

# HIGHLINE WATER DISTRICT King County, Washington

## RESOLUTION 23-12-20D

### RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2024 WATER RATES AND AMEND ACCORDINGLY THE HIGHLINE WATER DISTRICT CODE (HWDC) SECTION 6.04.020 WATER/MISCELLANEOUS RATES

**WHEREAS**, RCW 57.08.081 authorizes the Highline Water District Board of Commissioners ("District") to fix rates and charges for providing water service, such rates and charges to be fixed as deemed necessary by the District Board of Commissioners so that uniform charges will be made for the same class of customer or service and facility; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 57.08.081 authorizes the District Board of Commissioners in classifying customers to consider in its discretion several factors including the difference in cost to various customers, the location of the various customers within and without the District, the difference in cost of maintenance, operation, repair and replacement of the various parts of the system, the different character of the service furnished to various customers, the quantity and quality of the service and facility furnished, the time of its use, the achievement of water conservation goals and the discouragement of wasteful practices and any other matters which present a reasonable difference as a ground for a distinction in the establishment of water rates and charges; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 57.08.005, the District possesses full authority to regulate and control the use, content, distribution, and price of its water supply and water system and the rates to be charges relating thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, a Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Kent Reporter on November 17, 2023 and a Public Hearing held on December 6, 2023 at 9:00 am giving the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed rate amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed revisions (additions are underlined and deletions indicated by ~~strikeouts~~) to the HWDC, Title 6 Water Service Rates and Charges, Chapter 6.04 Rates, Section 6.04.020 Water/Miscellaneous Rates, are as follows:

<b>TABLE 1 - MONTHLY COMMODITY CHARGES</b>			
<i>Effective January 1, 2024, per Resolution 23-12-20D</i>			
Variable Rates \$/ccf			
Customer Type	Winter (> 0 ccf) (October – May)	Summer (0-5 ccf) (June – September)	Summer (6+ ccf) (June – September)
<b>SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL</b>	\$4.12 <u>\$4.23</u>	\$4.12 <u>\$4.23</u>	\$4.88 <u>\$5.01</u>
<b>COMMERCIAL &amp; MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL</b>	\$4.12 <u>\$4.23</u>	\$4.12 <u>\$4.23</u>	\$4.88 <u>\$5.01</u>
<b>FIRE</b>	Fixed to Commercial Variable Rate		
<b>IRRIGATION</b>	<b>Annual Flat Rate</b>		
	\$4.88 <u>\$5.01</u>		

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<b>TABLE 2 - MONTHLY METER BASE RATES</b>							
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METER SIZE	WATER AVAILABLE (GPM)	CUSTOMER TYPE					
		SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	SR. CITIZEN DISABLED/LOW INCOME (DISCOUNTED)	COMMERCIAL & MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL	STAND BY FIRE	IRRIGATION	
5/8"	20	<del>\$46.72</del> <u>\$17.15</u>	<del>\$8.36</del> <u>\$8.58</u>	<del>\$25.43</del> <u>\$26.09</u>	N/A	<del>\$25.43</del> <u>\$26.09</u>	
3/4"	25	<del>\$46.72</del> <u>\$17.15</u>	<del>\$8.36</del> <u>\$8.58</u>	<del>\$25.43</del> <u>\$26.09</u>	N/A	<del>\$25.43</del> <u>\$26.09</u>	
1"	50	<del>\$29.75</del> <u>\$30.52</u>	<del>\$14.87</del> <u>\$15.26</u>	<del>\$51.39</del> <u>\$52.73</u>	N/A	<del>\$51.39</del> <u>\$52.73</u>	
1-1/2"	100	<del>\$50.48</del> <u>\$51.80</u>	N/A	<del>\$93.69</del> <u>\$96.13</u>	<del>\$40.78</del> <u>\$11.06</u>	<del>\$93.69</del> <u>\$96.13</u>	
2"	160	<del>\$77.49</del> <u>\$79.50</u>	N/A	<del>\$146.66</del> <u>\$150.46</u>	<del>\$14.29</del> <u>\$14.66</u>	<del>\$146.66</del> <u>\$150.46</u>	
2-1/2"	300	N/A	N/A	N/A	<del>\$20.97</del> <u>\$21.52</u>	N/A	
3"	450	N/A	N/A	<del>\$305.78</del> <u>\$313.73</u>	<del>\$40.02</del> <u>\$41.06</u>	N/A	
4"	600	N/A	N/A	<del>\$463.59</del> <u>\$475.64</u>	<del>\$49.59</del> <u>\$50.88</u>	N/A	
6"	1,350	N/A	N/A	<del>\$897.19</del> <u>\$920.52</u>	<del>\$71.84</del> <u>\$73.71</u>	N/A	
8"	1,600	N/A	N/A	<del>\$1,416.11</del> <u>\$1,452.93</u>	<del>\$97.27</del> <u>\$99.80</u>	N/A	
10"	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<del>\$125.82</del> <u>\$129.09</u>	N/A	

(Effective January 1, 2011 per Resolution 10-12-1D) The monthly meter base rate shall be charged for delinquent accounts and requested domestic meter locks. Requested locks for irrigation meters will not be charged a monthly base rate. Motion 11-4-20(1) authorized allowing an exception of the monthly meter base rate if a catastrophic event occurs that renders a property uninhabitable such as a fire.

<b>TABLE 11- STREETLIGHT RATES</b>	
<i>Effective January 1, 2024 per Resolution 23-12-20D</i>	
MONTHLY AMOUNT	BI-MONTHLY AMOUNT
<del>\$3.15</del> <u>\$3.47</u>	<del>\$6.30</del> <u>\$6.93</u>
Street Light Inspection	\$50.00
Required by benefiting customer	

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### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Board of Commissioners of Highline Water District adopts the 2024 Rates, effective 1/1/24 and incorporated herein by this reference, and further authorizes the General Manager or designee to amend the Highline Water District Code (HWDC), Chapter(s) 6.04 and 6.06 accordingly.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** of Highline Water District, King County, Washington, at an open public meeting held this **20th** day of **December 2023**.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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**Agenda Item No.:** 5.4  
**Agenda Date:** 12/20/23  
**Reviewed By:** JSV

**Subject:** Resolution to adopt the 2024 Water Rates and amend accordingly the Highline Water District Code (HWDC) Section 6.04.020 Water/Miscellaneous.

CATEGORY		FINANCIAL			
<i>Executive</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Expenditures?</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Administrative</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Budgeted?</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Engineering/Operations</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Not-to Exceed</i>			
		<i>Amount: \$ _____</i>			

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution 23-12-20D

**COMMENTS:**

The District advertised and held a public hearing at the 12/6/23 Board Meeting for the purpose of accepting public testimony on adjustment of and possible increase to customer water rates, service fees and charges. The General Manager discussed proposed increases to water and miscellaneous rates. The proposal includes a 2.6% rate increase for a monthly meter base rate and the monthly commodity charges, and 10% rate increase for streetlights.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed 2024 Rates.