

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-27

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SANITARY SEWER UTILITY RATES
FOR THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019,
AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2018-51**

WHEREAS, Forest Grove Code Section 52.01 and as set forth in the Agreement with Clean Water Services, Page 5, Section 4.B., of the Agreement requires the City to collect rates and charges set by Clean Water Services; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2017, Clean Water Services began to set a regional rate on the portion of sewer services it provides with the City of Forest Grove setting a rate for the portion of the sewer services that the City provides; and

WHEREAS, the City is increasing its FY 2019-20 local rate by 2.0%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE AS FOLLOWS:

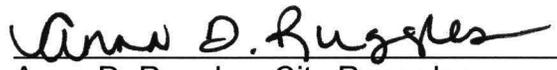
Section 1: The City of Forest Grove sets the following sanitary sewer utility rates for servicing the local portion of the sewer collection system that the City is responsible to maintain: Monthly Base Charge of \$9.10 per Dwelling Unit Equivalent (DUE) and a Use Charge of \$0.442 per 1,000 gallons per month for individual customer winter average. The revenue collected by this fee shall be retained by the City.

Section 2: The above rates shall become effective July 1, 2019.

Section 3: Resolution No. 2018-51 is repealed upon the effective implementation date of the foregoing rates.

Section 4: This resolution is effective immediately upon its enactment by the City Council.

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 10th day of June, 2019.



Anna D. Ruggles, City Recorder

APPROVED by the Mayor this 10th day of June, 2019.



Peter B. Truax, Mayor



<i>CITY RECORDER USE ONLY:</i>	
AGENDA ITEM #:	<u>11.</u>
MEETING DATE:	<u>06/10/2019</u>
FINAL ACTION:	<u>RESO 2019-27</u>

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

TO: *City Council*

FROM: *Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager*

MEETING DATE: *June 10, 2019*

PROJECT TEAM: *Gregory Robertson, Public Works Director
Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director*

SUBJECT TITLE: *Sewer Rate Increase for FY 2019-20*

ACTION REQUESTED:

	Ordinance		Order	X	Resolution	X	Motion		Informational
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X all that apply

ISSUE STATEMENT: Prior to July 1, 2017, Clean Water Services (CWS) set regional and local sewer rates and the City had added a surcharge to raise sufficient revenue to cover the costs of operating the local portion of the sewer collection system. The regional rate is charged by CWS to covers its cost of the sewer collection and treatment system. Starting in FY 2017-18, CWS began setting only the regional sewer rate and each local jurisdiction had to set the full local sewer rate that it needs to cover its sewer costs. The City has established its local sewer rate and needs to adjust that rate for FY 2019-20. Staff has attached a resolution setting the FY 2019-20 sewer rate for Council consideration.

BACKGROUND: CWS is only setting the regional rate that cities have agreed to collect for CWS and the cities have been establishing their own local rates. The City first set its own local rate as of July 1, 2017. For FY 2018-19, the rate was set at a local base rate of \$8.90 per Dwelling Equivalent Unit (DUE) and a Use Charge of \$0.43 per 1,000 gallons per month based on winter water usage. City staff is proposing an increase of 2.0% in the City’s Local Sewer effective July 1, 2019, to keep pace with increasing sewer costs. The new rate would be a local base rate of \$9.10 per Dwelling Equivalent Unit (DUE) and a Use Charge of \$0.442 per 1,000 gallons per month based on winter water usage.

CWS is proposing a 3% increase to its regional sewer rate and increase the Sewer SDC from \$5,650 to \$5,850 per DUE. City staff will bring a resolution to the Council authorizing the City to bill those rates on behalf of CWS.

FISCAL IMPACT: These rate increases are built into the FY 2019-20 Budget which outlines the fiscal impact of those rate increases. The increases by CWS and the City’s sanitary sewer rates will increase total costs by \$1.39 per month for typical residential consumption of 8ccf or 5,984 gallons per month of winter water usage.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council approve the attached resolution adopting the City local rate for sanitary sewer services.

ATTACHMENT(s):
Resolution

Date: JUNE 10, 2019

Agenda Item: 11.

Subject: RESOLUTION NO. 2019-27 ESTABLISHING SANITARY SEWER UTILITY RATES (2% INCREASE) FOR CITY OF FOREST GROVE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2018-51

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Request to Testify at Public Hearing

Public Hearings – Public hearings are held on each matter required by state law or City policy. Anyone wishing to testify should sign-in for the Public Hearing prior to the meeting. The Mayor or presiding officer will review the complete hearing instructions prior to testimony. The Mayor or presiding officer will call the individual or group by the name given on the sign-in form. When addressing the Mayor and Council, please move to the witness table (center front of the room). Each person should speak clearly into the microphone and must state their first and last name and provided a mailing address for the record. All testimony is electronically recorded. In the interest of time, Public Hearing testimony is limited to three minutes unless the Mayor or presiding officer grants an extension. Written or oral testimony is heard prior to any Council action.

Please sign-in below to testify:

PROPONENTS: *(Please print legibly)*

First & Last Name:

Address:

City, State & Zip Code:

OPPONENTS: *(Please print legibly)*

First & Last Name:

Address:

City, State & Zip Code:

Margaret Ledford

2403 21st Ave F.G. OR 97116

OTHERS: *(Please print legibly)*

First & Last Name:

Address:

City, State & Zip Code:

Testimony 6/10/19
Item 9-12

**OPPOSITION TO CITY OF FOREST GROVE'S PROPOSED
UTILITY RATE INCREASES OF 17.1%
JUNE 10, 2019**

2403 21st Ave Forest Grove OR 97116

~ \$17,000/yr

I am a
home
owner.

Good evening council members. My name is Margaret Ledford. I moved here in May of 2001 to raise my daughter, Emmeline. I am 53 years old and am disabled under the Social Security Administration Act. My limited income will not allow me to keep paying the high utility increases year after year that this city imposes. This is the first time in the 18 years of my residency that I have appeared before this council. Never before have I been so strongly led to speak as I am now. I wish to keep my home here, but must do so within my income.

I speak not only for myself but for other low income residents, others with disabilities and for the elderly. Struggling to stay in their homes. I ask you to listen to me as a representative of them.

Last year the city imposed a 13.5% utility increase and now this year it is 17.1%. I work hard to conserve my electricity and water usage, but feel my efforts are futile with such increases. I am opposed to these drastic increases and to the largest portion of my utility bill being sanitary sewer. I currently pay \$439.56 per year for sewage alone. Can the sewage portion be removed or at least lessened? What is generating this huge increase?

We ask that you reduce the proposed rate and implement a tiered discount program for all low income residents, including seniors and those with disabilities. We cannot afford these high increases year after year. We don't want to have our power shut off and eventually become part of the homeless population.

Thank you for listening to us.

