

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Department: Public Services

Requested Agenda Date: 08/24/2021

Presenting: Lisa Freund

Document Title:

Board of County Commissioners Record Assigned

202-2021

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

Consent Regular

Board of County Commissioners Determined

In the matter of adjusting rates for County owned water and wastewater systems.

Action Requested: *Check Applicable Box*

PASS RESOLUTION EXECUTE or AMEND **AGREEMENT** CONTRACT or GRANT

ISSUE PROCLAMATION PASS ORDINANCE OTHER _____

Describe Fiscal Impact:

Increases monthly service rates by 3.2% in the County's Terrace Heights, Huntzinger, Stein, Bonair, Nagler, Oliver, Pleasant Hill and Kodi water systems, and in the Buena wastewater system. Proposed increase would add between \$0.80 and \$2.10 per month to the average monthly bill.

Background Information:

Each year Public Services reviews each water and wastewater system's financial ability to meet it annual operating expenses and reserve goals. Yakima County Code authorizes the County to increase the monthly service fees up to the consumer price index for water and wastewater systems for those systems that are not meeting their annual operating expense and reserve goals.


Summary & Recommendation:

Resolution authorizes Public Services to increase monthly service fees in the above noted water systems by 3.2% beginning January 1, 2022 and in the Buena wastewater system beginning October 15, 2021. Public Services recommends approval of the resolution.

Motion:

Department Head/ Elected Official

AGREEMENT Attached Is Approved as to Form
Corporate Counsel Initial


Signature

Late Agenda Requests Require BOCC Chairman Signature:

**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION**

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJUSTING RATES
FOR COUNTY OWNED WATER AND
WASTEWATER SYSTEMS**

2022-2021

WHEREAS, Section 12.08.550 of the Yakima County Code (YCC) requires the Public Services Director to annually determine a water system's financial ability to meet its annual operating expenses and required fund reserves in comparison to the system's annual revenue received and to present the findings, including a recommendation for any charge adjustments, to the Board of Yakima County Commissioners by September 1st of each year; **and**,

WHEREAS, Section 12.08.550 of the YCC authorizes the Board of Yakima County Commissioners to adjust by resolution a water system's ready to serve charges, consumption charges, and fire protection services charges annually up to the seasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statics for water and sewerage maintenance in the closest applicable area for the previous calendar year; **and**,

WHEREAS, Section 12.05.445 of the YCC authorizes the Board of Yakima County Commissioners to adjust sewer service charges annually up to the CPI for the previous calendar year; **and**,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statics determined the CPI for water and sewerage maintenance to be 3.2% for the 2020 calendar year; **and**,

WHEREAS, the Public Services Director has completed her annual financial review of each of the County's 33 water and wastewater systems and recommends a 3.2% rate increase in nine of the systems including the Terrace Heights, Huntzinger, Stein, Bonair, Nagler, Oliver, Pleasant Hill and Kodi water systems, and the Buena wastewater system; **now therefore**,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Yakima County, Washington, that ready to serve charges, consumption charges and fire protection service charges shall be increased 3.2% in the Terrace Heights, Huntzinger, Stein, Bonair, Nagler, Oliver, Pleasant Hill and Kodi water systems and sewer service charges shall be increased 3.2% in the Buena wastewater system as recommended by the Environmental Services Director in his August 12, 2021 report to the Board of Yakima County Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such adjustments shall be effective as of October 15, 2021, for the wastewater system and January 1, 2022, for the water systems.

**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION**

DONE

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Attest:

Julie Lawrence, Clerk of the Board *or*
Linda Kay O'Hara, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Ron Anderson, Chairman

Amanda McKinney, Commissioner

LaDon Linde Commissioner
*Constituting the Board of County Commissioners
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