

ORDINANCE 2024-14

**AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING WATER RATES BY AMENDING
SECTION 13.16.040 OF THE TOPPENISH MUNICIPAL CODE,
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CORRECTIONS, AND
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS the City of Toppenish received a rate study from FCS group in August of 2024, and

WHEREAS FCS group recommended rate increase scenarios of 2.75% to 9.00% depending on amount of debt financing the City of Toppenish utilizes, and

WHEREAS City staff recognizes the burden a large rate increase would have on the citizens and is working on other scenarios to lower costs in the future, and

WHEREAS the FCS Group suggested that the City include all expenses of the utility within the rate to be charged, and that the said rate be increased by three percent effective December 16, 2024, by amending Section 13.16.040 of the Toppenish Municipal Code,

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

Section 1: Section 13.16.040 of the Toppenish Municipal Code is amended as follows:

13.16.040 Meter rates designated.

Water shall be furnished and measured by meter, and shall be charged and paid for at meter rates, and until otherwise changed by the city council, said rates shall be as follows:

A. Monthly Meter Charge for all customers:

Meter Size	<u>Rate Effective July 1, 2024</u>	<u>Rate Effective December 16, 2024</u>
3/4"	<u>\$52.94</u>	<u>\$54.53</u>
1"	<u>\$90.00</u>	<u>\$92.70</u>
1 1/2"	<u>\$174.69</u>	<u>\$179.93</u>
2"	<u>\$174.69</u>	<u>\$179.93</u>
3"	<u>\$280.55</u>	<u>\$288.97</u>
4"	<u>\$280.55</u>	<u>\$288.97</u>
6"	<u>\$566.38</u>	<u>\$583.37</u>
8"	<u>\$883.95</u>	<u>\$910.47</u>

B. Residential Monthly Usage Charge (Per 100 Cubic Feet (CCF) and Portion Thereof). The rates to be charged for residential premises, including single-family units, duplexes and apartments, shall be as follows:

	<u>Rate Effective July 1, 2024</u>	<u>Rate Effective December 16, 2024</u>
Allowance 0-6.00 CCF	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
All Usage above 6.01 CCF	<u>\$1.52</u>	<u>\$1.57</u>

C. Non-Residential Monthly Usage Charge (Per 100 Cubic Feet (CCF) and Portion Thereof).

	<u>Rate Effective July 1, 2024</u>	<u>Rate Effective December 16, 2024</u>
All Usage (CCF)	<u>\$1.16</u>	<u>\$1.19</u>

D. Irrigation Monthly Usage Charge (Per 100 Cubic Feet (CCF) and Portion Thereof).

	<u>Rate Effective July 1, 2024</u>	<u>Rate Effective December 16, 2024</u>
All Usage (CCF)	<u>\$1.20</u>	<u>\$1.24</u>

E. Large Processing Plants Monthly Usage Charge (Per 100 Cubic Feet (CCF) and Portion Thereof).

	<u>Rate Effective July 1, 2024</u>	<u>Rate Effective December 16, 2024</u>
All Usage (CCF)	<u>\$1.19</u>	<u>\$1.23</u>

F. Use of water may be furnished and measured by a temporary meter or hydrant meter, and sold at rates per 1,000 gallons, plus a setup charge, damage deposit and monthly rental. The amount to be paid shall be established by resolution of the city council, as amended from time to time.

	<u>Rate Effective July 1, 2024</u>	<u>Rate Effective December 16, 2024</u>
All Usage	<u>\$15.78</u>	<u>\$16.25</u>

G. The City Manager shall have authority to promulgate the necessary policies and procedures for the efficient administration and implementation of wholesale water rate agreements as approved by resolution of the city council.

Section 2. Severability: If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional or unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. Corrections: The city clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the corrections of scriveners/clerical errors, and any references thereto.

Section 4. Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective on December 16, 2024, which is more than five (5) days after publication of a summary thereof.

PASSED by the Toppenish City Council at its regular meeting held on November 12, 2024.

ELPIDIA SAAVEDRA, Mayor

ATTEST:

HEIDI RIOJAS, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DANIEL B. HEID, City Attorney