

**CITY OF FIRCREST
ORDINANCE NO. 1717**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1701
SECTION 1 AND FMC 21.04.030 RESIDENTIAL RATE; AND
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1701 SECTION 2 AND FMC
21.04.040 COMMERCIAL RATE.**

WHEREAS, the City’s existing water customers are responsible for paying for operations, maintenance, and repairs for the water utility and to existing infrastructure within the water system, and environmental requirements imposed by the Washington State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the City last studied water rates in 2021 and adopted Ordinance No. 1681 and Ordinance No. 1701, amending water rates for 2022 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City held a public hearing on the proposed changes to the water rates at the November 28, 2023, City Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it is in the City’s best interest to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 1701 and Fircrest Municipal Code (FMC) Title 21.04 regarding residential and commercial Ready to Serve Charges and Tier 1, 2, and 3 consumption rates.

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

Section 1. FMC 21.04.030, Amended. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1701 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**

Effective February 1, 2024

Ready to Serve Charge	\$40.22
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(c) A charge for water consumed through each meter shall be billed in accordance with the following schedule:

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

Effective February 1, 2024

Tier	Rates
Tier 1 (0 – 1,000 cf)	\$0.0118
Tier 2 (1,001 – 4,000 cf)	\$0.0177
Tier 3 (4,001+ cf)	\$0.0301

(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.

(e) All rates and charges imposed by this section shall be collected in full for service furnished during any month or fractional month. (Ord. 1701 § 1, 2022; Ord. 1681 § 1, 2021; Ord. 1627 § 2, 2018; Ord. 1589 § 1, 2016; Ord. 1446 § 1, 2007; Ord. 1365 § 1, 2005; Ord. 1287 § 1, 2001; Ord. 1119 § 1, 1996; Ord. 1086 § 1, 1994; Ord. 1016 § 1, 1992; Ord. 979 § 1, 1990; Ord. 891 § 1, 1988; Ord. 745 § 1, 1980).

Section 2. FMC 21.04.040, Amended. Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1701 and FMC 21.04.040 are hereby amended to read as follows:

21.04.040 Commercial rate.

Water furnished by the city of Fircrest for commercial or industrial use and consumption within the Fircrest city limits shall be furnished through metered connections and shall be charged for on the following basis:

(a) A bimonthly ready to serve charge for each meter regardless of size, per connection, shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

**Commercial
Water Ready to Serve Charge
Effective February 1, 2024**

Ready to Serve Charge	\$40.22
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(b) A charge for water consumed through each meter shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

**Consumption Tier for
Commercial Units**

Effective February 1, 2024

Tier	Rates
Tier 1 (0 – 1,000 cf)	\$0.0141
Tier 2 (1,001 – 4,000 cf)	\$0.0200
Tier 3 (4,001+ cf)	\$0.0322

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(c) Where more than one commercial business or establishment receives water through a single metered connection, each separate commercial business or establishment shall be charged a separate ready to serve charge that will include the same rate schedule as listed above.

(d) All rates and charges imposed by this section shall be collected in full for service furnished during any month or fractional month. (Ord. 1701 § 2, 2022; Ord. 1681 § 2, 2021; Ord. 1589 § 2, 2016; Ord. 1287 § 2, 2001; Ord. 1119 § 2, 1996; Ord. 1098 § 3, 1995; Ord. 1086 § 2, 1994; Ord. 1016 § 2, 1992; Ord. 979 § 2, 1990; Ord. 891 § 2, 1988; Ord. 745 § 2, 1980).

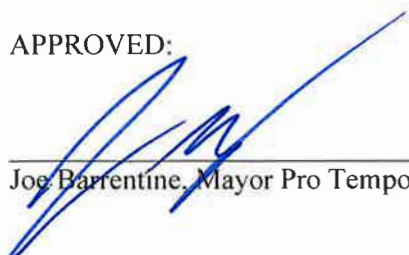
Section 3. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of the ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Section 4. 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 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City and shall take effect and be in full force on February 1, 2024.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, at a regular meeting thereof this 12th day of December 2023.

APPROVED:




Joe Barrentine, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:



Arlette Burkhardt, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Robert Zeinemann, City Attorney