RESOLUTION NO. 2378

A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE WATER COMMODITY FEE, CONFIRMING OTHER WATER RELATED FEES AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2336

THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the water utility service provides key infrastructure vital and necessary to the livability and prosperity of the community by ensuring public health and safety, through the reliable delivery of clean, safe drinking water.

2. That water user fees are the primary revenue source for providing these vital services which are necessary for the ongoing daily operating costs and reinvestment and replacement costs of critical capital infrastructure assets.

3. That during the recovery from 2008 economic downturn, and for a number of years prior, the user fees were held at a financially unsustainable low rate, resulting in significantly underfunding the needed system infrastructure reinvestment.

4. That the City retained FCS Group to provide independent and objective utility rate development supporting current operating costs and long-term capital replacement requirements.

5. That the Council has received a series of annual utility rate analysis presentations beginning with FCS in March 2014 and most recently with FCS's comprehensive rate analysis and forecast recommendation in March 2017.

6. That the Council consensus in March 2017 was to approach necessary recommended rate increase by smoothing the increase over a multi-year rate schedule rather than one year significant rate jump. And even with the below rate schedule increases the City's utility rates will be at or near the lowest in the region.

7. That the water utility fee must be increased over a sustained period of years to provide for both increasing costs of operation and maintenance, and provide a predictable source of funding for the needed capital projects associated with the system infrastructure reinvestment in the water system.

8. That Section 12.03.030 of the Troutdale Municipal Code establishes water utility fees and authorizes the Council to adjust the amount of the fee by Resolution.

9. Other monthly fees and charges have not been increased in over 10 years and some cases over 20 years. Appropriate and reasonable increases are necessary.

10. That the current water utility fees were set by Resolution No. 2336 adopted May 24, 2016 and became effective July 1, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE

Section 1. The water commodity charge user fee shall be increased to support system reliability, State Health Authority Drinking Water Program and State Department of Environmental Quality permit compliance costs, operating cost recovery and necessary system infrastructure reinvestment.

Section 2. The monthly water commodity charge user fee shall be per thousand gallons used as follows:
effective July 1, 2017 the charge per thousand gallons shall be $3.66, and
effective July 1, 2018 the charge per thousand gallons shall be $4.14, and
effective July 1, 2019 the charge per thousand gallons shall be $4.43, and
effective July 1, 2020 the charge per thousand gallons shall be $4.74, and
effective July 1, 2021 the charge per thousand gallons shall be $5.07.

Section 3. Other monthly water user fees are as follows:

A. Water Meter Installation Charge:
   1. For a 3/4" meter: $317
   2. For a 1" meter: $385
   3. For meters larger than 1": Installed by owner.

B. Stand Pipe Charge: $62 (3/4" only). This is for single family home construction only. The rate is for up to 90 days. For each additional 90-day period or fraction thereof, there is an additional charge of $62.

C. Hydrant Meter Rental Charge: A refundable deposit of $2,500 is required. There is a minimum rental charge of $100 plus metered water usage at the water commodity charge per thousand gallons. The monthly rental for the meter will be $100.

D. Monthly Standby Fire Service with a detector check meter:

Meter Size	Current Monthly Rate	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1 ½"	$6.00	$6.60	$7.26	$7.99	$8.78	$9.66
2"	$9.64	$10.60	$11.66	$12.83	$14.11	$15.52
3"	$18.19	$20.00	$22.00	$24.21	$26.63	$29.29
4"	$30.36	$33.40	$36.74	$40.41	$44.45	$48.90
6"	$61.45	$67.60	$75.35	$81.79	$89.97	$98.97
8"	$96.91	$106.60	$117.26	$128.99	$141.89	$156.07
10"	$136.00	$149.60	$164.56	$181.02	$199.12	$219.03

E. Monthly Standby Fire Service without a detector check meter shall be twice the rate given in Paragraph D above.

Section 4. Resolution No. 2336 is rescinded effective July 1, 2017.

Section 5. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 1 White
ABSTAINED: 0

Casey Ryan, Mayor

5/24/2017
Date

Sarah Skroch, City Recorder
Adopted: May 23, 2017