

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-24**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WHEATLAND  
ESTABLISHING SEWER SERVICE RATES**

**BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF WHEATLAND AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, based on the findings of the water and sewer rate study recently completed, sewer rate adjustments are necessary to achieve break-even in operations, cover debt service, and establish a prudent reserve; and

**WHEREAS**, these rate adjustments will help ensure the health and safety of the community while protecting the City's financial health and being sensitive to impacts on the rate-payer; and

**WHEREAS**, Wheatland Municipal Code section 13.24.020 authorizes the City Council to amend sewer service rates by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has conducted a public hearing and has considered comments and input from interested parties; and

**WHEREAS**, forty-five days prior to the public hearing, the proposed rates were noticed to all sewer customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems it to be in the best public interest to establish new rates for 2024 through 2028; and

**WHEREAS**, Section (a) of Government Code Section 53756 allows the City to adopt the schedule of rates and inflationary adjustments for a period up to five years; and

**WHEREAS**, Section (d) of Government Code Section 53756 requires notice of any adjustment pursuant to the rate schedule shall be given not less than 30 days before the effective date of the adjustment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Wheatland:

1. **Findings.** The City Council finds and determines as follows:
  - a. The foregoing recitals are true and correct; and,
  - b. The adjusted sewer rates implemented by this resolution have been fixed in an amount sufficient to pay the operating expenses of the City's sewer utility

operations and provide for repair, improvement, and replacement of sewer system works and facilities.

- c. The adjusted sewer rates are reasonably related to, and do not exceed, the City's cost of providing the particular utility service.
- d. The revenues derived from the rates do not exceed the funds required to provide the sewer utility service and shall not be used for any general fund purpose or purpose other than the sewer utility enterprise.
- e. The amount of the sewer rates imposed on each user does not exceed the proportional cost of the user's service.
- f. The City Council has conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed rate adjustment in accordance with California Constitution Article XIII D, and the City Council did not receive a majority protest against the proposed adjustment.

- 2. **Sewer Service Rates and Charges.** The City Council hereby approves and levies the rates for City sewer service as shown on Exhibit A.
- 3. **Subsequent Adjustments.** Commencing March 1, 2024, the sewer service rates shall be adjusted annually each March 1<sup>st</sup> as shown in Exhibit A. The City Clerk shall keep and maintain a current schedule of applicable sewer service rates at City Hall.
- 4. **Supersedes Earlier Rates.** This resolution shall amend and supersede the sewer service rates and charges provisions of City Resolution No. 10-19 and other prior inconsistent resolutions.
- 5. **CEQA.** The City Council finds that this adjustment in the sewer service rates is for the purposes of meeting operating expenses of the City sewer utility operation (including labor, supplies, equipment, and materials), meeting financial reserve needs and requirements of the City sewer system, and fund sewer system improvements that are necessary to maintain and enhance sewer service within the existing City service area. Accordingly, the City Council determines that this rate adjustment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA guidelines. (Public Resources Code section 21080(b); CEQA Guidelines section 15273.
- 6. **Effective Date.** This resolution and the new sewer service rates shall be effective upon adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Wheatland at a regular meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

**AYES:**

**NOES:**


**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**APPROVED:**

  
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Rick West, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lisa J. Thomason, City Clerk

# EXHIBIT A

## Sewer Utility Annual Schedule of Rates

Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30) Initiated:	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Utility Billing Period Initiated: (Continues until next approved rate change)	Current as of Oct. 2022	Effective Mar. 2024	Effective Mar. 2025	Effective Mar. 2026	Effective Mar. 2027	Effective Mar. 2028
<b>Sewer Base Charge per Month</b>						
Residential per EDU*	\$ 65.06	\$ 67.66	\$ 69.69	\$ 71.78	\$ 73.93	\$ 76.15
Apartment per Unit**	\$ 37.90	\$ 39.42	\$ 40.60	\$ 41.82	\$ 43.07	\$ 44.36
Commercial per EDU***	\$ 65.06	\$ 67.66	\$ 69.69	\$ 71.78	\$ 73.93	\$ 76.15

\* 1 house = 1 EDU.

\*\* 1 Unit = 0.583 Residential EDU.

\*\*\* 1 EDU = 900 cubic feet, measured from prior year average winter water consumption.