

ORDINANCE NO. 4065-25

AN ORDINANCE establishing rates for Everett sewer service and surface water management, rates for water and filtration for inside and outside City customers, rates for wholesale master meters, and rates pertaining to special fees and charges.

WHEREAS,

- A. **EMC 14.04.020** (as adopted under **Ordinance 3793-21**) was amended by **Ordinance 3909-22** effective **January 1, 2023**, establishing current sewer rates.
- B. **EMC 14.60.010** (as adopted under **Ordinance 3793-21**) was amended by **Ordinance 3909-22** effective **January 1, 2023**, establishing current surface water management rates.
- C. **EMC 14.16.713** (as adopted under **Ordinance 3793-21**) was amended by **Ordinance 3909-22** effective **January 1, 2023**, establishing current water and filtration rates for Everett water customers.
- D. The **2024** cost of service study has been completed by HDR Engineering, Inc.
- E. To cover the cost of service, a general rate increase is necessary to cover operations, maintenance, and capital expenditures.
- F. The City Council finds that the rates and charges herein are reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Everett does ordain:

Section 1: Effective **February 1, 2025**, service charges for the City of Everett sewer system are hereby fixed as follows:

Sewer Charges	2025	2026	2027	2028 and thereafter until superseded by a new rate ordinance
Single Family Residence per month	\$104.04	\$118.49	\$132.70	\$148.14
Other than Single Family Residence				
Base Monthly Charge	\$104.04	\$118.49	\$132.70	\$148.14
Monthly Charge Added to Base Monthly Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 9 CCF	\$11.56	\$13.17	\$14.75	\$16.47
Septage Volume Fees (per gallon of discharge)	\$0.33	\$0.38	\$0.43	\$0.48

The monthly charges in the table above include Surface Water Quality Protection and Enhancement and the current state utility tax.

Section 2: Effective **February 1, 2025**, service charges for City of Everett surface water management services are hereby assessed on all utility customers in Everett not being billed for sewer service as follows:

Surface Water Management Charges	2025	2026	2027	2028 and thereafter until superseded by a new rate ordinance
Single Family Residence per month	\$38.28	\$42.87	\$48.01	\$53.29
Other than Single Family Residence				
Base Monthly Charge	\$38.28	\$42.87	\$48.01	\$53.29
Monthly Charge for Drainage Added to Base Monthly Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 9 CCF	\$4.25	\$4.76	\$5.33	\$5.92

The monthly charges in the table above include the current state utility tax.

Section 3: Effective **February 1, 2025**, the monthly water rates and charges, monthly base charges, monthly filtration charges, and provisions relating to rates and charges throughout the water system shall be as follows:

A. Within City Limits

1. Residential Water Rates and Charges

Residential Monthly Water Rates and Charges	2025	2026	2027	2028 and thereafter until superseded by a new rate ordinance
<i>1/2-3/4" Meter Size</i>				
Base Water Charge	\$27.15	\$28.50	\$29.64	\$30.83
Charge Added to Base Water Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 5 CCF	\$5.43	\$5.70	\$5.93	\$6.17
Base Filtration Charge	\$5.06	\$5.47	\$5.63	\$5.80
Charge Added to Base Filtration Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 5 CCF	\$1.012	\$1.093	\$1.126	\$1.160
<i>1" Meter Size</i>				
Base Water Charge	\$54.29	\$57.00	\$59.28	\$61.65
Charge Added to Base Water Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 10 CCF	\$5.43	\$5.70	\$5.93	\$6.17
Base Filtration Charge	\$10.12	\$10.93	\$11.26	\$11.60
Charge Added to Base Filtration Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 10 CCF	\$1.012	\$1.093	\$1.126	\$1.160
<i>2" Meter Size</i>				
Base Water Charge	\$65.15	\$68.40	\$71.14	\$73.98
Charge Added to Base Water Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 12 CCF	\$5.43	\$5.70	\$5.93	\$6.17
Base Filtration Charge	\$12.14	\$13.12	\$13.51	\$13.92
Charge Added to Base Filtration Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 12 CCF	\$1.012	\$1.093	\$1.126	\$1.160
<i>Over 2" Meter Size</i>				
Base Water Charge	\$86.86	\$91.20	\$94.85	\$98.64
Charge Added to Base Water Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 16 CCF	\$5.43	\$5.70	\$5.93	\$6.17
Base Filtration Charge	\$16.19	\$17.49	\$18.02	\$18.56
Charge Added to Base Filtration Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 16 CCF	\$1.012	\$1.093	\$1.126	\$1.160

2. Commercial/Industrial/Government Water Rates and Charges

Commercial/Industrial/Government Monthly Water Rates and Charges	2025	2026	2027	2028 and thereafter until superseded by a new rate ordinance
<i>1/2-3/4" Meter Size</i>				
Base Water Charge	\$32.57	\$34.20	\$35.57	\$36.99
Charge Added to Base Water Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 6 CCF	In accordance with the rate table below			
Base Filtration Charge	\$6.07	\$6.56	\$6.76	\$6.96
Charge Added to Base Filtration Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 6 CCF	\$1.012	\$1.093	\$1.126	\$1.160
<i>1" Meter Size</i>				
Base Water Charge	\$54.29	\$57.00	\$59.28	\$61.65
Charge Added to Base Water Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 10 CCF	In accordance with rate table below			
Base Filtration Charge	\$10.12	\$10.93	\$11.26	\$11.60
Charge Added to Base Filtration Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 10 CCF	\$1.012	\$1.093	\$1.126	\$1.160
<i>2" Meter Size</i>				
Base Water Charge	\$65.15	\$68.40	\$71.14	\$73.98
Charge Added to Base Water Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 12 CCF	In accordance with rate table below			
Base Filtration Charge	\$12.14	\$13.12	\$13.51	\$13.92
Charge Added to Base Filtration Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 12 CCF	\$1.012	\$1.093	\$1.126	\$1.160
<i>Over 2" Meter Size</i>				
Base Water Charge	\$86.86	\$91.20	\$94.85	\$98.64
Charge Added to Base Water Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 16 CCF	In accordance with rate table below			
Base Filtration Charge	\$16.19	\$17.49	\$18.02	\$18.56
Charge Added to Base Filtration Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 16 CCF	\$1.012	\$1.093	\$1.126	\$1.160

Commercial/Industrial/Government Rate Table	2025	2026	2027	2028 and thereafter until superseded by a new rate ordinance
Consumption between 6-30 CCF, per CCF	\$5.429	\$5.700	\$5.928	\$6.165
Consumption between 31-150 CCF, per CCF	\$3.553	\$3.731	\$3.880	\$4.035
Consumption over 150 CCF, per CCF	\$3.021	\$3.278	\$3.518	\$3.772

All wholesale customers shall be assessed a twenty-five percent rate multiplier on water charges. No multiplier shall be assessed on the filtration charge.

3. Irrigation Water Rates and Charges

Irrigation Monthly Water Rates and Charges	2025	2026	2027	2028 and thereafter until superseded by a new rate ordinance
<i>1/2-3/4" Meter Size</i>				
Base Water Charge	\$37.31	\$39.17	\$40.74	\$42.37
Charge Added to Base Water Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 6 CCF	In accordance with rate table below			
Base Filtration Charge	\$6.07	\$6.56	\$6.76	\$6.96
Charge Added to Base Filtration Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 6 CCF	\$1.012	\$1.093	\$1.126	\$1.160
<i>1" Meter Size</i>				
Base Water Charge	\$62.19	\$65.29	\$67.90	\$70.62
Charge Added to Base Water Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 10 CCF	In accordance with rate table below			
Base Filtration Charge	\$10.12	\$10.93	\$11.26	\$11.60
Charge Added to Base Filtration Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 10 CCF	\$1.012	\$1.093	\$1.126	\$1.160
<i>2" Meter Size</i>				
Base Water Charge	\$74.63	\$78.35	\$81.48	\$84.74
Charge Added to Base Water Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 12 CCF	In accordance with rate table below			
Base Filtration Charge	\$12.14	\$13.12	\$13.51	\$13.94
Charge Added to Base Filtration Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 12 CCF	\$1.012	\$1.093	\$1.126	\$1.160
<i>Over 2" Meter Size</i>				
Base Water Charge	\$99.50	\$104.46	\$108.64	\$112.99
Charge Added to Base Water Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 16 CCF	In accordance with rate table below			
Base Filtration Charge	\$16.19	\$17.49	\$18.02	\$18.56
Charge Added to Base Filtration Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 16 CCF	\$1.012	\$1.093	\$1.126	\$1.160

Irrigation Rate Table	2025	2026	2027	2028 and thereafter until superseded by a new rate ordinance
Consumption between 6-30 CCF, per CCF	\$6.219	\$6.529	\$6.790	\$7.062
Consumption over 31 CCF, per CCF	\$3.935	\$4.132	\$4.297	\$4.469

4. City-Installed Service Connection Charges

City Installed Service Connection Charges	2025	2026	2027	2028 and thereafter until superseded by a new rate ordinance
5/8 x 3/4" (each)	\$3,975.00	\$4,234.00	\$4,510.00	\$4,804.00
1" (each)	\$4,508.00	\$4,802.00	\$5,115.00	\$5,448.00
2" (each)	\$5,865.00	\$6,247.00	\$6,654.00	\$7,087.00
Added non-refundable application fee	\$150.00	\$158.00	\$166.00	\$175.00

Service connection installations larger than the two-inch size shall be charged at the actual cost of the complete installation.

Service connection applications shall be valid only for 180 days from date of issuance unless work is in progress, or a time extension is granted by the Public Works Director. Service connection charges (less the non-refundable application fee) may be refunded to the applicant in the event that the service has not been installed and the refund is requested within one year from the date of issuance.

5. Developer-Installed Connection Charges

Developer Installed Connection Charges	2025	2026	2027	2028 and thereafter until superseded by a new rate ordinance
5/8 x 3/4" (each)	\$649.00	\$682.00	\$717.00	\$753.00
1" (each)	\$758.00	\$796.00	\$836.00	\$878.00
2" (each)	\$1,341.00	\$1,409.00	\$1,480.00	\$1,554.00

6. Fire Service

The rates for water supplied exclusively for fire protection purposes shall be deemed service charges and shall be for any one month, or fractional part thereof, as follows:

Size of Fire Service	2025	2026	2027	2028 and thereafter until superseded by a new rate ordinance
2"	\$17.77	\$18.66	\$19.41	\$20.19
3"	\$24.28	\$25.49	\$26.51	\$27.57
4"	\$30.91	\$32.46	\$33.76	\$35.11
6"	\$44.78	\$47.02	\$48.90	\$50.86
8"	\$58.13	\$61.04	\$63.48	\$66.02
10"	\$73.38	\$77.05	\$80.13	\$83.34
12"	\$84.84	\$89.08	\$92.64	\$96.35

B. Outside City Limits

1. Individual Meters Outside of the City Limits

The water charges for individual metered services outside the City limits shall be computed in the same manner as for residential customers within the City, and then a multiplier of twenty-five percent of this amount shall be applied to the water charges so computed. In addition, filtration charges will be added as follows (but no multiplier shall be applied to filtration charges):

Filtration Charges for Individual Meters Outside of City Limits	2025	2026	2027	2028 and thereafter until superseded by a new rate ordinance
Base Filtration Charge	\$5.06	\$5.47	\$5.63	\$5.80
Monthly Charge Added to Base Filtration Charge per CCF of Metered Water Consumption in Excess of 5 CCF	\$1.012	\$1.093	\$1.126	\$1.160

2. Master Meters:

- a. Master meter rates and charges shall be required for water districts, water associations or other organizations providing water service to 16 or more permanent services. Organizations serving less than 16 services and all other customers shall be charged at the individual meter rates and charges.

b. The consumption charges for master meters shall be as follows:

i. Master meters connected East of the Snohomish River:

Master Meters East of Snohomish River	2025	2026	2027	2028 and thereafter until superseded by a new rate ordinance
Meter Charge (per meter/month)	\$539.84	\$566.83	\$589.50	\$613.08
Water Charge (per CCF)	\$0.780	\$0.820	\$0.850	\$0.880
Added Filtration Charge (per CCF)	\$1.012	\$1.093	\$1.126	\$1.160

A twenty-five percent rate multiplier shall be applied to the water charge in the table above. Also, a filtration charge as stated in the table above shall be added, to arrive at the total monthly charge. No multiplier shall be applied to the filtration charge.

ii. Master meters connected West of the Snohomish River:

For master meters connected west of the Snohomish River, the water rates and charges shall be the same as the Commercial/Industrial/Governmental water rates and charges. A twenty-five percent rate multiplier shall be applied to water charges. Also, a filtration charge as stated in the table below shall be added, to arrive at the total monthly charge. No multiplier shall be applied to the filtration charge.

Filtration Charge for Master Meters West of Snohomish River	2025	2026	2027	2028 and thereafter until superseded by a new rate ordinance
Added Filtration Charge (per CCF)	\$1.012	\$1.093	\$1.126	\$1.160

3. Service Connection Charges

Service connection installations outside the City limits of all sizes shall be charged at the actual cost of the complete installation, but in no event shall the charge for a three-quarter inch, a one-inch or a two-inch service be less than the amount charged for service connections within the City limits.

C. Special Charges

Special Charges	2025	2026	2027	2028 and thereafter until superseded by a new rate ordinance
Turn on for restart of service	\$59.00	\$74.00	\$89.00	\$103.00
Shut-off request, cust. stop + waste valve not used	\$86.00	\$92.00	\$98.00	\$103.00
Turn-on/shut-off outside regular hours	\$325.00	\$433.00	\$541.00	\$649.00
<i>Meter testing:</i>				
All meters, in-shop testing (1-hour min)	\$68.00	\$72.00	\$75.00	\$79.00
Testing using meter test van (3- hour min)	\$692.00	\$726.00	\$760.00	\$794.00
Destroying/removing lock on meter	\$123.00	\$133.00	\$142.00	\$152.00
Illegal turn-on/tampering of service	\$296.00	\$328.00	\$361.00	\$394.00
Lien processing fee	\$129.00	\$136.00	\$142.00	\$150.00
New account setup charge	\$63.00	\$80.00	\$97.00	\$114.00
Locate/mark City water shut-off valve	\$85.00	\$89.00	\$94.00	\$98.00
Temp shut-off/turn-on	\$109.00	\$138.00	\$168.00	\$197.00
Temp shut-off/turn-on (vault entry)	\$1,026.00	\$1,077.00	\$1,131.00	\$1,188.00
Failure to return water service key	\$76.00	\$79.00	\$83.00	\$88.00
Returned check fee	\$36.00	\$37.00	\$39.00	\$41.00
Hang notice for delinquent account	\$52.00	\$58.00	\$64.00	\$71.00
Illegal taking of water from hydrant	\$1,327.00	\$1,395.00	\$1,462.00	\$1,530.00
<i>Noncompliance w/ annual backflow testing/month:</i>				
Month 1/first occurrence	\$250.00	\$263.00	\$276.00	\$289.00
Month 2/second occurrence	\$500.00	\$525.00	\$551.00	\$579.00
Month 3/third occurrence (fee+service interruption)	\$1,000.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,103.00	\$1,158.00

Special Charges cont.	2025	2026	2027	2028 and thereafter until superseded by a new rate ordinance
<i>Construction Meters:</i>				
Deposit	\$3,011.00	\$3,160.00	\$3,309.00	\$3,458.00
Monthly Permit Fee	\$118.00	\$124.00	\$130.00	\$136.00
Usage Rate per CCF	\$6.44	\$6.79	\$7.05	\$7.33
<i>Hydrant Permit:</i>				
Deposit	\$120.00	\$126.00	\$132.00	\$139.00
Usage Rate:				
Low (0-30,000 gal/month)	\$259.00	\$273.00	\$283.00	\$294.00
Medium (30,001-60,000 gal/month)	\$517.00	\$545.00	\$566.00	\$588.00
High (over 60,000 gal/month)	\$862.00	\$909.00	\$944.00	\$980.00
Dormant inspection	\$102.00	\$117.00	\$133.00	\$148.00
"Final" read charge	\$49.00	\$69.00	\$89.00	\$109.00
Duplicate statement charge (annual charge)	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$18.00
Voluntary turn-off	\$53.00	\$72.00	\$91.00	\$109.00
Fee for preparing estimates	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$12.00
Late fee imposed when customer receives a "past due letter" for failure to pay by the due date	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00

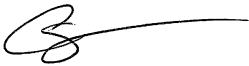
Except as may be otherwise determined by the Public Works Director or designee, a multiplier of twenty-five percent on the above special charges applies to customers outside the City limits.

Section 4: The City Clerk and the codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any internal references.

Section 5: The City Council hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance be declared invalid for any reason, it is the intent of the City Council that it would have passed all portions of this ordinance independent of the elimination of any such portion as may be declared invalid.

Section 6: The enactment of this Ordinance shall not affect any case, proceeding, appeal or other matter currently pending in any court or in any way modify any right or liability, civil or criminal, which may be in existence on the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 7: It is expressly the purpose of this Ordinance to provide for and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public and not to create or otherwise establish or designate any particular class or group of persons who will or should be especially protected or benefited by the terms of this Ordinance. It is the specific intent of this Ordinance that no provision or any term used in this Ordinance is intended to impose any duty whatsoever upon the City or any of its officers or employees. Nothing contained in this Ordinance is intended nor shall be construed to create or form the basis of any liability on the part of the City, or its officers, employees, or agents, for any injury or damage resulting from any action or inaction on the part of the City related in any manner to the enforcement of this Ordinance by its officers, employees, or agents.



Cassie Franklin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marista Jorve, City Clerk

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