

**BEFORE THE NORTH ALBANY COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT GOVERNING BODY
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON**

In the Matter of Adjusting Rates,)
Fees, and Charges for the North)
Albany County Service District)
Water Users)

ORDER No. #D2023-093

The above entitled matter coming now for the consideration of the Governing Body, and

It appearing to the Governing Body;

THAT the Albany City Council approved a rate increase of 4.0 % percent on March 20, 2023, to be effective January 1, 2024; and

THAT, the Albany City Council will continue a low-income assistance program for residential customers that is funded by a monthly surcharge on residential customer bills; and

THAT based on discussions with a citizens water task force and the North Albany County Service District (NACSD) governing body, the NACSD fees, charges and rates should be adjusted by an amount that matches that used for Albany residents; and

THAT NACSD water customers also pay a separate capital charge that is dedicated to replacing failing water lines serving NACSD customers; and

THAT the City of Albany's modification of the water rates are consistent with the original 1990 Albany/NACSD Sewer and Water Maintenance Transition Plan; and

THAT water rates increased 2.0% in 2022; and

THAT water revenues, and therefore rates, must be adequate to cover annual water debt service, operation and maintenance, and capital requirements; and

THAT the Albany City Council determined in 2012 to set future rate increases by evaluating these system requirements annually against anticipated revenues; and

THAT the remaining debt service from a Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund (SDWRF) loan for previous Dumbeck district customers has been paid off.

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby ordered;

That the fees, charges, and rates established by this order shall be effective January 1, 2024, as established by the City of Albany; and

That the \$29.80 per customer, per month, capital charge will be collected for the Capital Improvement Program. These monies shall be used for replacement of existing water lines and improvements to the water system in the North Albany area. When properties are annexed to the City of Albany, this fee will no longer be in effect; and

That the service meter installation charges, system development charges, deposits, and all other fees or charges including those for late payment, tampering, turn off/turn on, returned checks, fire protection, account transfer, and credits shall be the same as those fees or charges for City of Albany customers; and

That the monthly water service charges will increase by 4.0 %. The monthly water service charges are shown in Table 1 and the service charges and fees are shown in Table 2; and

That meter readings from meters that measure flow in any gallon increment shall be converted to hundred cubic foot units prior to applying the appropriate consumption charge for calculating the water bill.

TABLE 1 NACSD SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SERVICE <i>Water Rates for Cubic Foot Meters</i>			
Meter Size	Base Charge (\$/month)	Consumption Level and Rate (hundred cubic feet)	
		Block 1 (First 6 hcf)	Block 2 (Over 6 hcf)
¾ inch or less	\$22.66	\$5.05	\$3.20
1 inch	\$33.12	\$5.05	\$3.20
1½ inch	\$75.47	\$5.05	\$3.20
2 inch	\$120.81	\$5.05	\$3.20

Example calculation:

A typical residential customer has a ¾ inch meter and uses eight hundred cubic feet or 8 units of water or 6000 gallons per month. This customer's monthly water bill would be calculated as follows:

\$22.66 (base charge) + (\$5.05 * 6 units of water) + (\$3.20 * 2 units of water) = \$59.36

Additional Service Charges or Fees:

Additional service charges or fees for a typical residential customer includes:

<i>Low-Income Assistance Program Surcharge</i>	\$0.35
<i>Capital Charge</i> ¹	\$29.80

¹ The capital charge is dedicated to replacement of existing water lines and improvements to the water system in the North Albany area.

TABLE 2 SERVICE FEES AND CHARGES				
Description	Reference	Charge		
Account Deposit	AMC 11.01.040(2a)	Customer Type	Property Owner	Not Property Owner
		Residential	no deposit	\$100
		Multi-family & Non-residential	no deposit	\$100
New Account – Service Fees	AMC 11.01.040(5)	Regular working hours \$20		
Restore Service	AMC 11.01.060(5)	Regular working hours \$45 After hours \$60		
Financial Institution Returned Item	ORS 30.701(5)	\$35		
Past Due and Disconnection Notice	AMC 11.01.060 (4)	\$10 per occurrence		
Tampering Fees	AMC 11.01.080(9)	\$100		
Meter Testing at Customer's Request	AMC 11.01.090(1b)(ii)	Meter Size	Service Charge Deposit	
		¾"	\$15	
		Larger than ¾"	Actual Cost	
Drop-in Meter Installation	AMC 11.01.100(2)(3)	¾" meter	1" meter	1-1/2" meter
		\$275	\$340	\$1,771
Full Installation with meter (Excludes system development charges.)	AMC 11.01.100(2)(3)	¾" meter	1" meter	1-1/2" meter
		\$2,950	\$2,975	Actual Cost
Reduction of Meter Size (based on size of meter to be installed)	AMC 11.01.100(5)(b)	¾" meter	1" meter	1-1/2" meter
		\$275	\$340	\$1,771
				2" meter
				\$1,883

Main Extensions	AMC 11.01.120(2)(h)	Actual Cost Plus 15% Overhead
Fire Service Extensions	AMC 11.01.150(1)	Actual Cost Plus 15% Overhead
Unauthorized Use of Fire Hydrant	AMC 11.01.180(1) & (4)	\$50 + \$4.32 per 100 cubic feet
Metered Use of Hydrant	AMC 11.01.180(4)	Refundable Deposit \$75.00 Set Up \$25.00 Bulk Rate \$4.32 per 100 cubic feet Relocation Rate \$25.00 Monthly Base Charge \$123.27

Adopted this 5th day of December, 2023.

Signed this 5th day of December, 2023.

NORTH ALBANY COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BODY

Pat Malone, Chair

Xanthippe Augerot, Vide Chair

Nancy Wyse, Commissioner

APPROVED:

Vance M. Croney, County Counsel