

CITY RECORDER USE ONLY:

AGENDA ITEM #: F. 10.  
MEETING DATE: 06.26.2023  
FINAL ACTION: RESO 2023-29

**CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** *City Council*

**FROM:** *Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager*

**MEETING DATE:** *June 26, 2023*

**PROJECT TEAM:** *Paul Downey, Assistant City Manager/ Finance Director  
Gregory Robertson, Public Works Director*

**SUBJECT TITLE:** *Sewer Rate Increase for FY 2023-24*

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ordinance</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Order</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Resolution</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Motion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Informational</b>
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*X all that apply*

**BACKGROUND:**

Prior to July 1, 2017, Clean Water Services (CWS) set regional and local sewer rates and the City added a surcharge to raise sufficient revenue to cover the costs of operating the local portion of the sewer collection system. The regional rate charged by CWS covers its cost of the sewer collection and treatment system.

Starting in FY 2017-18, CWS began setting only the regional sewer rate to cover its portion of the costs. This left each local jurisdiction to set a local sewer rate to cover its portion of the sewer costs. The City established a local sewer rate in FY 2017-18 and has been adjusting the rate annually since. Staff has attached a resolution adjusting the FY 2022-23 sewer rate for Council consideration.

Sewer rates were last increased on July 1, 2022. CWS is proposing a 4.0% increase to the regional sewer rates as of July 1, 2023. Staff is proposing a 4.0% increase to the local rate as of July 1, 2023, as it has been the practice to match CWS' rate increase to keep pace with increasing costs. The proposed resolution would increase the local base rate from \$9.89 to \$10.29 per Dwelling Equivalent Unit (DUE) and the use charge from \$0.480 per 1,000 gallons per month to \$0.500 per 1,000 gallons per month.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The increases to the CWS and the City's sanitary sewer rates will increase the total sewer rate for a typical residential customer from \$54.54 to \$56.70 per month for a total increase of \$2.16 per

month based on average residential consumption of 8ccf or 5,984 gallons per month of winter water usage.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the City Council approve the attached resolution adopting the City's local rate for sanitary sewer services.

**ATTACHMENT(s):**

Resolution Establishing City Sewer Utility Rates for the City of Forest Grove, effective July 1, 2023, and repealing Resolution No. 2022-40