

**CITY OF FIRCREST
ORDINANCE NO. 1750**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, AMENDING FIRCREST MUNICIPAL
CODE 21.04.030 RESIDENTIAL RATE AND AMENDING
FIRCREST MUNICIPAL CODE 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 for existing infrastructure within the water system, and environmental requirements imposed by the Washington State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to raise water utility rates to meet the increasing cost of providing water utility services; and

WHEREAS, the City held a public hearing on the proposed changes to the water rates at the November 12, 2025, City Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it is in the City's best interest to amend the Fircrest Municipal Code (FMC) Title [21.04](#) regarding utility billing service charges and consumption rates.

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

Section 1. FMC 21.04.030, Amended. FMC [21.04.030](#) is 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, 2026

Ready to Serve Charge	\$42.67
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(c) A charge for water consumed through each meter shall be billed in accordance with the following schedule:

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

Effective February 1, 2026

Tier	Rates
Tier 1 (0 – 1,000 cf)	\$0.0126
Tier 2 (1,001 – 4,000 cf)	\$0.0187
Tier 3 (4,001+ cf)	\$0.0319

(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. 1734 § 1; Ord. 1717 § 1; 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. FMC [21.04.040](#) is 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, 2026

Ready to Serve Charge	\$42.67
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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, 2026

Tier	Rates
Tier 1 (0 – 1,000 cf)	\$0.0149
Tier 2 (1,001 – 4,000 cf)	\$0.0212
Tier 3 (4,001+ cf)	\$0.0342

1 (c) Where more than one commercial business or establishment receives water through a
2 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.

3 (d) All rates and charges imposed by this section shall be collected in full for service furnished
4 during any month or fractional month. (Ord. 1734 § 2; Ord. 1717 § 2; Ord. 1701 § 2, 2022;
5 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).

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

9 **Section 4. Severability.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this
10 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.

11 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City
12 and shall take effect and be in full force on February 1, 2026.

13 **PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, WASHINGTON,** at a
14 regular meeting thereof this 25th day of November 2025.

15 **APPROVED:**

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17 Shannon Reynolds, Mayor

18 **ATTEST:**

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20 Arlette Burkhardt, City Clerk

21 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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23 Joanna Eide, City Attorney

24 Publication Date:
25 Effective Date: