

CITY OF WHEELER

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02

A Resolution to Set Water Rates

WHEREAS, the revenues generated by water charges and fees must be adequate to cover the administration, projected capital, operation and maintenance costs of the City of Wheeler’s water system; and

WHEREAS, there has been a continued increase in the operation, maintenance, administration, including labor and materials, of the City of Wheeler water system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheeler has reviewed the City Budget and Finance Reports of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 regarding the Water fund; and

WHEREAS, the water system is in need of capital maintenance due to the age and condition of the system; and

WHEREAS; the City Council desires all users of the system to pay their fair shares of the costs of maintaining the system and treating the water; and

WHEREAS, the current water rate schedule was established in June 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Association of Water Utilities (OAWU) performed a water rate study with the City of Wheeler to evaluate the costs of providing these services compared to revenues generated from rates and charges and determined that usage rates must be adjusted to generate the adequate revenue necessary for the City of Wheeler to continue to provide water to its residents;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That every connection to the water system pays a “to the tap” charge and that charge will be increased, as shown in Exhibit A.

Section 2. That every connection to the water system pays a water usage charge based on the number of gallons of water used and that charge will be increased, as shown on Exhibit A.

Section 3. That the attached “Water Rates Schedule” shown in Exhibit A listing the “to the tap” charges and water usage rates be adopted effective July 1, 2023.

Section 4. That the aforementioned schedule be made a part of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the listed Water Base Rates/Tap Charge shall be increased at the rate of four percent (4%) on or about June 20, 2024 and on or about June 12th of each of the following five (5) years. The last increase under this Resolution shall begin on or about June 20, 2028.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage by the City Council.

ADOPTED by the City Council on this 21st day of March 2023, by the following vote:

CITY COUNCIL WHEELER, OREGON	Aye	Nay	Absent / Abstain
_____	X	_____	_____ / _____
Clif Kemp, Councilor			
_____	X	_____	_____ / _____
Deanne Ragnell, Councilor			
_____	X	_____	_____ / _____
Gordon Taylor, Councilor			
_____	X	_____	_____ / _____
Karen Matthews, Councilor			

Doug Honeycutt, Mayor

Mary Johnson, Recorder

EXHIBIT A

Water Rates Schedules

**Base and Overage Water Rates for FY 2023-2024, FY 2024-2025,
FY 2025-2026, FY 2026-2027, FY 2027-2028**

FY 2023 – 2024		
Meter Size	Residential Base Rate/Tap Charge	Commercial Base Rate/Tap Charge
5/8" – 3/4"	\$ 58.07	\$ -
1"	\$ 81.30	\$ 117.07
1 1/2"	\$ 104.53	\$ 150.52
2"	\$ 168.41	\$ 242.50
3"	\$ 638.78	\$ 919.84
4"	\$ 812.99	\$ 1,170.71
Consumption Tiers	Consumption Units (3/4")	Tier Cost per Unit
One	0 – 4,000	\$ 9.00
Two	4,001 – 8,000	\$ 10.80
Three	8,001 – 12,000	\$ 12.96
Four	12,000 +	\$ 14.50
Water Debt Charge per Tap		\$ 12.71

FY 2024 – 2025		
Meter Size	Residential Base Rate/Tap Charge	Commercial Base Rate/Tap Charge
5/8" – 3/4"	\$ 60.39	\$ -
1"	\$ 84.55	\$ 121.75
1 1/2"	\$ 108.71	\$ 156.54
2"	\$ 175.15	\$ 252.20
3"	\$ 664.33	\$ 956.63
4"	\$ 845.51	\$ 1,217.54
Consumption Tiers	Consumption Units (3/4")	Tier Cost per Unit
One	0 – 4,000	\$ 9.00
Two	4,001 – 8,000	\$ 10.80
Three	8,001 – 12,000	\$ 12.96
Four	12,000 +	\$ 14.50
Water Debt Charge per Tap		\$ 12.71

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FY 2025 – 2026		
Meter Size	Residential Base Rate/Tap Charge	Commercial Base Rate/Tap Charge
5/8" – 3/4"	\$ 62.81	\$ -
1"	\$ 87.93	\$ 126.62
1 1/2"	\$ 113.06	\$ 162.80
2"	\$ 182.15	\$ 262.29
3"	\$ 690.90	\$ 994.90
4"	\$ 879.33	\$ 1,266.24
Consumption Tiers	Consumption Units (3/4")	Tier Cost per Unit
One	0 – 4,000	\$ 9.00
Two	4,001 – 8,000	\$ 10.80
Three	8,001 – 12,000	\$ 12.96
Four	12,000 +	\$ 14.50
Water Debt Charge per Tap		\$ 12.71

FY 2026 – 2027		
Meter Size	Residential Base Rate/Tap Charge	Commercial Base Rate/Tap Charge
5/8" – 3/4"	\$ 65.32	\$ -
1"	\$ 91.45	\$ 131.69
1 1/2"	\$ 117.58	\$ 169.31
2"	\$ 189.44	\$ 272.78
3"	\$ 718.54	\$ 1,034.69
4"	\$ 914.50	\$ 1,316.89
Consumption Tiers	Consumption Units (3/4")	Tier Cost per Unit
One	0 – 4,000	\$ 9.00
Two	4,001 – 8,000	\$ 10.80
Three	8,001 – 12,000	\$ 12.96
Four	12,000 +	\$ 14.50
Water Debt Charge per Tap		\$ 12.71

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FY 2027 - 2028		
Meter Size	Residential Base Rate/Tap Charge	Commercial Base Rate/Tap Charge
5/8" – 3/4"	\$ 67.93	\$ -
1"	\$ 95.11	\$ 136.96
1 1/2"	\$ 122.29	\$ 176.09
2"	\$ 197.02	\$ 283.69
3"	\$ 747.28	\$ 1,076.08
4"	\$ 951.08	\$ 1,369.57
Consumption Tiers	Consumption Units (3/4")	Tier Cost per Unit
One	0 – 4,000	\$ 9.00
Two	4,001 – 8,000	\$ 10.80
Three	8,001 – 12,000	\$ 12.96
Four	12,000 +	\$ 14.50
	Water Debt Charge per Tap	\$ 12.71