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**CITY OF FIRCREST  
ORDINANCE NO. 1627**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1588  
SECTION 2 AND FMC 20.12.010 RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL  
RATE; AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1589 SECTION 1 AND  
FMC 21.04.030 RESIDENTIAL RATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Fircrest determined to amend Fircrest Municipal Code (FMC) Title 20.12 and Title 21.04 regarding utility billing for accessory dwelling units; and

**WHEREAS**, by amending the FMC, single family residential units that have an accessory dwelling unit will only pay water and sewer utility bills as one dwelling unit. Now, Therefore,

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST DO ORDAIN AS  
FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1588 and FMC 20.12.010 are hereby amended to read as follows:

“20.12.010 Residential and commercial rate.

Sewer service for single-family residential and multiple dwelling units use within and outside of city limits shall be charged as follows:

- (a) Single family residential units with an accessory dwelling unit (ADU), as defined by FMC 22.58.012, shall be billed as one dwelling unit.
- (b) In-City Residential. Residential and multiple dwelling units located within the city limits and connected to the sewer system of the city shall pay a bimonthly sewer service base charge plus a sewage treatment user charge, per dwelling unit. The residential and multiple dwelling bimonthly sewer service charges shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

**Residential and Multiple Dwelling Sewer Charge**

|                         | <b>2017</b> | <b>2018</b> | <b>2019</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sewage Treatment Charge | \$60.40     | \$64.00     | \$67.80     |
| Sewer Service Base Rate | \$79.20     | \$81.20     | \$83.40     |

- (c) Out-of-City Sewer Service. For sewer service provided by the city for residential and multiple dwelling units use outside the Fircrest city limits shall be charged as outlined in subsection (a) of this section with an additional bimonthly sewer service base surcharge of \$10.00.
- (d) Commercial Rate. Commercial establishments shall pay a bimonthly sewer service base charge plus the monthly city of Tacoma sewage treatment user charge, which is based upon metered and estimated flows, but not less than a minimum total monthly sewer charge equal to that of the residential and multiple dwelling units.

The commercial bimonthly sewer service base charge shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

**Commercial Sewer Charge**

|                                    | <b>2017</b>  | <b>2018</b>   | <b>2019</b>  |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Commercial Sewage Treatment Charge | Calculated using city of Tacoma’s sewage treatment user charge based on metered and estimated flows. | Calculated using city of Tacoma’s sewage treatment user charge based on metered and estimated flows | Calculated using city of Tacoma’s sewage treatment user charge based on metered and estimated flows. |
| Commercial Sewer Service Base Rate | \$106.08   | \$111.68  | \$117.68   |

(e) All rates and charges imposed by this section shall be collected in full for service furnished during any month or fractional month.”

**Section 2.** Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1589 and FMC 21.04.030 are hereby amended to read as follows:

“21.04.030 Residential rate.

Water furnished by the city of Fircrest for single-family residential and multiple dwelling units use and consumption within Fircrest city limits shall be furnished through metered connections and shall be charged for on the following basis:

- (a) Single family residential units with an accessory dwelling unit (ADU), as defined by FMC 22.58.012, shall be billed as one dwelling unit.
- (b) A bimonthly ready to serve charge for each meter regardless of size, per connection, shall be billed in accordance with the following schedule:

**Residential and Multiple Dwelling Water Ready to Serve Charge**

|                       | <b>2017</b> | <b>2018</b> | <b>2019</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Ready to Serve Charge | \$34.00     | \$35.50     | \$37.00     |

(c) A charge for water consumed through each meter shall be billed in accordance with the following schedule:

**Commercial Tier for Residential and Multiple Dwelling Units**

|                           | <b>2017</b> | <b>2018</b> | <b>2019</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tier 1 (0 – 1,000 cf)     | \$0.0100    | \$0.0104    | \$0.0109    |
| Tier 2 (1,001 – 4,000 cf) | \$0.0150    | \$0.0157    | \$0.0163    |
| Tier 3 (4,001 - + cf)     | \$0.0250    | \$0.0261    | \$0.0272    |

(d) Water furnished by the city of Fircrest for single-family residential and multiple dwelling units use and consumption outside the Fircrest city limits shall be charged as outlined in subsections (a) and (b) of this section with an additional bimonthly surcharge of \$25.00.

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(e) All rates and charges imposed by this section shall be collected in full for service furnished during any month or fractional month.”

**Section 3. Severability:** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held invalid or unconstitutional 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 sentence.

**Section 4. Publication and Effective Date:** A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the city. This ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after such publication.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, WASHINGTON,** at a regular meeting thereof this 13th day of November 2018.

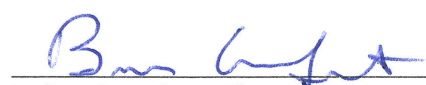
**APPROVED:**

  
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Hunter T. George, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Jessica Nappi, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Brian Comfort, City Attorney

**DATE OF PUBLICATIONS:  
EFFECTIVE DATE:**