

On Monday, October 16, 2023, the Winston City Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 23-1105 which will increase the monthly sewer users charge. This Resolution will go into effect November 1, 2023.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 23-1105**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINSTON OREGON CITY COUNCIL, ADJUSTING THE FLAT-RATE SEWER USERS' CHARGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE V, CHAPTER 50, SECTION 50.069 OF THE WINSTON MUNICIPAL CODE.**

**WHEREAS** the city of Winston operates and maintains a sewer conveyance system for the collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater, and the sewer users pay a monthly charge for the service; and,

**WHEREAS** on December 19, 2005, the Winston City Council adopted Resolution No. 615 increasing, by 3% annually, the residential sewer base rate of \$32.00 per month and the commercial sewer base rate of \$32.00 per month for up to 7,000 gallons of water usage; and,

**WHEREAS** on March 2, 2015, a vote was passed by Winston City Council to rescind the annual increase on the sewer rate leaving it at a fixed rate of \$41.00 per month for the residential base rate and \$41.00 per month for the commercial base rate (7,000 gallons of water usage); and,

**WHEREAS** in February 2023 the city's engineer of record, Civil West Engineering INC had concluded that the repair and replacement of the current aging and failing sewer infrastructure will require a budget of \$20 million for the conveyance system and an additional \$5 million for treatment plant improvements; and,

**WHEREAS** after nine years without an increase in sewer user charges, it has now become essential, necessary, and in the public's best interest to do so; and,

**WHEREAS** a legal notice of public hearing was published in the local newspaper on October 6, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, THE CITY OF WINSTON OREGON CITY COUNCIL:**

**SECTION 1.** The following sewer users' charges will be in effect and included on the November 1, 2023, monthly service billing statement:

<b>New Residential Base Rate</b>	<b>New Residential Senior Rate</b>	<b>New Commercial Rate</b>
<b>\$46.00 per month</b>	<b>\$34.50 per month</b>	<b>\$46.00 per month</b>

**SECTION 2.** A discount of 3% (three percent) for a one-time annual payment by users off their overall sewer bill during a 12-month period will still be in effect.

**SECTION 3.** The City of Winston fee schedule is hereby amended to increase the flat-rate sewer users charges as outlined above in Section 1, and as explained in staff report 23-16, which is attached hereto, and incorporated by reference.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution shall be in effect upon the date of its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF WINSTON OREGON CITY COUNCIL ON THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.**

**APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.**

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*David S. Rutter, Mayor*

*Attest:*

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*Cindy M. Sarti, City Recorder*

