CITY OF GARIBALDI
RESOLUTION 2024-05

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL SEWER USER RATES, AND OTHER FEES AND CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024, AND REPEALING GARIBALDI RESOLUTION 2023-08.

WHEREAS, The City of Garibaldi Municipal Code 13.10 prescribes that sewer rates be adopted through resolution and rates were last revised by Resolution 2023-08. Prior to Resolution 2023-08 rates were last adopted by Resolution 2011-19 on July 18, 2011.

WHEREAS, Resolution 2023-08 has residential rates higher than commercial rates.

WHEREAS, Customers pay for water usage over the base gallons per additional 1,000 gallons. The City of Garibaldi has not charged customers for sewer services for overages of water per additional 1,000 gallons. The City of Garibaldi collects, transports, treats, and discharges sewage that enters the system.

WHEREAS, The US Department of Labor and Statistics' Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for 2023 is 4.1%.

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARIBALDI RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. Definitions:
    a. *Residential Equivalent Unit (REU) Methodology.* A Residential Equivalent Unit (REU) equals 4,000 gallons of monthly water usage as determined by the Sewer Rate Study *"April 2000 City of Garibaldi Sewer Rate Study"* produced by HGE Engineers.
        i. COMMERCIAL. A non-residential REU equals 4,000 gallons of metered water consumption per month.
        ii. RESIDENTIAL. A residential REU is assumed to use a flat 4,000 gallons per month per dwelling unit regardless of water consumption.
    b. Determining Commercial REUs.
        i. In January, staff will review water consumption data from the previous calendar year and divide the number by 4,000 gallons and by the 12 months to determine the number of REUs to be billed each month. REUs will be rounded to the next highest integer.
        ii. Commercial users will be billed monthly for the number of REUs derived from the previous year's water consumption as state in 1.b.i. above, starting with the new fiscal year. The REUs will not change during eh course of the fiscal year.
        iii. 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 1.b.i. At least one commercial REU will be assigned to the account in addition to the residential REUs.

iv. If a commercial user does not have a full-year of water usage or is a new customer, staff will extrapolate REUs based upon water usage, conversion factors as listed in the Sewer Rate Study, equivalent business usage and/or the Public Works Superintendent analysis.

2. Repeal: All Resolutions providing for Sewer System charges are hereby repealed, specifically including 2023-08.

3. Fees and Charges:
   A. Effective July 1, 2024, the monthly charges for sewer service shall be as follows:

	Current Rate Res. No. 2023-08/REU	Equal pay for Residential and commercial/REU	Increase by 4.1% CPI-U	New Rate by Res No. 2024-05	New Charge for overage of base/1,000 gallons
Residential	$60.24	$60.24	$2.47	$62.71	$5.00
Commercial	$52.71	$60.24	$2.47	$62.71	$5.00

4. Appeal: Commercial users may appeal staff interpretation of the methodology as was applied to their account to the City Manager no later than August 1.

5. Exemptions: Water-only meters not contributing to the sewer system and designated as such by the Public Works Superintendent are exempt from paying sewer rates.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, This 20th day of May, 2024.

Kathryn Findling, Mayor

ATTEST:

Liane Welch, City Manager Pro-Tem

Mid-Atlantic Information Office

Summary of annual and semi-annual indexes

Consumer Price Indexes for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. city average and selected metropolitan areas, annual average and percent change, 2013-2023 (1982-84=100)

Year	U.S. city average		Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD		Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV		Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	
	Annual average	Percent change	Annual average	Percent change	Annual average	Percent change	Annual average	Percent change
2013	232.957	1.5	240.900	1.2	-	-	-	-
2014	236.736	1.6	244.050	1.3	-	-	-	-
2015	237.017	0.1	243.858	-0.1	250.664	-	240.662	-
2016	240.007	1.3	245.290	0.6	253.422	1.1	244.039	1.4
2017	245.120	2.1	248.423	1.3	256.221	1.1	248.638	1.9
2018	251.107	2.4	251.563	1.3	261.445	2.0	253.392	1.9
2019	255.657	1.8	256.621	2.0	264.777	1.3	256.887	1.4
2020	258.811	1.2	258.923	0.9	267.157	0.9	259.476	1.0
2021	270.970	4.7	269.371	4.0	277.728	4.0	270.207	4.1
2022	292.655	8.0	290.532	7.9	296.117	6.6	294.853	9.1
2023	304.702	4.1	303.300	4.4	305.317	3.1	306.009	3.8

Consumer Price Indexes for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), U.S. city average and selected metropolitan areas, annual average and percent change, 2013-2023 (1982-84=100)

Year	U.S. city average		Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD		Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV		Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	
	Annual average	Percent change	Annual average	Percent change	Annual average	Percent change	Annual average	Percent change
2013	229.324	1.4	241.759	1.1	-	-	-	-
2014	232.771	1.5	245.163	1.4	-	-	-	-
2015	231.810	-0.4	245.185	0.0	246.491	-	239.742	-
2016	234.076	1.0	246.440	0.5	249.076	1.0	242.646	1.2
2017	239.051	2.1	249.635	1.3	252.067	1.2	247.431	2.0
2018	245.146	2.5	252.226	1.0	257.865	2.3	251.938	1.8
2019	249.222	1.7	256.887	1.8	260.554	1.0	255.003	1.2
2020	252.248	1.2	260.058	1.2	263.072	1.0	257.776	1.1
2021	265.510	5.3	270.718	4.1	274.817	4.5	267.371	3.7
2022	287.984	8.5	292.169	7.9	293.500	6.8	290.285	8.6
2023	298.990	3.8	304.235	4.1	301.722	2.8	301.283	3.8

Consumer Price Indexes for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. city average and selected metropolitan areas, Semiannual average and percent change, 2013-2023 (1982-84=100)

Year	Half	U.S. city average		Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD		Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV		Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	
		Semi-annual average	12-Month Percent Change	Semi-annual average	12-Month Percent Change	Semi-annual average	12-Month Percent Change	Semi-annual average	12-Month Percent Change