

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
RESOLUTION #356-13
October 21st, 2013
Water and Sewer Rates

WHEREAS, The Town of Farmington of Whitman County has met and considered rates for water and sewer services as provided for in Ordinance 119 and Ordinance 120: and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Farmington that this Resolution supersedes any and all previous resolutions setting water and sewer rates as authorized by Ordinance 119 and Ordinance 120; and that water and sewer rates are hereby set as follows:

Section 1. Water Rate.

Beginning January 1st, 2014, the monthly water base rate for residential users will be \$34.25 for 1000 cubic feet of water and a charge of \$0.75 for each additional 500 cubic feet used each month.

Beginning January 1st, 2014, the monthly water base rate for non-residential users will be \$34.25 for 400 cubic feet of water and a charge of \$0.75 for each additional 200 cubic feet used each month.

Section 2. Sewer Rate.

Beginning January 1st, 2014, the monthly sewer base rate for both residential and non-residential users will be \$34.25. Both the water rate and sewer rate are subject to a 6% tax.

Section 3. Late Charges and Non-Payment Service Termination.

A late charge of \$20 will be assessed on any account not paid current by the 20th of the month. To request a removal of a late fee must be made in writing to the Town Council. The Town Council will review the request and make a decision regarding the request made. All accounts will be billed on the first of the month for the prior month's usage. Accounts not paid in full by the 20th of the month will receive a shut off notice on the 25th of the month and if not paid current within five days, service will be shut off and a \$25.00 shut off fee assessed. Service will not be reconnected until all charges and fees are paid according to reconnect fee schedule. If services are terminated for non-payment, a lien will be filed against the property, with the Whitman County Auditor, for all outstanding charges as allowed by the State of Washington. The Mayor, at their discretion, may approve a repayment plan in lieu of shut off when an account is past due. A request for a repayment plan must be made in writing by the property owner and approved by the Mayor.

Section 4. New Account Application and Deposit Requirements.

An application for water and sewer services will be completed in order to open a new account.

Section 5. Service Disconnection Request and Fees.

A Request to Disconnect Water and Sewer Services form must be completed, signed, and submitted to City Hall before services will be disconnected. When a request is made the property owner must choose one of two options before services will be disconnected.

The first option is to have the water turned off and pay a monthly standby rate. This standby rate will be 60% of the monthly base rate for both water and sewer services at the time the request is submitted. This option will allow the property owner to have services resumed without further charges incurring and services disconnected again without further charges, as long as the standby rate is paid and there are no past due charges on the account. Request for services resumed or disconnected, after the original request form is completed, must be made in writing and submitted to City Hall, by the property owner.

The second option is to have the water turned off with no monthly charges incurred after service is disconnected. To have the water turned back on would require a \$50.00 turn on fee before services will resume. Request for services resumed, after the original request form is completed, must be made in writing and submitted to City Hall, by the property owner.

Section 6. Installation for Water and Sewer Services.

The property owner will pay all costs incurred to provide new water and sewer service to a property. All expenses of installation including labor and materials for a private property connection with the water and sewer main line, shall be paid by the property owner or developer of the property serviced.

A property owner or developer shall not connect any pipe with or dig to the water or sewer main line without motion of approval by the Town Council. If property is undeveloped, the property owner or developer will incur all expenses for the installation of the water and sewer main line to the property in order for property owner or developer to hook up to the Town's water and sewer system.

Section 7. Repair costs of Service Lines.

The property owner is responsible for any and all repairs or replacement of a water service line starting from the water meter. The property owner is responsible for any and all repairs or replacement of a sewer service line starting from the location the service line is connected to the sewer main line.

Section 8. Water Meter.

The owner of any property receiving water service is responsible to insulate their water meter and protect it from freezing whether the meter is within the property or not. Said owner is also responsible for any damage to the meter caused by the property owner's negligence.

ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF October, 2013