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**CITY OF FIRCREST  
ORDINANCE NO. 1699**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1627  
SECTION 1 FMC 20.12.010 RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL  
SEWER RATES; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, AND  
ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Fircrest determined it is in the best interest of the City to amend Section 1 of Ordinance 1627 and Fircrest Municipal Code (FMC) Title 20.12 regarding sewer utility billing as pertaining to residential and commercial rates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Amendment.** Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1627 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:

**Residential and Multiple Dwelling Sewer Charge  
Effective February 1, 2023**

Sewage Treatment Charge	\$69.16
Sewer Service Base Rate	\$85.07

(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) Residential Rate. Sewage treatment charges for residential and multiple dwelling units shall be updated annually at a rate adjusted in accordance with the city of Tacoma sewage treatment user charge which is based upon metered and estimated flows each year, to be effective February 1st of the following year.

(e) 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:

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**Commercial Sewer Charge  
Effective February 1, 2023**

Commercial Sewage Treatment Charge	Calculated using city of Tacoma's sewage treatment user charge based on metered and estimated flows.
Commercial Sewer Service Base Charge	\$ 120.03

(f) All rates and charges imposed by this section shall be collected in full for service furnished during any month or fractional month. (Ord. 1627 § 1, 2018; Ord. 1588 § 2, 2016; Ord. 1478 § 1, 2009; Ord. 1454 § 1, 2008; Ord. 1447 § 1, 2007; Ord. 1427 § 1, 2006; Ord. 1268 § 1, 2000; Ord. 1229 § 1, 1999; Ord. 1158 § 1, 1997; Ord. 1138 § 1, 1997; Ord. 1051 § 1, 1993; Ord. 980 § 1, 1990; Ord. 864 § 1, 1987; Ord. 814 § 2, 1985; Ord. 745 § 5, 1980).

**Section 2. Corrections.** The City Clerk and codifiers of the ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

**Section 3. Severability.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

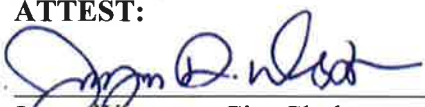
**Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect five days after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, WASHINGTON,** at a regular meeting thereof this 22nd day of November 2022.

**APPROVED:**

  
Brett L. Wittner, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Jayne Westman, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Hillary J. Evans, City Attorney