

# **ORDINANCE 1839**

## **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, INCREASING STORMWATER RATES; AMENDING THE CITY’S TAXES, RATES, AND FEES SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Bend (“City”) owns and operates a municipal system of sewerage as a public utility authorized by Chapter 35.67 RCW; and

**WHEREAS**, the City hired financial consultant firm Bowman to perform a 2025 rate study on the City’s water, stormwater, and sanitary sewer rates in order to address the City’s infrastructure needs, capital projects, and King County Surface Water Design Manual permitting requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s stormwater system of sewerage (the “stormwater utility”) seeks to: (a) protect private and public property from flooding and damage; (b) control and manage surface water runoff during rain events; (c) protect the natural environment through erosion control and water quality treatment methods; and (d) improve the conditions of city streets for drivability and durability; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Stormwater Comprehensive Plan includes multiple capital improvement projects and recommended drainage improvement projects; 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 stormwater monthly rates, was last amended to update the stormwater rates by Ordinance 1117, effective May 10, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, the City held a public hearing on the proposed changes to the stormwater rates at the September 16, 2025, City Council meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it appropriate to amend the City’s Taxes, Rates and Fees Schedule to reflect costs associated with providing stormwater and flood management related services and infrastructure;

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

**Section 1. Stormwater Rates:** The following portion of the Taxes, Rates and Fees Schedule related to Stormwater Utility as adopted by Ordinance 1084 and last amended by Ordinance 1117, is amended to read as follows:

<b>13.36</b>	<b>Stormwater Utility</b>	
13.36.070	<b>Until September 30, 2025:</b> Unit Rate Established: Unit rate per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence, made up of a stormwater rate of \$9.86 per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence plus a floodplain management rate surcharge of \$2.50 per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence.	\$12.36
	<b>From October 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025:</b> Unit Rate Established: Unit rate per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence, made up of a stormwater rate of \$12.36 per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence plus a floodplain management rate surcharge of \$5.00 per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence.	\$17.36
	<b>From January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026:</b> Unit Rate Established: Unit rate per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence, made up of a stormwater rate of \$17.21 per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence plus a floodplain management rate surcharge of \$5.15 per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence.	\$22.36
	<b>From January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2027:</b> Unit Rate Established: Unit rate per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence, made up of a stormwater rate of \$22.06 per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence plus a floodplain management rate surcharge of \$5.30 per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence.	\$27.36
	<b>From January 1, 2028, to December 31, 2028:</b> Unit Rate Established: Unit rate per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence, made up of a stormwater rate of \$25.40 per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence plus a floodplain management rate surcharge of \$5.46 per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence.	\$30.86
	<b>From January 1, 2029, to December 31, 2029:</b> Unit Rate Established: Unit rate per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence, made up of a stormwater rate of \$28.73 per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence plus a floodplain management rate surcharge of \$5.63 per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence.	\$34.36
	<b>After January 1, 2030:</b> Unit Rate Established: Unit rate per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence, made up of a stormwater rate of \$32.06 per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence plus a floodplain management rate surcharge of \$5.80 per month per equivalent service unit or single-family residence.	\$37.86

**Section 2. Administrative Directions to City Clerk:** The City Clerk is directed to update the City’s Stormwater Utility Unit Rate, as provided in Section 1 of this Ordinance, in the next update to the City’s Taxes, Rates, and Fees Schedule. As rates expire, the City Clerk may, in any update subsequent to expiration, remove the expired rate entries without affecting amounts previously billed, paid, outstanding, or uncollected.

**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 five (5) days after the date of publication.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND,  
WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
SEPTEMBER, 2025.**

**CITY OF NORTH BEND:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**Mary Miller, Mayor**

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**Kendra Rosenberg, City Attorney**

**ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:**

Published: September 26, 2025  
Effective: October 1, 2025

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**Susie Oppedal, City Clerk**