

**ORDINANCE NO. 1576**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 13.04 OF THE BONNEY LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE CORRESPONDING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NOS. 1277, 1356, 1374, 1429, 1465, 1476, AND 1541 RELATING TO AN INCREASE IN WATER RATES AND CHARGES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City has recently completed updated comprehensive plans for the water and sewer systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has recently had a utility rate study completed by the Financial Consulting Services Group; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Department of Health, which has jurisdiction over public water systems, has imposed a number of system improvements as a condition to state approval of the City's Water Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that as a result of these comprehensive studies water rates need to be increased in order to assure consumers a continued safe and reliable water system;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** BLMC Section 13.04.100 and corresponding portions of ordinance Nos. 1277, 1356, 1374, 1429, 1465, 1476, and 1541 are hereby amended to read as follows:

**13.04.100 Water rates.**

Effective July 1, 2017, the following rates shall apply:

A. Discount for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons. Owners of single-family residences who have qualified for real estate property tax exemption through the Pierce County assessor-treasurer's office on the basis of age and/or disability, and who present proof thereof to the appropriate authority of the city, shall qualify and be entitled to a reduced water rate as may, from time to time, be set by the city council and established as a 50 percent reduction from the water availability charge.

**B. Monthly Water Rates – Within City Limits.**

**Water Availability Charge**

Meter Size	Charge
5/8" – 3/4"	<del>\$15.24</del> <u>\$16.61</u>

Water Availability Charge

Meter Size	Charge
Qualified Senior, 5/8" – 3/4"	See subsection (A)
1" with Fire Sprinkler System	<del>\$15.24</del> <u>\$16.61</u>
1" without Fire Sprinkler System	<del>\$30.23</del> <u>\$32.95</u>
1-1/4"	<del>\$60.04</del> <u>\$65.44</u>
1-1/2"	<del>\$60.04</del> <u>\$65.44</u>
2"	<del>\$96.08</del> <u>\$104.73</u>
3"	<del>\$180.05</del> <u>\$196.25</u>
4"	<del>\$299.88</del> <u>\$326.87</u>
6"	<del>\$600.44</del> <u>\$654.48</u>

In addition, the consumption charge per 100 cubic feet (CCF), or any part thereof used, shall be as follows:

Winter (October 1st through May 31st)	Charge
0 – 10 CCF per month	<del>\$1.26</del> <u>\$1.37</u>
Over 10 CCF per month	<del>\$2.49</del> <u>\$2.71</u>
Summer (June 1st through September 30th)	
0 – 10 CCF per month	<del>\$1.26</del> <u>\$1.37</u>
11 – 20 CCF per month	<del>\$2.72</del> <u>\$2.96</u>
21 – 30 CCF per month	<del>\$3.81</del> <u>\$4.15</u>
31 or more CCF per month	<del>\$4.89</del> <u>\$5.33</u>

C. Monthly Water Rates – Outside City Limits.

Water Availability Charge

Meter Size	Charge
5/8" – 3/4"	<del>\$23.52</del> <u>\$25.64</u>
Qualified Senior, 5/8" – 3/4"	See subsection (A)
1"	<del>\$39.16</del> <u>\$42.68</u>
1-1/4"	<del>\$78.03</del> <u>\$85.05</u>
1-1/2"	<del>\$78.03</del> <u>\$85.05</u>
2"	<del>\$124.77</del> <u>\$135.99</u>
3"	<del>\$234.04</del> <u>\$255.10</u>

Water Availability Charge

Meter Size	Charge
4"	<del>\$390.09</del> <u>\$425.20</u>
6"	<del>\$760.66</del> <u>\$829.12</u>

In addition, the consumption charge per 100 cubic feet (CCF), or any part thereof used, shall be as follows:

Winter (November 1st through June 30th)	Charge
0 – 10 CCF per month	<del>\$1.82</del> <u>\$1.98</u>
Over 10 CCF per month	<del>\$3.62</del> <u>\$3.95</u>
Summer (July 1st through October 31st)	
0 – 10 CCF per month	<del>\$1.82</del> <u>\$1.98</u>
10 – 20 CCF per month	<del>\$3.81</del> <u>\$4.15</u>
20 – 30 CCF per month	<del>\$5.34</del> <u>\$5.82</u>
30 or more CCF per month	<del>\$7.46</del> <u>\$8.13</u>

D. Multiple Residential Units.

1. The water availability charge for a connection serving multiple (three or more) residential units shall be the availability charge set forth above, multiplied by the number of dwelling units connected to the meter, as follows:

- a. Each duplex unit as defined in BLMC 13.04.030(H) will be billed as though separately connected to the water main, based on five-eighths- or three-quarters-inch meter rates.
- b. Any detached accessory dwelling unit (ADU) as defined in BLMC 13.04.030(F) will be billed as though separately connected to the water main, based on five-eighths- or three-quarters-inch meter rates.
- c. In the case of apartment/trailer courts having one meter, each unit will be billed as though separately connected to the water main, occupied or not, based on five-eighths- or three-quarters-inch meter rates.
- d. In the case of building lots which have been granted a conditional use permit to allow more than one dwelling on one service meter, each dwelling unit will be billed as though separately connected to the water main, based on five-eighths- or three-quarters-inch meter rates.

2. The consumption charge provided for in this section shall be applied to multiple residential units as provided for above, except that the lower consumption charge rate shall be applied to the first "X" CCF per month, where "X" is the number of units served by the connection multiplied by 10. All consumption greater than that threshold will be charged the higher consumption charge rate.

3. There shall be only one water meter for each building housing more than two residential units.

E. Multiple Commercial and Industrial Buildings. Where all commercial or industrial buildings connected to a single service are used in the same business under single management, billing shall be made as for a single building.

F. Demand Charge.

1. Private fire hydrants, stand pipes, fire sprinkler systems, etc., shall have a monthly charge of ~~\$3.53~~ \$3.85.
2. Special purpose use of water from fire hydrants or stand pipes shall be ~~\$11.76~~ \$12.82 plus ~~\$1.18~~ \$1.29 per 100 cubic feet for all water used inside the city limits and ~~\$16.47~~ \$17.95 plus ~~\$1.69~~ \$1.84 for all water used outside the city limits.
3. Where the water meters are shut off, the monthly charge will be ~~\$5.88~~ \$6.41 within the city limits and ~~\$8.11~~ \$8.84 outside the city limits.
4. Where unusual circumstances prevent a meter reading, water consumption will be estimated at an average of 1,000 cubic feet per month.

G. Leakage – Rate Reduction.

1. In the event that there is a water leak that is determined to have been undetectable by the water utility, after the service line is repaired by the owner and upon written request by the property owner, the city finance department may make an adjustment in the water bill. The maintenance of plumbing fixtures inside a structure is the responsibility of the property owner. No leak adjustments shall be made for water leaks due to faulty equipment or fixtures inside the structure, including leaky toilets, faucets, etc.
2. The adjustment shall be two-thirds of that portion of the customer's water bill determined by calculating the median consumption for the past five years for the same period the leak occurred. The adjustment shall be limited to the period of 120 days of consumptive use prior to the repair of the leak.
3. The city reserves the right to request documentation of the service line repair as a condition of granting a leak adjustment.
4. Should a customer who was granted a leak adjustment request a subsequent leak adjustment within 24 months of the previous adjustment due to an additional line break or leak, documentation, such as a receipt from a plumber, must again be provided to reasonably demonstrate that the leak has been repaired and that the repair is expected to be permanent.
5. No leak adjustments shall be authorized in the following situations:
  - a. The leak was caused by a third party from whom the customer is able to recover their costs. Examples include, but are not limited to, theft, vandalism, negligence and construction damage, unoccupied or vacant properties.
  - b. The meter at said property has been accessed, tampered with, or turned on/off by anyone other than a City of Bonney Lake employee and that action results in loss of water.
  - c. The leaky line is subject to a valid warranty.
  - d. The current property occupant has already been granted two leak adjustments in the previous five years from the date of the current leak adjustment request.

H. Irrigation Meters.

1. New multifamily (three or more units) and nonresidential connections shall be required to install a separate meter for irrigation use, effective January 1, 2005.
2. Existing multifamily (three or more units) and nonresidential connections shall be required to install a separate meter for irrigation use no later than January 1, 2007.

3. There shall be no availability charge applicable to irrigation meters. The commodity charge shall be 25 percent greater than the applicable commodity charge for non-irrigation usage that exceeds 10 CCF per month (the “tail-block”).

	Charge
Winter – In city	<del>\$3.11</del> <u>\$3.39</u>
Summer – In city	<del>\$3.40</del> <u>\$3.71</u>
Winter – Outside city	<del>\$4.53</del> <u>\$4.94</u>
Summer – Outside city	<del>\$4.76</del> <u>\$5.19</u>

13.04.105 Annual rate adjustment.

Effective January 1st of each year, beginning on January 1, 2009, the water rates listed in BLMC 13.04.100 shall be adjusted by the annual change in the most recent Seattle-Bremerton-Tacoma Consumer Price Index (Urban Consumers) published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

**Section 2. 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 3.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this legislation.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law, but no earlier than July 1, 2017.

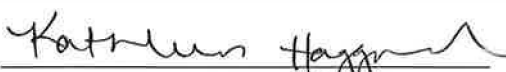
**PASSED** by the City Council and approved by the Mayor this 23rd day of May, 2017.

  
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 Neil Johnson, Jr. Mayor

AUTHENTICATED:

  
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 Harwood T. Edvalson, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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 Kathleen Haggard, City Attorney

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City of Bonney Lake, Washington  
**City Council Agenda Bill (AB)**

<b>Department/Staff Contact:</b> Executive / Don Morrison	<b>Meeting/Workshop Date:</b> 23 May 2017	<b>Agenda Bill Number:</b> AB17-39
<b>Agenda Item Type:</b> Ordinance	<b>Ordinance/Resolution Number:</b> D17-39	<b>Councilmember Sponsor:</b> Lewis

**Agenda Subject:** Water Rate Adjustment

**Full Title/Motion:** An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Amending Chapter 13.04 Of The Bonney Lake And The Corresponding Portions Of Ordinance Nos. 1277, 1356, 1374, 1429, 1465, 1476, And 1541 Relating To An Increase In Water Rates And Charges..

**Administrative Recommendation:** Reject both options in the packet and adopt the original draft ordinance with rates identified through 2022 as recommended by FCSG.

**Background Summary:** FCSG recently completed a comprehensive utility rate study for the City. An ordinance was prepared adopting the recommended rate structure provided by the consultant. Council has determined that more review is necessary and has asked staff to amend the ordinance to remove the proposed rate increases targeted for 2018-2022. Attached are two options. One with the FCSG recommended increase for 2017, effective 7/1 at 9%, and Option A with a rate increase of 5%, also effective 7/1. There is no change proposed to the current SDC charges.  
**Attachments:** Ord D17-39, and D17-39 Option A

<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>				
Budget Amount	Current Balance	Required Expenditure	Budget Balance	Fund Source
				<input type="checkbox"/> General <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>Budget Explanation:</b> NA				

<b>COMMITTEE, BOARD &amp; COMMISSION REVIEW</b>			
<b>Council Committee Review:</b> Other	<i>Approvals:</i>		<b>Yes No</b>
Date:	Chair/Councilmember		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Forward to:	<b>Consent Agenda:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Commission/Board Review:</b>			
<b>Hearing Examiner Review:</b>			

<b>COUNCIL ACTION</b>	
Workshop Date(s): 4/18/17, 5/2/17, 5/9/17	Public Hearing Date(s):
Meeting Date(s):	Tabled to Date:

<b>APPROVALS</b>		
<b>Director:</b>	<b>Mayor:</b>	<b>Date Reviewed by City Attorney:</b> (if applicable)