 - 23	23.1 – 47	47.1 -
2"	\$133.25	1 - 37	37.1 - 75	75.1 -
3"	\$250.00	1 - 70	70.1 - 140	140.1 -
4"	\$416.75	1 - 117	117.1 - 233	233.1 -
6"	\$833.25	1 - 233	233.1 - 467	467.1 -

Multi-family units are charged a base rate for each living unit on the receiving side of the meter. Tier rates are multiplied by the number of base units charged (*i.e.*, a triplex will be charged the first tier rate for 1-21 CCF, second tier rates for 21.1-42 CCF, etc.)

B. The monthly rates for water supplied outside the City limits shall be as follows:

Outside City

Meter Size Base (Inches)	Base Rate	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
		\$3.85	\$4.40	\$4.95
5/8"	\$27.50	1 - 7	7.1 – 14	14.1 -

1"	\$45.93	1 - 12	12.1 – 24	24.1 -
1.5"	\$91.58	1 - 23	23.1 – 47	47.1 -
2"	\$146.58	1 - 37	37.1 - 75	75.1 -
3"	\$275.00	1 - 70	70.1 - 140	140.1 -
4"	\$458.43	1 - 117	117.1 - 233	233.1 -
6"	\$916.58	1 - 233	233.1 - 467	467.1 -

C. The following surcharges shall continue in effect for those customers of the City formerly served by the Webstone Water District:

User Category	Base Charge	Use Charge
Residential (5/8" meter)	\$ 15.00	\$1.50
Commercial (5/8" meter)	\$ 15.00	\$1.50
Commercial (1" meter)	\$ 30.00	\$1.50
Commercial (1-1/2 meter)	\$250.00	\$1.50
Commercial (2" meter)	\$105.00	\$1.50
Commercial (3" meter)	\$195.00	\$1.50
Commercial (4" meter)	\$330.00	\$1.50
Commercial (6" meter)	\$660.00	\$1.50

Section 3. Pacific Municipal Code Section 24.16.050, is hereby amended to increase storm water rates as follows:

24.16.050 Service charge rates. There is hereby levied upon all developed real property within the boundaries of the utility the following service charges, which shall be collected from the owners of such properties:

2017

A. For all detached single-family residences and mobile homes (One Equivalent Residential Unit), the monthly Service Charge shall be \$15.00 per month.

B. For all other developed properties, the monthly Service Charge shall be \$18.50 per month for the first Equivalent Residential Unit per account plus the number of additional Equivalent Residential Units determined by the Utility to be contained in such parcel pursuant to PMC 24.16.030 multiplied by \$6.75 for those properties with approved storm water facilities or \$18.50 for those properties without approved facilities.

C. Reduced Rates for Low Income Senior Citizens and/or Low Income Disabled Customers. Any full-time occupant responsible for the payment of a monthly storm water charge shall be granted a 15 percent discount from the otherwise applicable rate if the person is

at least 62 years of age, and/or is 18 years of age or older and has been awarded in writing a 50 percent or higher disability rating from any state of Washington and/or federal agency/program, and meets the low-income guidelines as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for taxable household income and has properly filled out an application as required requesting such reduction. Staff is directed to establish and implement a review/re-application process to ensure the integrity of those accounts receiving the discount.

2018

A. For all detached single-family residences and mobile homes (One Equivalent Residential Unit), the monthly Service Charge shall be \$23.82 per month.

B. For all other developed properties, the monthly Service Charge shall be \$23.82 per month for the first Equivalent Residential Unit per account plus the number of additional Equivalent Residential Units determined by the Utility to be contained in such parcel pursuant to PMC 24.16.030 multiplied by \$8.60 for those properties with approved storm water facilities or \$23.82 for those properties without approved facilities.

C. Reduced Rates for Low Income Senior Citizens and/or Low Income Disabled Customers. Any full-time occupant responsible for the payment of a monthly storm water charge shall be granted a 15 percent discount from the otherwise applicable rate if the person is at least 62 years of age, and/or is 18 years of age or older and has been awarded in writing a 50 percent or higher disability rating from any state of Washington and/or federal agency/program, and meets the low-income guidelines as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for taxable household income and has properly filled out an application as required requesting such reduction. Staff is directed to establish and implement a review/re-application process to ensure the integrity of those accounts receiving the discount.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force January 1, 2017 which is at least five days after publication of this Ordinance.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 28th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

Leanne Guier, Mayor

AUTHENTICATED:

Amy Stevenson-Ness, City Clerk.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the City Attorney**

Carol Morris, City Attorney

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