

**HIGHLINE WATER DISTRICT  
King County, Washington**

**RESOLUTION 13-11-20A**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2014 WATER RATES AND  
AMEND ACCORDINGLY THE HIGHLINE WATER DISTRICT CODE (HWDC)  
SECTION 6.04.020 – WATER/MISCELLANEOUS RATES**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 57.08.081 authorizes the Highline Water District Board of Commissioners ("District") to fix rates and charges for providing water service, such rates and charges to be fixed as deemed necessary by the District Board of Commissioners so that uniform charges will be made for the same class of customer or service and facility; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 57.08.081 authorizes the District Board of Commissioners in classifying customers to consider in its discretion several factors including the difference in cost to various customers, the location of the various customers within and without the District, the difference in cost of maintenance, operation, repair and replacement of the various parts of the system, the different character of the service furnished to various customers, the quantity and quality of the service and facility furnished, the time of its use, the achievement of water conservation goals and the discouragement of wasteful practices and any other matters which present a reasonable difference as a ground for a distinction in the establishment of water rates and charges; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 57.08.005, the District possesses full authority to regulate and control the use, content, distribution, and price of its water supply and water system and the rates to be charges relating thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Highline Water District directed staff to publish notice of a Public Hearing to be held in the Board Room of the Highline Water District, 23828 30th Ave S, Kent, WA 98032, on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 for the purpose of accepting public testimony on adjustment of and possible increase to customer water rates, service fees and charges; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the public hearing was published in the Westside Weekly on November 1, 2013 and November 8, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed revisions (additions **highlighted** and deletions indicated by **strikeouts**) to the HWDC, Title 6 Water Service Rates and Charges, Chapter 6.04 Rates, Section 6.04.020 Water/Miscellaneous Rates, are as follows:

|           |  |  |  |   |
|-----------|--|--|--|---|
| <b>A.</b> | <b>TABLE 1- MONTHLY COMMODITY CHARGES</b><br><i>(Effective January 1, 2013 per Resolution 11-11-22A)</i><br><i>Effective January 1, 2014</i> |  |  |   |
|           | <b>Variable Rates \$/ccf</b>   |  |  |   |
|           | <b>Customer Type</b>   | <b>Winter (&gt; 0 ccf)<br/>(October – May)</b> | <b>Summer (0-5 ccf)<br/>(June – September)</b> | <b>Summer (6+ ccf)<br/>(June – September)</b> |
|           | <b>SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL</b>   | <del>\$3.50</del> <b>\$3.55</b>                | <del>\$3.50</del> <b>\$3.55</b>                | <del>\$4.14</del> <b>\$4.20</b>               |
|           | <b>COMMERCIAL &amp; MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL</b>  | <del>\$3.50</del> <b>\$3.55</b>                | <del>\$3.50</del> <b>\$3.55</b>                | <del>\$4.14</del> <b>\$4.20</b>               |
|           | <b>FIRE</b>  | Fixed to Commercial Variable Rate              |  |   |
|           | <b>IRRIGATION</b>  | <b>Annual Flat Rate</b>                        |  |   |
|           |  | <del>\$4.14</del> <b>\$4.20</b>                |  |   |

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| <b>B. TABLE 2 - MONTHLY METER BASE RATES</b><br><i>(Effective January 1, 2013 per Resolution 11-11-22A)</i><br><i>(*Effective July 1, 2013 per Resolution 13-4-23A)</i><br><i>Effective January 1, 2014</i> |                       |                            |                          |   |                                  |                                      |                              |                              |                              |                              |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| METER SIZE  | WATER AVAILABLE (GPM) | CUSTOMER TYPE              |                          |   |                                  |                                      |                              |                              |                              |                              |
|   |                       | SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  |                          | SR. CITIZEN/ DISABLED/LOW INCOME (DISCOUNTED) |                                  | COMMERCIAL & MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL |                              | STAND-BY FIRE                |                              | IRRIGATION                   |
| 5/8"  | 20                    | <del>\$13.90</del> \$14.40 | <del>\$9.04</del> \$9.36 | <del>\$21.14</del> \$21.90                    | <del>\$21.14</del> \$21.90       | N/A                                  | <del>\$21.14</del> \$21.90   | <del>\$21.14</del> \$21.90   | N/A                          | <del>\$21.14</del> \$21.90   |
| 3/4"  | 25                    | <del>\$13.90</del> \$14.40 | <del>\$9.04</del> \$9.36 | <del>\$21.14</del> \$21.90                    | <del>\$21.14</del> \$21.90       | N/A                                  | <del>\$21.14</del> \$21.90   | <del>\$21.14</del> \$21.90   | N/A                          | <del>\$21.14</del> \$21.90   |
| 1"  | 50                    | <del>\$24.72</del> \$25.61 | N/A                      | <del>\$42.71</del> \$44.25                    | <del>\$42.71</del> \$44.25       | N/A                                  | <del>\$42.71</del> \$44.25   | <del>\$42.71</del> \$44.25   | N/A                          | <del>\$42.71</del> \$44.25   |
| 1-1/2"  | 100                   | <del>\$41.96</del> \$43.47 | N/A                      | <del>\$77.87</del> \$80.67                    | <del>\$77.87</del> \$80.67       | <del>\$8.96</del> \$9.28             | <del>\$77.87</del> \$80.67   | <del>\$77.87</del> \$80.67   | <del>\$8.96</del> \$9.28     | <del>\$77.87</del> \$80.67   |
| 2"  | 160                   | <del>\$64.40</del> \$66.72 | N/A                      | <del>\$121.88</del> \$126.27                  | <del>\$121.88</del> \$126.27     | <del>\$11.87</del> \$12.30           | <del>\$121.88</del> \$126.27 | <del>\$121.88</del> \$126.27 | <del>\$11.87</del> \$12.30   | <del>\$121.88</del> \$126.27 |
| 2-1/2"  | 300                   | N/A                        | N/A                      | N/A   | N/A                              | <del>\$17.43</del> \$18.06           | N/A                          | N/A                          | <del>\$17.43</del> \$18.06   | N/A                          |
| 3"  | 450                   | N/A                        | N/A                      | <del>\$254.13</del> \$263.28                  | <del>\$254.13</del> \$263.28     | <del>\$33.25</del> \$34.45           | N/A                          | N/A                          | <del>\$33.25</del> \$34.45   | N/A                          |
| 4"  | 600                   | N/A                        | N/A                      | <del>\$385.28</del> \$399.15                  | <del>\$385.28</del> \$399.15     | <del>\$41.22</del> \$42.70           | N/A                          | N/A                          | <del>\$41.22</del> \$42.70   | N/A                          |
| 6"  | 1,350                 | N/A                        | N/A                      | <del>\$745.65</del> \$772.49                  | <del>\$745.65</del> \$772.49     | <del>\$59.70</del> \$61.85           | N/A                          | N/A                          | <del>\$59.70</del> \$61.85   | N/A                          |
| 8"  | 1,600                 | N/A                        | N/A                      | <del>\$1,176.91</del> \$1,219.28              | <del>\$1,176.91</del> \$1,219.28 | <del>\$80.84</del> \$83.75           | N/A                          | N/A                          | <del>\$80.84</del> \$83.75   | N/A                          |
| 10"   | N/A                   | N/A                        | N/A                      | N/A   | N/A                              | <del>\$104.57</del> \$108.33         | N/A                          | N/A                          | <del>\$104.57</del> \$108.33 | N/A                          |

*(Effective January 1, 2011 per Resolution 10-12-1D) The monthly meter base rate shall be charged for delinquent accounts and requested domestic meter locks. Requested locks for irrigation meters will not be charged a monthly base rate. A monthly base rate shall be charged for all meters in the District. The only exceptions will be locked irrigation only accounts.*

*Motion 11-4-20(1) authorized allowing an exception of the monthly meter base rate if a catastrophic event occurs that renders a property uninhabitable such as a fire.*

| <b>C. TABLE 3 - WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION CHARGES</b><br><i>Effective January 1, 2014</i> |                             |                      |       |              |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------|
| METER  | HANG DOMESTIC               | HANG IRRIGATION/FIRE | MXU   | FULL SERVICE |
| 5/8"   | \$190                       |                      | \$235 | *            |
| 3/4"   | \$220                       |                      | \$235 | *            |
| 1"   | \$240                       |                      | \$235 | *            |
| 1-1/2"   | <del>\$1,215</del> \$600.00 | \$865                | \$235 | *            |
| 2"   | <del>\$1,385</del> \$800.00 | \$1,005              | \$235 | *            |
| 3"   | T & M                       | T & M                | \$235 | T & M        |
| 4"   | T & M                       | T & M                | \$235 | T & M        |
| 6"   | T & M                       | T & M                | \$235 | T & M        |
| 8"   | T & M                       | T & M                | \$235 | T & M        |

*(Per Resolution 09-12-2B - Charges Effective 12/02/09)*

Request for Water Service Installation

The District will install/modify existing water services/mains and/or fire hydrants as requested by Agreement (reference Water Service Installation Agreement REF #409). The requesting party shall pay for all costs associated with installation/modification of the water service. The District will prepare a cost estimate for the work and require a deposit in the full amount prior to executing the Agreement. If the deposit is in excess of the actual costs, the difference will be refunded. If the actual cost of the work exceeds the estimate, the difference will be owed to the District (per Res. 13-5-1B, effective 5/1/13).

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| TABLE 5<br>HOURLY LABOR & EQUIPMENT CHARGES              |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| <b>LABOR - HOURLY RATES</b>                              |                       |
| <i>Effective January 1, 2014</i>                         |                       |
|  | <b>2008 2014 RATE</b> |
| Engineer   | \$75.00 \$80.00       |
| Utility Worker   | \$44.00 \$50.00       |
| Observer   | \$49.00 \$54.00       |
| Equipment Operator                                       | \$49.00 \$54.00       |
| Administration   | \$44.00 \$50.00       |
| <b>EQUIPMENT - HOURLY RATES</b>                          |                       |
| <i>(Per Resolution 10-8-4B – Rates Effective 9/1/10)</i> |                       |
|  | <b>2010 RATE</b>      |
| Backhoe w/Trailer  | \$30.00               |
| 5-Yard Dump Truck  | \$30.00               |
| 10-Yard Dump Truck                                       | \$45.00               |
| Ton Service Truck w/Tools                                | \$35.00               |
| Pick Up Truck or Van                                     | \$19.00               |
| Flatbed Truck  | \$25.00               |
| Mole   | \$10.00               |
| Trailer Vac  | \$25.00               |

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

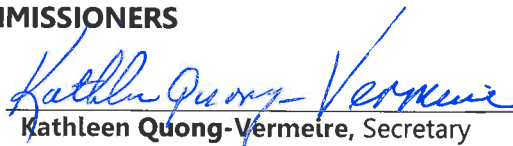
The Board of Commissioners of Highline Water District adopts the 2014 Water/Miscellaneous Rates as referenced in this document and incorporated herein and authorizes the General Manager to amend the Highline Water District Code (HWDC), Section 6.04.020 Water/Miscellaneous Rates accordingly.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of Highline Water District, King County, Washington, at an open public meeting held this **20th** day of **November 2013**.



**Daniel Johnson**, President

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



**Kathleen Quong-Vermeire**, Secretary

**Gerald R. Guite**, Commissioner

**Vince Koester**, Commissioner



**George Landon**, Commissioner

Agenda Item No.: 5.1

Agenda Date: 11/20/2013

Reviewed By: J.P.M.E.

**Subject:** Resolution to adopt the 2014 Water Rates and amend according the Highline Water District Code Chapter 6.04 Rates – Section 6.04.020 – Water/Miscellaneous Rates

| CATEGORY                      |                                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Executive</i>              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <i>Administrative</i>         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Engineering/Operations</i> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

| FINANCIAL            |                              |                             |   |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| <i>Expenditures?</i> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Budgeted?</i>     | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Amount: \$</i>    |                              |                             | <i>Not-to Exceed</i>                    |
| _____                |                              |                             | _____                                   |

Attachments 1. Resolution 13-11-20A

**COMMENTS:**

At the October 22, 2013 Workshop meeting, the Board of Commissioners and staff reviewed the draft 2014 Operating Budget and discussed proposed increases to water and miscellaneous rates to cover capital improvements and keep up with inflation.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed 2014 Water Rates.