

**CITY OF SULTAN  
SULTAN, WASHINGTON  
ORDINANCE NO. 1379-22**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULTAN, WASHINGTON,  
ADOPTING WATER RATES FOR 2023 to 2027; PROVIDING  
FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.92.010 and RCW 35.92.025 the City through its legislative authority has the power and authority to establish rates for water service; and

WHEREAS Sultan Municipal Code 13.12.080 required water rates shall be set by ordinance and included as an attachment to the annual fee schedule adopted by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the City conducted a one-year rate study of the reasonable rates required to provide water service now and in the future; and

WHEREAS the City conducted a comprehensive ten-year rate study in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the studies and has determined that it is necessary to increase the City's water rates to support the utility;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULTAN, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Establishing fees and charges for water service. Water rates are hereby established for the following categories of service as follows:

1. The words and phrases set out in this section are defined as follows:
  - A. "Low-income senior citizen" means persons 62 years of age or older, on or before January 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of the filing for the discount. Low income is based on 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.
  - B. "Base rate" means the minimum monthly charge for water service.
  - C. "Rate" equals monthly base rate plus volume rate for each additional 100 cubic feet.
  - D. "Monthly base rate" is the rate tabulated in the two water rate schedules below. The rates differ for service within the city's corporate limits and without the City's corporate limits.
  - E. "Volume rate for each additional 100 cubic feet" refers to the applicable rate whether within the city's corporate limits or without for each additional 100 cubic feet or fraction thereof of water usage over the allowance set by the city council for the customer's unit.
  
2. For residential and commercial service inside the city limits all rates are per dwelling or commercial unit. An accessory dwelling unit is considered a dwelling unit.

**Water**

Class	Existing		Proposed Rates				
			2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Fixed Monthly Charges</b>							
Single Family Residential	\$	57.11	\$ 60.25	\$ 63.56	\$ 67.06	\$ 70.75	\$ 74.64
Low Income Senior		28.55	30.13	31.78	33.53	35.38	37.32
Multifamily		57.11	56.25	55.36	54.42	53.40	52.35
Mobile Home Park		57.11	57.58	58.04	58.47	58.84	59.20
Commercial							
3/4"	\$	70.60	\$ 76.50	\$ 82.47	\$ 88.41	\$ 94.38	\$ 100.45
1"		98.84	107.10	115.46	123.77	132.13	140.63
1.5"		127.10	137.72	148.47	159.16	169.91	180.84
2"		204.76	221.87	239.19	256.41	273.73	291.33
3"		776.60	841.50	907.17	972.51	1,038.18	1,104.95
4"		988.42	1,071.02	1,154.60	1,237.77	1,321.35	1,406.33
6"		1,482.60	1,606.50	1,731.87	1,856.61	1,981.98	2,109.45
8"		2,047.39	2,218.49	2,391.62	2,563.88	2,737.01	2,913.04
<b>Volume Charges (per 100 cf)   100 cf = 748 gallons</b>							
Single Family Residential							
0-300 cf   0 - 2,244 gal	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
301 cf+   2,245 gal+		5.93	6.26	6.60	6.96	7.35	7.75
Low Income Senior							
0-300 cf   0 - 2,244 gal	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
301 cf+   2,245 gal+		5.93	6.26	6.60	6.96	7.35	7.75
Multifamily							
0-300 cf   0 - 2,244 gal	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
301 cf+   2,245 gal+		5.93	6.26	6.60	6.96	7.35	7.75
Mobile Home Park							
0-300 cf   0 - 2,244 gal	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
301 cf+   2,245 gal+		5.93	6.26	6.60	6.96	7.35	7.75
Commercial							
0-600 cf   0-4,488 gal	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
601cf+   4,489 gal+		5.93	6.26	6.60	6.96	7.35	7.75

*Note: a 1.50 multiplier applies to connections outside the City boundaries.*

3. For residential and commercial service outside the city limits, the charges shall be one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the standard in-city rate as established by the City Council. "Outside of the city limits" shall mean any property that qualifies for one or more of the following:

- A. A majority of the property is situated outside of city limits
- B. A majority of fixtures on the property are outside of city limits; or
- C. A majority of the value of improvements is outside city limits

Section 2. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of the ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

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; rates shall be effective on January 1, 2023.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.**


CITY OF SULTAN

  
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 Russell Wiita, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
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 Tami Pevey, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
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 Hillary Evans, City Attorney

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