

# ORDINANCE 1747

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, INCREASING WATER UTILITY RATES AND WATER GENERAL FACILITY CHARGES AND AMENDING THE TAXES, RATES, AND FEES SCHEDULE

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Bend (“City”) owns and operates a municipal water utility as authorized by Chapter 35.92 RCW; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Water System Plan (“Plan”) adopted by Ordinance 1740 on February 2, 2021 outlines improvements necessary for the City’s water utility system, in order to increase reliability, ensure good water quality, lower distribution system leakage, increase and diversify mitigation sources and capacity, and increase fire flow capabilities for the utility; and

**WHEREAS**, general facilities charges (“GFCs”) are collected by the City for each new Equivalent Residential Unit added to the water utility, and those GFCs are designated to pay for a proportionate share of the existing water infrastructure as well as a proportionate share of future capital projects over a five-year period; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s existing water customers are responsible for paying for operations, maintenance and repairs for the water utility and to existing infrastructure within the water system, and environmental requirements imposed by Washington State Department of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted Ordinance 1084, the Taxes, Rates and Fees Schedule, effective November 2, 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taxes, Rates and Fees Schedule, which includes water rates and GFCs, was last amended by Ordinance 1742, effective April 1, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the water GFC was last updated in April 2009 and has been automatically increased each year since then on January 1<sup>st</sup> by the percentage reflected in the Seattle ENR Construction Cost Index (CCI); and

**WHEREAS**, the City last studied water rates in 2012 and adopted a rate schedule for the years 2013 – 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the water rate schedule did not include an automatic annual CPI adjustment and there were no rate increases for the years 2018 and 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the City adopted Ordinance 1707 on November 19, 2019 to include an automatic annual rate increase beginning January 1, 2020 based on the percentage reflected in the

Seattle/Tacoma area Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) in an amount not to exceed five percent (5%); and

**WHEREAS**, the City contracted with FCS Group to conduct a Water Rate Study to recalculate the City’s water rates and GFCs to recover costs necessary to fund water capital improvements and support ongoing operations and maintenance of the municipal water utility, and ensure that the water utility has stable operating reserves; and

**WHEREAS**, the City held a public hearing on the proposed changes to the water rates and GFCs at the May 4, 2021 City Council meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it appropriate to the amend Taxes, Rates and Fees Schedule to reflect costs associated with providing water services as well as water public facilities and infrastructure;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Water Rates.** The Taxes, Rates, and Fees Schedule as adopted by Ordinance 1084 and last amended by Ordinance 1742, is amended to read as follows:

	DESCRIPTION	TAX, RATE OR FEE	TAX, RATE OR FEE	TAX, RATE OR FEE	TAX, RATE OR FEE	TAX, RATE OR FEE
13.12.130(A)	<b>Single Family Residential Unit (inside City limits)</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2022</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2023</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2024</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2025</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2026</b>
	Monthly BASE CHARGE (based on meter size):	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month
	5/8"	\$ 20.42	\$ 21.55	\$ 22.73	\$ 23.98	\$ 25.30
	3/4"	\$ 29.02	\$ 30.62	\$ 32.30	\$ 34.08	\$ 35.95
	1"	\$ 46.21	\$ 48.75	\$ 51.43	\$ 54.26	\$ 57.24
	1 1/2"	\$ 89.12	\$ 94.02	\$ 99.19	\$ 104.64	\$ 110.40
	2"	\$ 140.61	\$ 148.34	\$ 156.50	\$ 165.11	\$ 174.19
	<i>PLUS a VOLUME CHARGE per cubic meter (CM) of total water usage:</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>
	0-20 CM	\$ 1.94	\$ 2.05	\$ 2.16	\$ 2.28	\$ 2.40
	21-30 CM	\$ 2.56	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.85	\$ 3.01	\$ 3.18
	30+ CM	\$ 3.12	\$ 3.29	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.67	\$ 3.87
	<b>Senior / Low Income Residential Unit</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2022</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2023</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2024</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2025</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2026</b>
	Monthly BASE CHARGE (based on meter size):	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month
	5/8"	\$ 10.23	\$ 10.80	\$ 11.39	\$ 12.02	\$ 12.68
3/4"	\$ 14.52	\$ 15.32	\$ 16.16	\$ 17.05	\$ 17.98	
1"	\$ 23.06	\$ 24.33	\$ 25.67	\$ 27.08	\$ 28.57	

	1 1/2"	\$ 44.58	\$ 47.04	\$ 49.62	\$ 52.35	\$ 55.23
	2"	\$ 70.34	\$ 74.21	\$ 78.29	\$ 82.59	\$ 87.14
	<i>PLUS a VOLUME CHARGE per cubic meter (CM) of total water usage:</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>
	0-20 CM	\$ 0.96	\$ 1.01	\$ 1.07	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.19
	21-30 CM	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.43	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.59
	30+ CM	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.74	\$ 1.83	\$ 1.93
13.12.130(B)	<b>Single-Family, duplexes, triplexes, apartment houses, condominiums, trailer-courts and other multi-family served jointly by a single meter (inside City limits)</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2022</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2023</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2024</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2025</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2026</b>
	Monthly BASE CHARGE (based on meter size):	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month
	5/8"	\$ 15.86	\$ 16.73	\$ 17.65	\$ 18.62	\$ 19.64
	3/4"	\$ 21.74	\$ 22.94	\$ 24.20	\$ 25.53	\$ 26.94
	1"	\$ 33.44	\$ 35.28	\$ 37.22	\$ 39.27	\$ 41.43
	1 1/2"	\$ 62.66	\$ 66.10	\$ 69.74	\$ 73.57	\$ 77.62
	2"	\$ 97.74	\$ 103.11	\$ 108.78	\$ 114.76	\$ 121.08
	<i>PLUS a VOLUME CHARGE per cubic meter (CM) of total water usage:</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>
	All Usage	\$ 2.66	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.96	\$ 3.12	\$ 3.29
13.12.130(C)	<b>Mixed Use (residential / commercial) served by a single meter (inside City limits)</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2022</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2023</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2024</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2025</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2026</b>
	One Monthly <b>COMMERCIAL</b> BASE CHARGE (based on meter size):	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month
	5/8"	\$ 30.17	\$ 31.83	\$ 33.58	\$ 35.43	\$ 37.38
	3/4"	\$ 43.65	\$ 46.05	\$ 48.58	\$ 51.25	\$ 54.07
	1"	\$ 70.56	\$ 74.44	\$ 78.53	\$ 82.85	\$ 87.41
	1 1/2"	\$ 137.77	\$ 145.35	\$ 153.34	\$ 161.78	\$ 170.68
	2"	\$ 218.47	\$ 230.49	\$ 243.16	\$ 256.54	\$ 270.65
	<b>PLUS</b>					
	One Monthly <b>Multi-Family</b> BASE CHARGE (based on meter size):	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month
	5/8"	\$ 15.86	\$ 16.73	\$ 17.65	\$ 18.62	\$ 19.64
	3/4"	\$ 21.74	\$ 22.94	\$ 24.20	\$ 25.53	\$ 26.94
	1"	\$ 33.44	\$ 35.28	\$ 37.22	\$ 39.27	\$ 41.43

	1 ½"	\$ 62.66	\$ 66.10	\$ 69.74	\$ 73.57	\$ 77.62
	2"	\$ 97.74	\$ 103.11	\$ 108.78	\$ 114.76	\$ 121.08
	<b>PLUS</b>					
	A VOLUME CHARGE at Commercial rate per cubic meter (CM) of total water usage:	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>
	All Usage	\$ 2.17	\$ 2.29	\$ 2.42	\$ 2.55	\$ 2.69
13.12.130(D)	<b>Commercial and All Other Uses (inside City limits)</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2022</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2023</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2024</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2025</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2026</b>
	Monthly BASE CHARGE (based on meter size):	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month
	5/8"	\$ 30.17	\$ 31.83	\$ 33.58	\$ 35.43	\$ 37.38
	¾"	\$ 43.65	\$ 46.05	\$ 48.58	\$ 51.25	\$ 54.07
	1"	\$ 70.56	\$ 74.44	\$ 78.53	\$ 82.85	\$ 87.41
	1 ½"	\$ 137.77	\$ 145.35	\$ 153.34	\$ 161.78	\$ 170.68
	2"	\$ 218.47	\$ 230.49	\$ 243.16	\$ 256.54	\$ 270.65
	PLUS a VOLUME CHARGE per cubic meter (CM) of total water usage:	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>
	All Usage	\$ 2.17	\$ 2.29	\$ 2.42	\$ 2.55	\$ 2.69
13.12.130(E)	<b>Single Family Residential Unit (outside City limits)</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2022</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2023</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2024</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2025</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2026</b>
	Monthly BASE CHARGE (based on meter size):	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month
	5/8"	\$ 33.75	\$ 35.61	\$ 37.56	\$ 39.63	\$ 41.81
	¾"	\$ 47.92	\$ 50.55	\$ 53.33	\$ 56.27	\$ 59.36
	1"	\$ 76.24	\$ 80.44	\$ 84.86	\$ 89.53	\$ 94.45
	1 ½"	\$ 147.07	\$ 155.16	\$ 163.69	\$ 172.69	\$ 182.19
	2"	\$ 232.04	\$ 244.80	\$ 258.26	\$ 272.47	\$ 287.45
	PLUS a VOLUME CHARGE per cubic meter (CM) of total water usage:	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>	<i>Per CM</i>
	0-20 CM	\$ 3.22	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.58	\$ 3.78	\$ 3.99
	21-30 CM	\$ 4.24	\$ 4.47	\$ 4.72	\$ 4.98	\$ 5.25
	30+ CM	\$ 5.20	\$ 5.49	\$ 5.79	\$ 6.11	\$ 6.44
13.12.130(F)	<b>Single-Family, duplexes, triplexes, apartment houses, condominiums, trailer-courts and other multi-family served jointly by a single meter (outside City limits)</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2022</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2023</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2024</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2025</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2026</b>

	Monthly BASE CHARGE (based on meter size):	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month
	5/8"	\$ 26.21	\$ 27.65	\$ 29.17	\$ 30.77	\$ 32.46
	3/4"	\$ 35.88	\$ 37.85	\$ 39.94	\$ 42.13	\$ 44.45
	1"	\$ 55.17	\$ 58.20	\$ 61.40	\$ 64.78	\$ 68.34
	1 1/2"	\$ 103.37	\$ 109.05	\$ 115.05	\$ 121.38	\$ 128.06
	2"	\$ 161.28	\$ 170.15	\$ 179.51	\$ 189.38	\$ 199.79
	PLUS a VOLUME CHARGE per cubic meter (CM) of total water usage:	Per CM	Per CM	Per CM	Per CM	Per CM
	All Usage	\$ 4.39	\$ 4.63	\$ 4.88	\$ 5.15	\$ 5.44
13.12.130(G)	<b>Commercial and All Other Uses (outside City limits)</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2022</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2023</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2024</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2025</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2026</b>
	Monthly BASE CHARGE (based on meter size):	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month
	5/8"	\$ 49.82	\$ 52.56	\$ 55.45	\$ 58.50	\$ 61.71
	3/4"	\$ 72.01	\$ 75.98	\$ 80.15	\$ 84.56	\$ 89.21
	1"	\$ 116.38	\$ 122.78	\$ 129.53	\$ 136.65	\$ 144.17
	1 1/2"	\$ 227.35	\$ 239.86	\$ 253.05	\$ 266.97	\$ 281.65
	2"	\$ 360.50	\$ 380.33	\$ 401.25	\$ 423.32	\$ 446.60
	PLUS a VOLUME CHARGE per cubic meter (CM) of total water usage:	Per CM	Per CM	Per CM	Per CM	Per CM
	All Usage	\$ 3.54	\$ 3.74	\$ 3.95	\$ 4.16	\$ 4.39
13.12.130(I)	<b>Irrigation meter rates (inside city limits)</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2022</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2023</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2024</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2025</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2026</b>
	Monthly BASE CHARGE (based on meter size):	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month
	5/8"	\$ 4.82	\$ 5.09	\$ 5.37	\$ 5.66	\$ 5.97
	3/4"	\$ 5.56	\$ 5.87	\$ 6.19	\$ 6.53	\$ 6.89
	1"	\$ 7.08	\$ 7.47	\$ 7.88	\$ 8.31	\$ 8.77
	1 1/2"	\$ 10.87	\$ 11.46	\$ 12.09	\$ 12.76	\$ 13.46
	2"	\$ 15.38	\$ 16.23	\$ 17.12	\$ 18.06	\$ 19.06
	PLUS a VOLUME CHARGE per cubic meter (CM) of total water usage:	Per CM	Per CM	Per CM	Per CM	Per CM
	0-85 CM	\$ 2.17	\$ 2.29	\$ 2.42	\$ 2.55	\$ 2.69
	85+ CM	\$ 3.22	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.58	\$ 3.78	\$ 3.99

\*The rates published are effective as of the dates noted; provided, that the last-effective published rates will be automatically increased/decreased based on CPI-W Index for Seattle/Tacoma area (August to August comparison) for each subsequent year beginning January 1, 2027, in an amount not to exceed five and one-half percent (5.5%).

**Section 2. General Facilities Charges:** The Taxes, Rates and Fees Schedule as adopted by Ordinance 1084 and last amended by Ordinance 1742, is amended to read as follows:

13.08.020

Water Connection Charge (General Facility Charge - GFC) <b>Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) Based on water meter size:</b>	<b>Effective 06/01/21*</b>	
	ERUs	Charge
5/8" or 3/4"	1	\$ 8,826.00
1"	2.5	\$ 22,065.00
1-1/2"	5	\$ 44,129.00
2"	8	\$ 70,607.00
3"	16	\$ 141,214.00
4"	25	\$ 220,647.00

\*The charges in this table will be automatically increased each year on January 1st, compared to the prior year, by the percentage reflected in the Seattle ENR Construction Cost Index (CCI).

**Section 3. Severability:** Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

**Section 4. Effective Date:** This ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City and shall take effect and be in full force on June 1, 2021.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2021.**

**CITY OF NORTH BEND:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**Rob McFarland, Mayor**

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**Michael R. Kenyon, City Attorney**

**ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:**

Published: May 28, 2021  
Effective: June 1, 2021

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**Susie Oppedal, City Clerk**