

## HIGHLINE WATER DISTRICT King County, Washington

### RESOLUTION 24-1-23A

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HIGHLINE WATER DISTRICT CODE (HWDC) SECTION 6.04.020 MISCELLANEOUS RATES TABLE 4 (LATE CHARGES); SECTION 6.04.030 HYDRANT METERS TABLE 7 (HYDRANT METER DEPOSIT) AND TABLE 9 (REPLACEMENT COSTS FOR DAMAGED/LOST HYDRANT METER); AND CHAPTER 11.04.120 (LEAK / LEAK ADJUSTMENT)**

**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**, 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 charged relating thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to modify late charges to assist customers who struggle to pay for their water bills; and

**WHEREAS**, the District requires a deposit for the rental of hydrant meters to cover the cost of lost, stolen, or damaged meters; and

**WHEREAS**, the current hydrant meter deposit is insufficient to cover the full replacement cost of meters 3-inch or larger; and

**WHEREAS**, the current water leak adjustment policy limits customers to a maximum of two leak adjustments per owner/per property which is more stringent than adjacent utilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed revisions (additions are **bold and underlined** and deletions indicated by ~~strikeouts~~) to the HWDC, Section 6.04.020 Miscellaneous Rates Table 4; Section 6.04.040 Tables 7 and 9; and Section 11.04.120 are as follows:

HWDC 6.04.020 TABLE 4 – MISCELLANEOUS RATES		
10.	Late Charges	
	Late charge added 5 <sup>th</sup> business day after due date.	10% <del>5%</del>

HWDC 6.04.030 TABLE 7 – HYDRANT METER DEPOSIT TABLE 9 – REPLACEMENT COSTS FOR DAMAGED/LOST HYDRANT METER		
METER SIZE	AMOUNT	
¾"	\$500.00	NOTE: Full monetary reimbursement is required for any damages resulting from the unauthorized / misuse of District property or facilities.
1"	\$500.00	
2"	\$800.00	
3" & above	<del>\$1,200.00</del> <b><u>\$1,500.00</u></b>	

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HWDC 11.04.120(5)

The Board of Commissioners authorizes up to two leak adjustments per owner / per property **within a six (6) year period** under the following conditions: A) Once for the repair of the service / irrigation line; and B) Once for the replacement of the entire service / irrigation line when a second leak develops.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Board of Commissioners of Highline Water District authorizes the proposed revisions to the Highline Water District Code as proposed herein, effective 3/1/2024, and further directs the General Manager or designee to amend the Highline Water District Code (HWDC) accordingly.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of Highline Water District, King County, Washington, at an open public meeting held this **23rd** day of **January 2024**.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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**Agenda Item No.:** 5.1  
**Agenda Date:** 01/23/24  
**Reviewed By:** [Signature]

**Subject:** Resolution to amend the Highline Water District Code (HWDC) Section 6.04.020 Miscellaneous Rates Table 4 (Late Charges); Section 6.04.030 Hydrant Meters Table 7 (Hydrant Meter Deposit) and Table 9 (Replacement Costs for Damaged/Lost Hydrant Meters); and Chapter 11.04.120 (Leak/Leak Adjustment)

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

**Attachments:**

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**COMMENTS:**

The District desires to modify late charges to assist customers who struggle to pay for their water bills (10% to 5%).

The District requires a deposit for the rental of hydrant meters to cover the cost of lost, stolen, or damaged meters. The current deposit amount is insufficient to cover the full replacement cost of a 3-inch or larger hydrant meter. The deposit change is from \$1,200 to \$1,500.

The current water leak adjustment policy limits a maximum of two leak adjustments per owner/per property which is more stringent than adjacent utilities and industry standards.

**HWDC 11.04.120(5)**

The Board of Commissioners authorizes up to two leak adjustments per owner / per property **\*within a six (6) year period from the date of the prior leak adjustment** under the following conditions: A) Once for the repair of the service / irrigation line; and B) Once for the replacement of the entire service / irrigation line when a second leak develops.

\*Addition in **bold**.