

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of an Order Amending and  
Adopting Rates and Charges for Water  
Environment Services, Clackamas  
County, Oregon

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This matter came for hearing before the Board of County Commissioners of Clackamas County, Oregon ("Board"), as the governing body of Water Environment Services ("WES"), in public hearing on June 18, 2025.

WHEREAS, WES finds that WES' Rules and Regulations allow for adoption and amendment of rates and charges by order;

WHEREAS, in order to meet the continuing obligations and ensure effective performance of WES, it is necessary for WES to adopt a wholesale sanitary sewer equivalent dwelling unit ("EDU") charge within Rate Zone 1 of \$30.75 per EDU per month. A city may set such additional amounts for monthly sanitary sewer user charges which shall be added to WES' wholesale sanitary sewer charge, and the entire amount shall be billed by the city;

WHEREAS, in order to meet the continuing obligations and ensure effective performance of WES, it is necessary for WES to adopt a retail sanitary sewer charge within Rate Zone 1 of \$47.20 per EDU per month;

WHEREAS, in order to meet the continuing obligations and ensure effective performance of WES, it is necessary for WES to adopt a retail sanitary sewer charge within Rate Zone 2 of \$54.40 per EDU per month;

WHEREAS, in order to meet the continuing obligations and ensure effective performance of WES, it is necessary for WES to adopt a retail surface water equivalent service unit ("ESU") charge within Rate Zone 2 of \$9.55 per ESU per month;

WHEREAS, in order to meet the continuing obligations and ensure effective performance of WES, it is necessary for WES to adopt a retail surface water charge within Rate Zone 3 of \$5.70 per ESU per month;

WHEREAS, in order to meet continuing obligations and ensure equity amongst ratepayers and avoid a budget deficit, it is necessary for WES to adopt a methodology that allows for charges to be made to any municipal customer of WES that levies, charges, taxes or otherwise imposes additional costs on WES relating to the use of public right of way within that municipality in an amount equal to the cost of such levy, charge, tax or other cost plus the maximum statutorily allowed interest rate to be charged for late fees;

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WHEREAS, in order to implement such methodology for Fiscal Year 2025-26, WES shall charge the City of Oregon City \$1.85 per month per EDU served by Oregon City, in addition to the \$30.75 wholesale EDU rate, all effective July 1, 2025, pursuant to WES' approved budget. WES shall charge the City of Gladstone \$1.55 per month per EDU served by Gladstone, in addition to the \$30.75 wholesale EDU rate, all effective July 1, 2025, pursuant to WES' approved budget. WES shall charge the customers of WES residing within the City of Happy Valley an additional 5% or approximately \$2.72 per EDU per month for sanitary sewer service and an additional 5% or approximately \$0.48 per ESU per month for surface water services pursuant to the adopted rate methodology, all effective July 1, 2025, pursuant to WES' approved budget.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Clackamas County, acting as governing body of Water Environment Services, having held a hearing, considered testimony, factual supporting materials and the above findings and rate methodology, and being fully advised, hereby orders as follows:

1. Effective July 1, 2025, WES' published service charge schedule is amended in part to reflect the changes in charges below:
  - a. WES' wholesale sanitary sewer service charge shall be \$30.75 per month for each dwelling unit or equivalent dwelling unit as assigned to each class of service, which shall be paid by the city for each user from the date of connection of such user to the sewerage system within Rate Zone 1 (contiguous with the boundaries of the Tri-City Service District). Payment shall be made to the city in which the property is located for subsequent remittance to WES, except for those areas billed directly to the users by WES. WES shall bill for and directly receive the retail charge of \$47.20 for retail sanitary sewer customers within Rate Zone 1. WES shall bill the City of Oregon City an additional \$1.85 per EDU, pursuant to the adopted rate methodology. WES shall bill the City of Gladstone an additional \$1.55 per EDU, pursuant to the adopted rate methodology. WES shall set the sewer service charges for each user based upon WES' service charge schedule.
  - b. WES' retail sanitary sewer service charge shall be \$54.40 per month for each dwelling unit or equivalent dwelling unit within Rate Zone 2 (contiguous with the boundaries of Clackamas County Service District No. 1). WES shall charge retail customers of Rate Zone 2 residing in the City of Happy Valley an additional 5% or approximately \$2.72 per EDU for sanitary sewer service pursuant to the adopted rate methodology. WES' wholesale sanitary sewer service charge within Rate Zone 2 shall be \$37.95 per month for each dwelling unit or equivalent dwelling unit as assigned each class of service, which shall be paid by the Cities of Johnson City and Milwaukie for each user from the date of connection of such user to the sewerage system within Rate Zone 2.

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- c. WES' retail surface water service charge shall be \$9.55 per month for each service unit or equivalent service unit within Rate Zone 2. WES shall charge retail customers of Rate Zone 2 residing in the City of Happy Valley an additional 5% or approximately \$0.48 per ESU for surface water service pursuant to the adopted rate methodology.
- d. WES' retail surface water service charge shall be \$5.70 per month for each service unit or ESU within Rate Zone 3 (contiguous with the boundaries of the Surface Water Management Agency of Clackamas County).
- 2. WES staff are directed to publish the amended service charge schedule in accordance with this Order.
- 3. In all other respects, the Rules and Regulations of WES remain in full force and effect.
- 4. An executed copy hereof shall be kept on file at Water Environment Services.

ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

Water Environment Services:

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Chair

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Recording Secretary