

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HEBER PUBLIC  
UTILITY DISTRICT MODIFYING WATER  
AND SEWER UTILITY RATES FOR FISCAL  
YEAR 2021-2022 DUE TO ECONOMIC  
IMPACTS FROM COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND REASONS FOR ACTION**

The coronavirus outbreak of 2019 through 2020 poses a tremendous challenge to Heber Public Utility District, County of Imperial, California, the nation and the global community. The economic toll on self-employed, small business owners, and wage and salary workers are expected to be very significant. All classifications of employees are experiencing lower income levels and many have applied for unemployment.

Heber is a small rural community that has the State of California designation as a disadvantaged community. *Disadvantaged communities refer to the areas in California which most suffer from a combination of economic, health, and environmental burdens. These burdens include poverty, high unemployment, air and water pollution, presence of hazardous wastes as well as high incidence of asthma and heart disease (California Government Public Utilities Commission).*

In 2017, the Heber Public Utility District completed a water and sewer rate study, and as a result, adopted a five-year rate schedule for water and sewer services. The RESIDENTIAL water and sewer rates from Fiscal Year 2020-21 to Fiscal Year 2021-22 was scheduled to increase a total of \$7.07 per month. This amount does not include the trash rate increase that is allowed annually according to the Franchise Fee Agreement with CR&R.

The Heber Public Utility District contracts with CR&R for trash hauling services, and CR&R was not willing or able to reduce their rate increase, thus the legally approved rate increase of \$0.24 per month will be applied to the trash service for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

The Heber Public Utility District desired to minimize the RESIDENTIAL water, sewer and trash rate increase per month to reduce the economic hardship many of are of our residents may be facing due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Heber Public Utility District Board of Directors has adopted Resolution 2021-03 to adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The budget is based on certain expenditure requirements, including debt payments, interest payments, salaries, benefits and operating costs. The Heber Public Utility District adopted a budget to minimize expenditures by deferring maintenance on certain assets, reducing reserve funds for capital outlay, and postponing capital projects. This action was taken so that the Heber PUD Board could minimize the water and sewer rate increase for FY 2021-2022.

The water rate, for SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 1" METER OR LESS customers will increase \$1.83 per month. The sewer rate, for RESIDENTIAL 4" SERVICE CONNECTION customers will increase \$1.83 per month. This totals \$3.66 increase for water and sewer for residential customers per month. This amount along with the trash rate increase of \$0.24 totals \$3.90 per month increase on all utilities provided by the Heber Public Utility District.

All other rates and fees adopted via Ordinance 2017-3 and Ordinance 2017-4 remain in force and are not subject to change.

### **ACTION**

**WHEREAS**, in said fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, the Single Family Residential Water Rate shall be modified to \$62.08 per month as described in the Rate Schedule attached as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, in said fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, the Fixed Sewer Service Charge for a 4" Connection shall be modified to \$61.28 as described in the Rate Schedule attached as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, in said fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, all other water and sewer monthly rates for all customer classes, meter size, connection size, and for outside service area customers remain the same; and

**WHEREAS**, in said fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, the water and sewer volumetric charges, rates for Private Fire Lines and Temporary Hydrant Meter charges will be as defined in Ordinance 2017-03 and Ordinance 2017-04.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the foregoing is true, correct and adopted.
2. That the Board of Directors Adopts the Modified Single Family Residential 1" meter or less Water Rate for FY 2021-2022 at \$62.08per month.
3. That the Board of Directors Adopts the Modified Residential 4" Connection Sewer Rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 at \$61.28 per month.
4. That the Board of Directors of the Heber Public Utility District does hereby adopt this Resolution approving the modified water rate for Single Family Residential 1" meter or less, and the modified Residential 4" sewer connection rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
5. That the modified rates as adopted and approved via this Resolution 2021-08 shall be effective July 1, 2021.

6. That the President of the Board of Directors of the Heber Public Utility District is hereby authorized to sign said Resolution, a copy of which is on file at the District office and attached to this document as Exhibit "A".
7. All other terms, conditions, fees and rates contained in Resolution Number 2017-3 and 2017-4 remain in full force and effect.

EXHIBIT "A"



**HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT WATER RATE SCHEDULE**

**Water Monthly Fixed Meter Charges - Corrected Via Resolution 2020-15 on August 20, 2021**

MODIFIED RATES - JUNE 15, 2017, Effective July 2017 & FY 2020-21 Modified Rates Via Resolution 2020-14  
 FY 2021-2022 MODIFIED VIA RESOLUTION 2021-08 ON JULY 15, 2021

WATER	Allotment	Modified Adopted FY2017-2018	Adopted FY2018-2019	Adopted FY2019-2020	Modified Adopted FY2020-2021	Modified Adopted FY2021-2022
	(Gallons)	(\$/month)	(\$/month)	(\$/month)	(\$/month)	(\$/month)
<b>Fixed Meter Charge</b>						
<b>Single Family Residential:</b>						
1" Meter or less	15,000	\$55.54	\$57.84	\$59.54	\$60.25	\$62.08
<b>Multi-Residential:</b>						
1" Meter or less Water	15,000	\$62.39	\$64.38	\$66.32	\$68.23	\$70.94
2" Meter Water	40,000	\$194.71	\$200.57	\$206.59	\$212.53	\$221.31
3" Meter Water	60,000	\$408.95	\$421.24	\$433.88	\$446.28	\$465.81
<b>Commercial/Industrial/Public:</b>						
1" Meter or less Water	15,000	\$62.39	\$64.38	\$66.32	\$68.23	\$70.94
2" Meter Water	40,000	\$194.71	\$200.57	\$206.59	\$212.53	\$221.31
3" Meter Water Water	60,000	\$408.95	\$421.24	\$433.88	\$446.28	\$465.81
4" Meter Water	75,000	\$715.73	\$737.22	\$759.32	\$780.95	\$816.49
<b>Service Outside District</b>						
1" Meter or less Water	15,000	\$ 70.07	\$ 72.26	\$ 74.37	\$ 76.58	\$ 80.09
2" Meter Water	30,000	\$ 163.42	\$ 168.52	\$ 173.46	\$ 178.61	\$ 186.80
<b>Volumetric Charge (\$/1000 gallons)</b>						
Residential Inside District		(\$/Kgals)	(\$/Kgals)	(\$/Kgals)	(\$/Kgals)	(\$/Kgals)
		\$3.49	\$3.79	\$3.90	\$4.03	\$4.03
Public Agency		\$3.49	\$3.79	\$3.90	\$4.03	\$4.03
Commercial		\$3.49	\$3.79	\$3.90	\$4.03	\$4.03
Industrial		\$3.49	\$3.79	\$3.90	\$4.03	\$4.03
Multi-residential		\$3.49	\$3.79	\$3.90	\$4.03	\$4.03
Outside District		\$4.16	\$4.49	\$4.63	\$4.78	\$4.78

**Private Fire Lines and Temporary Hydrant Meter**

WATER	Proposed FY2017-2018	Proposed FY2018-2019	Proposed FY2019-2020	Proposed FY2020-2021	Proposed FY2021-2022
	(\$/meter)	(\$/meter)	(\$/meter)	(\$/meter)	(\$/meter)
<b>Private Fire Line (\$/meter)</b>					
1" Meter or less	\$10.41	\$10.78	\$11.17	\$11.41	\$11.41
2" Meter	\$33.31	\$34.50	\$35.73	\$36.52	\$36.52
3" Meter	\$72.87	\$75.48	\$78.17	\$79.90	\$79.90
4" Meter	\$131.17	\$135.86	\$140.70	\$143.82	\$143.82
6" Meter / Hydrant	\$208.21	\$215.65	\$223.33	\$228.28	\$28.28
6" Meter / Hydrant /Year	\$2,498.48	\$2,587.81	\$2,679.96	\$2,739.36	\$2,739.36
<b>Temporary Hydrant Meter / Month</b>					
Hydrant Meter Volumetric Charge (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$135.04	\$138.90	\$142.86	\$147.11	\$147.11
	\$3.49	\$3.75	\$3.87	\$3.99	\$3.99

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**Wastewater Monthly Rates - Corrected Via Resolution 2020-15 on August 20, 2020**

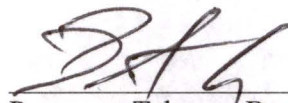
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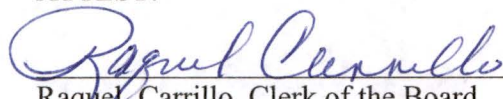
WASTEWATER	Modified Adopted FY2017-2018	Adopted FY2018-2019	Adopted FY2019-2020	Modified Adopted FY2020-2021	Proposed FY2021-2022
Fixed Service Charge					
Residential	(\$/month)	(\$/month)	(\$/month)	(\$/month)	(\$/month)
4" Connection	\$52.66	\$56.66	\$58.62	\$59.45	\$61.28
6" Connection	\$117.00	\$120.48	\$124.65	\$128.97	\$133.44
Multifamily					
Per Dwelling Unit	\$52.66	\$56.66	\$58.62	\$60.66	\$62.76
Commercial, Industrial, and Public					
4" Connection	\$49.66	\$51.21	\$52.82	\$54.49	\$56.22
6" Connection	\$109.25	\$112.66	\$116.20	\$119.88	\$123.69
8" Connection	\$198.64	\$204.84	\$211.28	\$217.96	\$224.88
Volumetric Charge (\$/1000 gal)*	(\$/1000 gal)	(\$/1000 gal)	(\$/1000 gal)	(\$/1000 gal)	(\$/1000 gal)
Commercial, Industrial, Public	\$0.57	\$0.59	\$0.61	\$0.63	\$0.65

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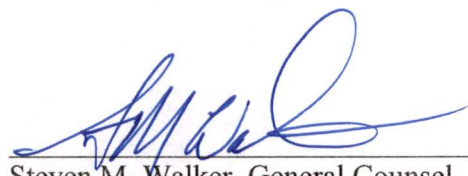
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Heber Public Utility District held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

  
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 Pompeyo Tabarez, Board President

ATTEST:

  
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 Raquel Carrillo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVE AS TO FORM:

  
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 Steven M. Walker, General Counsel

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
 COUNTY OF IMPERIAL )  
 HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY )  
 DISTRICT )

I, Raquel Carrillo, Board Secretary of the Heber Public Utility District, County of Imperial, State of California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was dully passed, approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Heber Public Utility District at its regularly scheduled meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

By Raquel Carrillo  
Raquel Carrillo, Clerk of the Board



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