



RESOLUTION NO. 995

A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING WATER RATES IN THE CITY OF GEARHART

WHEREAS, the City of Gearhart Water Department is an enterprise fund and revenues must pay expenses; and

WHEREAS, the need for water conservation measures are addressed in the City's Water Management and Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Gearhart City Council supported a 15% water rate increase for FY 23-2024 and water conservation block pricing mid-year to help reduce demand by providing an economic incentive for customers to conserve water; and

WHEREAS, the Gearhart City Council vowed to continue annual rate increases to cover rising costs, keep up with capital improvements, and achieve a 90-day operating expense reserve in 3-5 years.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF GEARHART RESOLVES TO INCREASE MINIMUM CHARGE BASE WATER RATES AND TAPPING FEES BY 10% AS IDENTIFIED BELOW:

Section 1. Gearhart's Water Rate Schedule shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Bi-Monthly Minimum Charge	Monthly Allowance in Gallons
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 49.35	7,480
1"	\$ 93.61	14,960
1-1/2"	\$ 202.40	14,960
2"	\$ 328.90	14,960
3"	\$ 614.79	14,960
4"	\$ 703.34	14,960
6"	\$ 1,118.26	14,960

For water usage above the monthly allowance in gallons (the minimum):

Base Rate of \$8.15 per 748 gallons of metered water consumption.

Allowances outside city limits for gallons remain the same as in City times 1 ½ (1.5).

The base rate will apply with or without one of the (4) block pricing multipliers below:

<i>Consumption Block (CONS)</i>	<i>Block Description</i>	<i>Base Rate</i>	<i>Block Pricing Multiplier</i>	<i>Block Rate</i>
1 to 10	Included (bi-monthly minimum)	\$0.00	n/a	\$0.00
11 to 30	Base Block - no surcharge	\$8.15	1.00	\$8.15
31 to 50	Conservation Block #1 - 10% surcharge	\$8.15	1.10	\$8.97
over 50	Conservation Block #2 - 20% surcharge	\$8.15	1.20	\$9.78

Section 2. Tapping Fees shall be as follows:

The tapping fee shall be for a 3/4 inch tap and 5/8 by 3/4 inch meter with a service line up to 50 feet in length. Any service line over 50 feet in length shall be charged labor and materials plus 25 percent for the difference between 50 feet and the property line or meter location.

5/8" x 3/4" meter \$1,454.75

1" or larger meter \$1,454.75 plus larger meter and materials costs

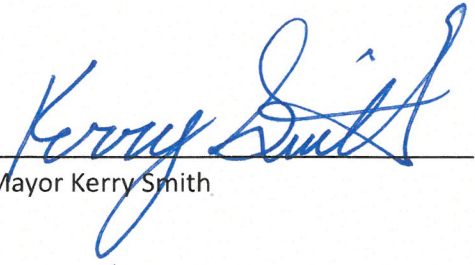
Section 3. City Resolution 991 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 4. The Gearhart City Council concludes it is appropriate to update the water rates and further finds the schedule of proposed water rates herein specified and established are just, reasonable, and necessary.

Section 5. The water rates established by this resolution are separate from, and in addition to, any other applicable taxes, fees, assessments, or charges, including but not limited to water rates, which are required by the City or represent a condition of a land use or development approval.

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by the Gearhart City Council with an implementation date of July 1, 2024 to be assessed for the first time on the July 21, 2024 billing cycle and thereafter.

APPROVED and PASSED by the City Council of Gearhart at their regular meeting on the 5th day of June, 2024 by the vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.



Mayor Kerry Smith

ATTEST:



Chad Sweet, City Administrator