

ORDINANCE NO. 1587

“THE UTILITY RATES ORDINANCE”

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK HARBOR ESTABLISHING RATES FOR WATER, WASTEWATER, AND STORM DRAIN SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Harbor has adopted a Comprehensive Water System Plan, a Comprehensive Sewer Plan and a Comprehensive Storm and Surface Water Plan which are on file with the City Clerk and which describe the City’s plan for these utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Harbor wishes to encourage conservation and careful use of its water resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Harbor is a Phase II city under the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit administered by the Department of Ecology and is required to meet the conditions of the Phase II NPDES Permit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Harbor wishes to establish water, wastewater and storm drain utility rates which will cover the costs of operating these utility systems and the costs of necessary capital improvements and which are fair and equitable to all classes of customers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Harbor retained the services of HDR Engineering Inc. (HDR) to perform a comprehensive rate study of the City’s Water, Wastewater, Storm Drain and Solid Waste utilities; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive rate study prepared by HDR considered the operational costs and the costs to provide service to each class of customer in the Water, Wastewater, Storm Drain and Solid Waste utilities; and

WHEREAS, HDR has concluded that the current rate structures for the Water, Wastewater and Storm Drain utilities require amendments to reflect the financial needs for operations and capital improvements for each utility and to properly allocate those costs to classes of customers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted policies for the establishment of rates for water, wastewater and storm water service; and

WHEREAS, the utility rates must be set by ordinance in accordance with OHMC 12.40.085 (storm water); OHMC 13.32.025(2) (water); and OHMC 14.05.030 (wastewater).

Now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK HARBOR do ordain as follows:

Section One. Pursuant to the policies established in Ch. 13.32 OHMC, the following rates are set for water service by the City of Oak Harbor Water Utility:

MONTHLY WATER BASE RATE (Res, Comm, Schools, Irr)	Effective 12/20/10	Effective 12/20/11	Effective 12/20/12	Effective 12/20/13	Effective 12/20/14	Effective 12/20/15
5/8" or 3/4"	\$22.25	\$23.50	\$24.25	\$25.00	\$25.50	\$26.25
1"	\$27.80	\$32.30	\$36.40	\$40.65	\$44.65	\$47.80
1 1/2"	\$55.65	\$64.65	\$72.75	\$81.25	\$89.25	\$95.65
2"	\$89.00	\$103.40	\$116.40	\$130.00	\$142.80	\$153.00
3"	\$166.90	\$193.90	\$218.25	\$243.75	\$267.75	\$286.90
4"	\$278.15	\$323.15	\$363.75	\$406.25	\$446.25	\$478.15
6"	\$367.15	\$387.75	\$400.15	\$412.50	\$420.75	\$433.15
8"	\$587.40	\$620.40	\$640.20	\$660.00	\$673.20	\$693.00
MONTHLY WATER BASE RATE (Multi-Family & Multi-Commercial)						
Per Unit Base Rate	\$18.90	\$19.95	\$20.60	\$21.25	\$21.70	\$22.30
Consumption - \$/CCF						
<i>Single Family & Multi-Family (per unit)</i>						
0 – 3 CCF	\$1.65	\$1.75	\$2.10	\$2.35	\$2.60	\$2.85
4 – 6 CCF	\$2.30	\$2.55	\$2.80	\$3.15	\$3.75	\$4.30
Above 7 CCF	\$4.10	\$4.80	\$5.45	\$5.95	\$6.35	\$6.75
<i>Commercial (per unit), Schools, Churches & Non-Profits</i>						
0 – 10 CCF	\$4.40	\$4.20	\$4.25	\$3.75	\$3.45	\$3.50
11 – 20 CCF	\$3.60	\$3.80	\$4.00	\$3.75	\$3.70	\$3.75
Above 21 CCF	\$2.35	\$2.60	\$3.15	\$3.75	\$3.95	\$4.10
<i>Irrigation</i>						
0 – 10 CCF	\$4.75	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.20	\$4.20	\$4.45
Above 11 CCF	\$2.55	\$3.00	\$3.60	\$4.20	\$5.00	\$5.50
* Outside City limit rates are subject to a 1 1/2 rate differential						
** Commercial Laundromats will receive a 10% reduction in the water consumption rate to accommodate for evapotranspiration that occurs during the drying process.						

Section Two. Pursuant to the policies established in Ch.14.05 OHMC, the following rates are set for wastewater (sewer) service by the City of Oak Harbor Wastewater Utility:

MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATE	Effective 12/20/10	Effective 12/20/11	Effective 12/20/12	Effective 12/20/13	Effective 12/20/14	Effective 12/20/15
Residential						
Monthly Base Rate	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$47.00	\$52.00	\$57.50	\$64.75
Multi-Family/Unit						
per Customer	\$30.40	\$31.90	\$35.70	\$39.50	\$43.70	\$49.20
per Account	\$4.00	\$4.20	\$4.65	\$5.15	\$5.70	\$6.40

MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATE <i>(continued)</i>	Effective 12/20/10	Effective 12/20/11	Effective 12/20/12	Effective 12/20/13	Effective 12/20/14	Effective 12/20/15
Commercial, Churches & Non-Profits						
Monthly Base Rate	\$35.75	\$38.00	\$41.00	\$45.25	\$50.00	\$56.25
<i>Volume/Flow (\$CCF)</i>						
All Volume/CCF	\$4.55	\$4.70	\$5.00	\$5.50	\$6.05	\$6.80
Schools						
Monthly Base Rate	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$34.50	\$40.00	\$45.00
<i>Volume/Flow (\$/CCF)</i>						
All CCF	\$4.55	\$4.70	\$5.00	\$5.50	\$6.05	\$6.80
* Outside City limit rates are subject to a 1 1/2 rate differential						
** Commercial Laundromats will receive a 10% reduction in the water consumption rate to accommodate for evapotranspiration that occurs during the drying process.						

Section Three. Pursuant to Ch. 12.40 OHMC, the following rates are set for storm water service by the City of Oak Harbor Storm Drain Utility:

MONTHLY STORM DRAIN RATE	Effective 12/20/10	Effective 12/20/11	Effective 12/20/12	Effective 12/20/13	Effective 12/20/14
Residential					
Single Family per account	\$11.00	\$11.20	\$11.45	\$11.70	\$11.95
Multi-Family per unit	\$11.00	\$11.20	\$11.45	\$11.70	\$11.95
Commercial per ERU					
Commercial	\$11.00	\$11.20	\$11.45	\$11.45	\$11.95
Multi-Commercial	\$11.00	\$11.20	\$11.45	\$11.45	\$11.95
Hotel/Motel	\$11.00	\$11.20	\$11.45	\$11.45	\$11.95
Commercial & Residential	\$11.00	\$11.20	\$11.45	\$11.45	\$11.95
Schools	\$8.80	\$9.52	\$10.31	\$11.12	\$11.95
Churches & Non-Profits	\$4.40	\$6.16	\$8.02	\$9.95	\$11.95

Section Four. Copies of Utility Rate Ordinance Posted and On File. A copy of this utility rate ordinance shall be on file with the city clerk and shall be available for inspection and copying by the public. A copy of this utility rate ordinance shall also be posted on the City's website.

Section Five. Rate Review. On an annual basis, the Mayor shall direct the review of all utility rates included in this chapter to determine whether adjustments should be recommended to City Council. Proposed rate adjustments shall be made with the intent of meeting the purpose of Oak Harbor Municipal Code Chapter 13.32.

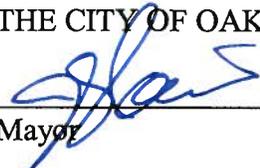
Section Six. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Section Seven. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective on December 20, 2010.

PASSED by the City Council this 5th day of OCTOBER, 2010.

Veto ()
Approve (✓)

THE CITY OF OAK HARBOR



Mayor

OCTOBER 6, 2010

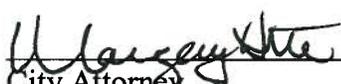
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Attest:



City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



City Attorney

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