RESOLUTION 2023-08

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPEALING RESOLUTION 2011-19 AND ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES

WHEREAS, Garibaldi Municipal Code 13.10 prescribes that sewer rates be adopted through resolution and rates were last revised by Resolution No. 2011-19 (adopted 7/18/2011); and

WHEREAS, Garibaldi utilizes a billing rate methodology that is consistent with common industry practice; and

WHEREAS, Wastewater Fund Operating and Maintenance (O&M) Expenses are determined by adding the Wastewater Department Personal Services and Wastewater Department Materials & Services line items. Furthermore, as O&M increases the amount available for Capital Outlay, Payroll Liability Transfers and Public Works Equipment Reserves decreases; and

WHEREAS, the Garibaldi City Council elected not to increase wastewater service rates since FY 2010-2011 in response to regional and local economic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Garibaldi City Council finds that increasing the wastewater service rate by 20.48% will meet the budgetary requirements of the City's Wastewater Department for the fiscal year of 2023-2024 as approved by the Garibaldi Budget Committee on 3 May 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has determined a certain rate amount per REU for commercial and residential users will provide adequate revenue to meet budgeted appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Garibaldi that:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS.

(A) SEWER RATE STUDY. The *April 2000 City of Garibaldi Sewer Rate Study* produced by HGE Engineers.

(B) STAFF. Any combination of the Public Works Director, Finance Officer and/or their assigns.

(C) FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year begins 1 July and ends on 30 June.

Section 2. RESIDENTIAL EQUIVALENT UNIT (REU) METHODOLOGY. A Residential Equivalent Unit (REU) equals 4,000 gallons of monthly water usage as determined in the Sewer Rate Study.

(A) COMMERCIAL. A non-residential REU equals 4,000 gallons of metered water consumption per month.

(B) RESIDENTIAL. A residential REU is assumed to use a flat 4,000 gallons per month per dwelling unit regardless of water consumption.

Section 3. DETERMINING COMMERCIAL REUs.

(A) In January, staff will review water consumption data from the previous calendar year and divide the number by 4,000 gallons and by 12 months to determine the number of REUs to be billed each month. REUs will be rounded to the next highest integer.

(B) Commercial users will be billed monthly for the number of REUs derived from the previous year's water consumption, as stated in Section 3(A), starting with the new fiscal year. The REUs will not change during the course of the fiscal year.

(C) Commercial uses associated with residential uses (mixed-use on single water meter) will have 48,000 gallons subtracted from the previous calendar year usage totals per residence before applying the provisions in Section 3(A). At least one commercial REU will be assigned to the account in addition to the residential REUs.

Section 4. INCOMPLETE DATA. If a commercial user does not have a full-year of water usage or is new, City staff will extrapolate REUs based upon water usage, conversion factors as listed in the Sewer Rate Study, equivalent business usage and the Public Works Director's analysis.

Section 5. APPEAL. Commercial users may appeal staff interpretation of the methodology as it was applied to their account to the City Administrator no later than 1 August.

Section 6. EXEMPTIONS. Water-only meters not contributing to the sewer system and designated as such by the Public Works Director are exempt from paying sewer rates.

Section 7. 2023-2024 RATES. Effective 1 July 2023, the monthly charges for sewer service shall be as follows:

	Current	New	+/- %
Residential REU rate, per dwelling unit:	$50.00	$60.24	+0.00
Non-residential Commercial REU rate, per 4000 gallons:	$43.75	$52.71	+0.00

Section 9. Resolution 2011-19 is repealed and replaced by this resolution.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, this 20th day of June, 2023.

Hon. Tim Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Jay Marugg, City Manager Pro Tem