

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-4018**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING  
ORDINANCE NO. 19-3937 FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED  
BY THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO THE WATER AND  
SEWER RATES.**

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 19-3937 last amended the City's water and sewer rates in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City operates utilities for the provision of water and sewer services and has set rates and fees to fund the costs of these services; and

WHEREAS, the regular review and adjustment of rates and fees are necessary to maintain the fiscal sustainability of the water and sewer utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to review the financial condition of the water and sewer utilities no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year to consider potential adjustments to the rates established within this ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO DO  
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** That pursuant to Sections 13.04.355 and 13.08.395 of the Kelso Municipal Code, the rates to be charged for use of the water/sewer system effective on the customer's first full billing cycle after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the listed year below shall be as follows:

**1. Water Rates for All Residential and Commercial Users within the Corporate Limits:**

**BI-MONTHLY CHARGES:**

<b><u>Meter Size</u></b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>
<b>3/4" &amp; 5/8"</b>	\$38.73	\$42.80	\$47.29	\$52.26	\$57.74	\$63.81
<b>1"</b>	\$80.01	\$88.41	\$97.70	\$107.96	\$119.29	\$131.82
<b>1.5"</b>	\$149.87	\$165.61	\$183.00	\$202.21	\$223.44	\$246.90
<b>2"</b>	\$232.92	\$257.38	\$284.40	\$314.27	\$347.27	\$383.73
<b>3"</b>	\$454.85	\$502.61	\$555.38	\$613.70	\$678.14	\$749.34
<b>4"</b>	\$705.19	\$779.23	\$861.05	\$951.46	\$1,051.37	\$1,161.76
<b>6"</b>	\$2,233.68	\$2,468.22	\$2,727.38	\$3,013.75	\$3,330.20	\$3,679.87
<b>8"</b>	\$3,104.97	\$3,430.99	\$3,791.25	\$4,189.33	\$4,629.21	\$5,115.28
<b>10"</b>	\$4,463.36	\$4,932.01	\$5,449.87	\$6,022.11	\$6,654.43	\$7,353.15

In addition to the fixed charge set forth above, each residential and commercial water customer of the utility shall pay an additional sum for every 100 cubic feet of water consumed.

2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
\$5.70	\$6.30	\$6.96	\$7.69	\$8.50	\$ 9.39

**2. Water Rates for all Industrial Users within the Corporate Limits:**

**BI-MONTHLY CHARGES**

<u>Meter Size</u>	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
2"	\$6,150.88	\$6,796.73	\$7,510.38	\$8,298.97	\$9,170.36	\$10,133.25
3"	\$12,304.73	\$13,596.72	\$15,024.38	\$16,601.94	\$18,345.14	\$20,271.38
4"	\$19,230.38	\$21,249.57	\$23,480.78	\$25,946.26	\$28,670.61	\$31,681.03
6"	\$38,487.61	\$42,528.81	\$46,994.34	\$51,928.74	\$57,381.26	\$63,406.30
8"	\$61,523.48	\$67,983.45	\$75,121.71	\$83,009.49	\$91,725.49	\$101,356.66
10"	\$88,433.48	\$97,719.00	\$107,979.49	\$119,317.34	\$131,845.66	\$145,689.45

In addition to the fixed charge above, each industrial water customer of the utility shall pay an additional sum for every 100 cubic feet of water consumed.

2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
\$3.73	\$4.13	\$4.56	\$5.04	\$5.57	\$6.15

Customers must consume a minimum of 25,000 cubic feet per day of water to qualify as an industrial user.

**3. Youth Athletic Leagues:**

Water consumed for irrigation purposes by youth athletic leagues utilizing a current Facility Use Agreement shall be charged at twenty-five percent (25%) of the rates set forth in this Ordinance. In order to qualify for this reduced rate, the youth athletic league facilities must be the account customer and must be metered to determine actual usage. Penalties, turn on charges, and other related charges shall be billed at one hundred percent (100%) of the amounts as set forth in the Master Fee Schedule.

**4. Private Fire System Connections (including sprinklers) shall be as follows:**

"Connection" shall mean individual line size (not size of water appurtenance).

**BI-MONTHLY CHARGES**

<u>Meter Size</u>	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
1"	\$5.97	\$6.59	\$7.29	\$8.05	\$8.90	\$9.83
2"	\$23.90	\$26.41	\$29.18	\$32.25	\$35.63	\$39.38
3"	\$53.76	\$59.40	\$65.64	\$72.53	\$80.15	\$88.56
4"	\$95.58	\$105.62	\$116.71	\$128.96	\$142.50	\$157.47
6"	\$190.96	\$211.01	\$233.16	\$257.64	\$284.70	\$314.59
8"	\$328.60	\$363.11	\$401.23	\$443.36	\$489.92	\$541.36
10"	\$457.04	\$505.03	\$558.06	\$616.65	\$681.40	\$752.95

These charges also apply to references regarding fire services, fire standby fees, and fire monthly service charge

**5. Service Outside City Limits:**

The normal rates for water and sewer service to individual accounts located outside the City boundaries shall be 1.5 times the in-City rate.

**6. Wholesale or Bulk Rates:**

Water rates charged for wholesale or bulk use purposes shall be at a rate for every 100 cubic feet of water delivered as follows:

<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>
\$5.70	\$6.30	\$6.96	\$7.69	\$8.50	\$9.39

A Fire Hydrant Use Permit is required to obtain water from hydrants connected to the City of Kelso water supply. The permit shall be on site at any time water is to be withdrawn from the hydrant and shall be subject to examination on request of employees of the City. The Public Works Director or his/her designee shall have the authority to limit the amount of water used, or temporarily suspend hydrant meter service, in order to maintain system capacity and continuity of service to customers. Permit fees and use deposits will be assessed as set forth in the Master Fee Schedule.

**7. Sewer Rates for All Residential and Commercial Users within the Corporate Limits**

**BI-MONTHLY CHARGES**

**SERVICE TYPE**

**A. All residential dwellings**

<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>
\$147.17	\$153.79	\$160.71	\$167.94	\$175.50	\$183.40

**B. (1) All Commercial Users**

<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>
\$147.17	\$153.79	\$160.71	\$167.94	\$175.50	\$183.40

- (2) In addition, all commercial users consuming a quantity of water greater than 1100 cubic feet per Bi-month shall be charged for every 100 cubic feet of water consumed in excess of 1100 cubic feet per Bi-month.

<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>
\$8.44	\$8.82	\$9.22	\$9.64	\$10.07	\$10.52

**8. Sewer Rates for All industrial Users within the Corporate Limits:**

All industrial customers shall pay the following sewer rates based on water consumption:

**BI-MONTHLY FIXED CHARGE**

2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
\$1,134.81	\$1,185.87	\$1,239.24	\$1,295.00	\$1,353.28	\$1,414.18

**VOLUME CHARGE**

2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
\$4.87	\$5.09	\$5.32	\$5.56	\$5.81	\$6.07

Customer must consume a minimum of 25,000 cubic feet per day of water to qualify as an industrial customer.

**9. Treatment of “High Strength Waste” – Surcharge:**

In the event that “high strength waste” is accepted for treatment by the Facilities, a surcharge shall be imposed and paid to the TRRWA in addition to any other charges for sewage treatment as follows:

BOD:	\$ 0.42 per pound
Suspended Solids (SS):	\$ 0.57 per pound

Such surcharge shall be assessed to “high strength waste” which is hereby defined to be waste that is in excess of a baseline concentration of 250 mg/l.

Such surcharge shall be calculated as follows:

BOD:	(concentration [mg/l] – 250 mg/l) x 8.34 x flow (mgd) x \$0.42
SS:	(concentration [mg/l] – 250 mg/l) x 8.34 x flow (mgd) x \$0.57

**10. Miscellaneous**

- A. Irrigation meter: Standard bi-monthly water use rates as listed in this ordinance shall apply.

**11. Capital Recovery Fees – Water Connections:**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>2025-2030</u>
3/4" & 5/8"	\$ 3,791.00
1"	\$ 9,477.50
1.5"	\$ 18,955.00
2"	\$ 30,328.00
3"	\$ 60,656.00
4"	\$ 94,775.00

6"	\$ 189,550.00
8"	\$ 303,280.00
10"	\$ 435,965.00

## **12. Capital Recovery Fees – Sewer Connections:**

<b><u>Meter Size</u></b>	<b><u>2025-2030</u></b>
3/4" & 5/8"	\$ 1,721.00
1"	\$ 4,302.00
1.5"	\$ 8,605.00
2"	\$ 13,768.00
3"	\$ 27,536.00
4"	\$ 43,025.00
6"	\$ 86,050.00
8"	\$ 137,680.00
10"	\$ 197,915.00

In addition to all "hook-up" charges, sanitary sewer service charges and other existing charge and fees imposed by the City a member entity or by the TRRWA, a System Development Charge (SDC) for waste water treatment in the sum of \$1,957.00 will be charged for each new Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) hereafter connected to the facilities of the TRRWA through the sanitary sewer lines of the City member entities in accordance with the following conversion tables:

### **RESIDENTIAL**

<b><u>Dwelling</u></b>	<b><u>ERU's per Dwelling Unit</u></b>
Single family	1.00
Duplex, 3 or 4-plex	0.86
Apartment (5 or more)	0.67

### **COMMERCIAL**

<b><u>Water Meter Size (Inches)</u></b>	<b><u>ERU's Per Meter</u></b>
5/8	1.00
3/4	1.50
1	2.50
1.5	5.00
2	8.00
3	16.00
4	25.00
6	50.00
8	80.00

### **INDUSTRIAL**

1 ERU per each  
300 gallons /day flow

## **13. Senior Citizens Reduction:**

Senior Citizens occupying residential dwellings shall be eligible for a reduction of the water/sewer portion of their utility bill of four dollars (\$4.00) per billing period, provided they apply and are qualified for such a reduction pursuant to the authority contained in RCW 74.38.070 as a low-income senior citizen. Further, for purposes of implementing this section, the rate reduction will be applied at \$2.00 for water service and \$2.00 for sewer service per billing period. Those customers receiving either water service or sewer service will only receive a \$2.00 reduction per billing period.

In addition, all residential users who qualify for the Senior Citizens reduction and consume a quantity of water less than 200 cubic feet per Bi-month shall be eligible for the Residential Stand-by rate for sewer as follows:

2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
\$28.48	\$29.76	\$31.10	\$32.50	\$33.96	\$35.49

For purposes of implementing this section, "low-income senior citizen" means a person who is sixty-one-(61) years of age or older and whose total income, including that of his or her spouse or co-tenant, does not exceed the amount specified in RCW 84.36.381(5) as it now exists or is hereafter amended. Further, for purposes of implementing this section, the definitions of "combined disposable income," "disposable income" and "co-tenant" shall be as defined in RCW 84.36.383(5), (6), and (7), as they now exist or are hereafter amended.

**SECTION 2.** The rates and fees established within Section 2 of this ordinance shall be annually reviewed by the City Council no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year to evaluate the effectiveness of the rate structure and determine if adjustments to the ordinance are necessary.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after its passage and publication of summary as required by law.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor this **7th** day of **January, 2025.**



MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATION:

  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
CITY ATTORNEY

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