

**HIGHLINE WATER DISTRICT
King County, Washington**

RESOLUTION 19-11-26A

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2020 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, notice of the public hearing was published in the Westside Seattle on November 8, 2019 and November 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions (additions are underlined 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:

TABLE 1 - MONTHLY COMMODITY CHARGES			
<i>Effective January 1, 2018 per Resolution 17-11-1A Effective January 1, 2020 per Resolution 19-11-26A</i>			
Variable Rates \$/ccf			
Customer Type	Winter (> 0 ccf) (October - May)	Summer (0-5 ccf) (June - September)	Summer (6+ ccf) (June - September)
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	\$3.73 <u>\$3.82</u>	\$3.73 <u>\$3.82</u>	\$4.42 <u>\$4.53</u>
COMMERCIAL & MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL	\$3.73 <u>\$3.82</u>	\$3.73 <u>\$3.82</u>	\$4.42 <u>\$4.53</u>
FIRE	Fixed to Commercial Variable Rate		
IRRIGATION	Annual Flat Rate		
	\$4.42 <u>\$4.53</u>		

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TABLE 2 - MONTHLY METER BASE RATES								
<i>Effective January 1, 2018 per Resolution 17-11-1A Effective January 1, 2020 per Resolution 19-11-26A</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	\$15.15 <u>\$15.53</u>	\$9.85 <u>\$10.10</u>	\$23.05 <u>\$23.63</u>		N/A	\$23.05 <u>\$23.63</u>	
3/4"	25	\$15.15 <u>\$15.53</u>	\$9.85 <u>\$10.10</u>	\$23.05 <u>\$23.63</u>		N/A	\$23.05 <u>\$23.63</u>	
1"	50	\$26.96 <u>\$27.63</u>	N/A	\$46.58 <u>\$47.74</u>		N/A	\$46.58 <u>\$47.74</u>	
1 -1/2"	100	\$45.76 <u>\$46.90</u>	N/A	\$84.92 <u>\$87.04</u>		\$9.77 <u>\$10.01</u>	\$84.92 <u>\$87.04</u>	
2"	160	\$70.23 <u>\$71.99</u>	N/A	\$132.92 <u>\$136.24</u>		\$12.95 <u>\$13.27</u>	\$132.92 <u>\$136.24</u>	
2-1/2"	300	N/A	N/A	N/A		\$19.01 <u>\$19.49</u>	N/A	
3"	450	N/A	N/A	\$277.15 <u>\$284.08</u>		\$36.27 <u>\$37.18</u>	N/A	
4"	600	N/A	N/A	\$420.18 <u>\$430.68</u>		\$44.95 <u>\$46.07</u>	N/A	
6"	1,350	N/A	N/A	\$813.18 <u>\$833.51</u>		\$65.11 <u>\$66.74</u>	N/A	
8"	1,600	N/A	N/A	\$1,283.51 <u>\$1,315.60</u>		\$88.16 <u>\$90.36</u>	N/A	
10"	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		\$114.04 <u>\$116.89</u>	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. 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Board of Commissioners of Highline Water District adopts the 2020 Rates, incorporated herein by this reference, and further authorizes the General Manager to amend the Highline Water District Code (HWDC), Chapter 6.04 accordingly.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of Highline Water District, King County, Washington, at an open public meeting held this **26th** day of **November 2019**.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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Vince Koester, Secretary



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Daniel Johnson, Commissioner



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Agenda Item No.: 5.1
Agenda Date: 11/26/19
Reviewed By: M. E.

Subject: Resolution to adopt the 2020 Rates and amend accordingly the Highline Water District Code (HWDC) Title 6 Water Service Rates and Charges, Chapter 6.04 Rates, Section 6.04.020 Water/Miscellaneous Rates (Monthly Commodity Charges and Monthly Meter Base Rates) and Section 6.04.030 (Monthly Rental Rate & Commodity Charges)

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:

1. Resolution 19-11-26A

COMMENTS:

At the 11/06/19 Board meeting, the General Manager discussed proposed increases to water and miscellaneous rates to cover Seattle Public Utilities 5.6% rate increase, substantial capital improvement projects and inflation.

A public hearing was held at the 11/20/19 Board Meeting for the purpose of accepting public testimony on adjustment of and possible increase to customer water rates, service fees and charges.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed 2020 Rates.