

ORDINANCE 2024-05

AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING WATER RATES BY AMENDING SECTION 13.16.040 OF THE TOPPENISH MUNICIPAL CODE, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CORRECTIONS, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS the City of Toppenish has delayed the three-year utility rate study for the water fund based on the recommendation by FCS Group during its Study Session on June 6, 2022, and

WHEREAS the City Council declined to increase the City’s revenues in 2023 and 2024 to provide the funding necessary for the increasing expenses and capital costs as documented by FCS Group in 2022, and

WHEREAS the water fund will see a significant increase in expenses due to debt service for capital improvements proposed in the Water System Plan adopted in 2017, as noted in the FCS Group utility rate study, and

WHEREAS the FCS Group suggested that the City include all expenses of the utility within the rate to be charged, some of which have been decreased as noted in Ordinance 2022-18, and that the said rate be increased by five percent effective July 1, 2024, by amending Section 13.16.040 of the Toppenish Municipal Code,

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPPENISH, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Section 13.16.040 of the Toppenish Municipal Code is amended as follows:

13.16.040 Meter rates designated.

Water shall be furnished and measured by meter, and shall be charged and paid for at meter rates, and until otherwise changed by the city council, said rates shall be as follows:

A. Monthly Meter Charge for all customers:

Meter Size	Rate Effective January 1, 2020	Rate Effective January 1, 2021	Rate Effective January 1, 2022	<u>Rate Effective</u> July 1, 2024
3/4"	\$46.62	\$48.48	\$50.42	\$52.94
1"	\$79.24	\$82.41	\$85.71	\$90.00
1 1/2"	\$153.82	\$159.98	\$166.37	\$174.69
2"	\$153.82	\$159.98	\$166.37	\$174.69
3"	\$247.03	\$256.91	\$267.19	\$280.55
4"	\$247.03	\$256.91	\$267.19	\$280.55
6"	\$498.72	\$518.67	\$539.41	\$566.38
8"	\$778.34	\$809.48	\$841.86	\$883.95

B. Residential Usage Charge (Per 100 Cubic Feet (CCF) and Portion Thereof). The rates to be charged for residential premises, including single-family units, duplexes and apartments, shall be as follows:

	Rate Effective January 1, 2020	Rate Effective January 1, 2021	Rate Effective January 1, 2022	<u>Rate Effective July 1, 2024</u>
Allowance 0-6.00 CCF	\$0.00 \$1.34	\$0.00 \$1.39	\$0.00 \$1.45	<u>\$0.00</u> <u>\$1.52</u>
All Usage above 6.01 CCF				

C. Non-Residential Usage Charge (Per 100 Cubic Feet (CCF) and Portion Thereof).

	Rate Effective January 1, 2020	Rate Effective January 1, 2021	Rate Effective January 1, 2022	<u>Rate Effective July 1, 2024</u>
All Usage (CCF)	\$1.04	\$1.06	\$1.10	<u>\$1.16</u>

D. Irrigation Usage Charge (Per 100 Cubic Feet (CCF) and Portion Thereof).

	Rate Effective January 1, 2020	Rate Effective January 1, 2021	Rate Effective January 1, 2022	<u>Rate Effective July 1, 2024</u>
All Usage (CCF)	\$1.06	\$1.10	\$1.14	<u>\$1.20</u>

E. Large Processing Plants (Per 100 Cubic Feet (CCF) and Portion Thereof).

	Rate Effective January 1, 2020	Rate Effective January 1, 2021	Rate Effective January 1, 2022	<u>Rate Effective July 1, 2024</u>
All Usage (CCF)	\$1.04	\$1.08	\$1.13	<u>\$1.19</u>

F. Use of water may be furnished and measured by a temporary meter or hydrant meter, and sold at rates per 1,000 gallons, plus a setup charge, damage deposit and monthly rental. The amount to be paid shall be established by resolution of the city council, as amended from time to time.

	Rate Effective January 1, 2020	Rate Effective January 1, 2021	Rate Effective January 1, 2022	<u>Rate Effective July 1, 2024</u>
All Usage	\$13.89	\$14.45	\$15.03	<u>\$15.78</u>

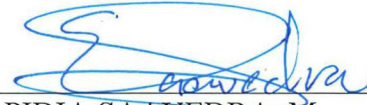
G. The City Manager shall have authority to promulgate the necessary policies and procedures for the efficient administration and implementation of wholesale water rate agreements as approved by resolution of the city council.

Section 2. Severability: If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional or unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. Corrections: The city clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the corrections of scriveners/clerical errors, and any references thereto.

Section 4. Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2024, which is more than five (5) days after publication of a summary thereof.

PASSED by the Toppenish City Council at its regular meeting held on April 22, 2024.



ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, Mayor

ATTEST:



HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



GARY M. CUILLIER, City Attorney

CITY OF TOPPENISH

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, the duly chosen, qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Toppenish, Washington, and keeper of the records of the Council of the City (herein called the "Council"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached Ordinance 2024-05 (herein called the "Ordinance") is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance of the City, as finally passed at a meeting of the Council held on the 22nd day of April, 2024, and duly recorded in my office.
2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and, to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Council voted in the proper manner for the passage of the ordinance; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper passage of the Ordinance have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Toppenish, Washington, this 23rd day of April, 2024.



Heidi Riojas, CMC, City Clerk

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