CITY OF MOXEE, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE No. 859

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Moxee, Washington, amending Title 13 of the Moxee Municipal Code pertaining to water and sewer services and repealing Ordinance #819 in its entirety.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOXEE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1 SECTION 13.05.120 OF THE MOXEE MUNICIPAL CODE SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Water System Connection Fees	2026	2027	2028
(a) Basic connection charge (one equivalent user)	$ 3400.00	$ 3500.00	$ 3600.00
(b) Each additional equivalent user surcharged	$ 1100.00	$ 1200.00	$ 1300.00
(c) Meter and Installation Charge	Actual Cost-Materials and labor		
(d) Administration Fee	5% of Total		

SECTION 2 SECTION 13.05.130 OF THE MOXEE MUNICIPAL CODE SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Water Consumption charge

(1) All Residential water users shall be charged for consumption as follows:

Minimum Charge	2026	2027	2028
1 – 300 cubic feet	$29.00	$31.00	$ 33.00
301 – 700 cubic feet	$ 1.03/100 c.f.	$ 1.03/100 c.f.	$ 1.03/100 c.f.
701 cubic feet and up	$ 0.56/100 c.f.	$ 0.56/100 c.f.	$ 0.56/100 c.f.

Provided however that the minimum charge for each corresponding year shall be charged for each residential consumer of water.

(2) All residential water users outside the city limits shall be charged 1.5 times the rate charged to residential users inside the city limits.

(3) All commercial water users shall be charged as follows:

	2026	2027	2028
Minimum	$ 39.00	$ 41.00	$ 43.00
1500 – 4000 c.f.	$0.75/100 c.f.	$0.75/100 c.f.	$0.75/100 c.f.
4001 – 6000 c.f.	$0.85/100 c.f.	$0.85/100 c.f.	$0.85/100 c.f.
6001 – 8000 c.f.	$0.97/100 c.f.	$0.97/100 c.f.	$0.97/100 c.f.
8001 – 10,000 c.f.	$1.07/100 c.f.	$1.07/100 c.f.	$1.07/100 c.f.
10,001 and over	$1.28/100 c.f.	$1.28/100 c.f.	$1.28/100 c.f.

Provided however that the minimum charge for each corresponding year shall be charged for each commercial user.

(4) All commercial water users outside the city limits shall be charged 1.5 times the rate charged to commercial users within the city limits.

(5) Bulk water consumers shall be served at the convenience of the city and shall pay the sum of $10.00 per each 1,000-gallon unit with no pro-ration for fractions thereof.

(6) The water department shall charge all other city departments for the use of water at the same rate charged to residential customers.

(7) Churches, schools and similar users shall be charged for water consumption utilizing the residential rate structure.

SECTION 3 SECTION 13.05.190 OF THE MOXEE MUNICIPAL CODE SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Water disconnection for lack of timely payment

If a water service is disconnected by the city for lack of timely payment a $20.00 turn off fee will be assessed to the property. The minimum base charge for each residential or commercial consumer shall be collected each month from the property owner/user beginning the following month until the bill is paid in full and the water is reconnected. However, if the account continues to be unpaid for a period of 12 months, the water/sewer service shall be considered abandoned and shall be subject to a water and sewer reconnection fee of $500 each payable prior to service being restored to the property.

SECTION 4 SECTION 13.05.240 OF THE MOXEE MUNICIPAL CODE SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

Late Notice Double Billing

If a property owner requests the City bill the tenant, the City will also give the landlord the option of having the late notice sent to both the tenant and the property owner, this is the landlords option and not a requirement of this article

SECTION 5 SECTION 13.05.370 OF THE MOXEE MUNICIPAL CODE SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Sewer service connections- Fees

(1) The connection and inspection charge for each tap to the sewage system shall be as follows:

	2026	2027	2028
(a) Basic connection charge (one equivalent user),	$ 3400.00	$ 3500.00	$ 3600.00
(b) Each additional equivalent user surcharged	$ 1100.00	$ 1200.00	$ 1300.00

These charges are for tapping only and the property owner shall bear all expense for construction of the sewer service from the sewer main line to the building outlet.

(2) The service connection charges and an administration fee of five percent of the total costs shall be charged and shall be due upon activation of service.

SECTION 6 SECTION 13.05.380 (10) OF THE MOXEE MUNICIPAL CODE SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Commercial Rates
Monthly rates for all sewer users in the city shall be established by the City Council by ordinance and kept on file at all times by the City Clerk. Such schedule of rates shall include all classifications of users including special users. The rate schedule shall be based on a minimum monthly charge as follows:

2026	2027	2028
$49.00	$51.00	$53.00

For one equivalent user located within the city limits of Moxee and 1.5 times the rate for one equivalent user outside the city limits of Moxee.

SECTION 7 SECTION 13.05.380 (11) OF THE MOXEE MUNICIPAL CODE SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Churches and similar users shall be charged using the commercial rate structure. Schools shall be charged using the commercial rate structure times 1.25 to account for the increased strength of their sewage.

SECTION 8 SECTION 13.05.380 (12) OF THE MOXEE MUNICIPAL CODE SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Residential Rates. There is hereby charged to all residential real property served by the city sewer system a monthly sewer service charge as follows:

2026	2027	2028
$46.00	$48.00	$50.00

Per residential equivalent user, and 1.5 times the rate for each residential equivalent user outside the city limits.

SECTION 9 NEW SECTION 13.05.380 (13) SHALL BE ADDED TO THE MOXEE MUNICIPAL CODE AS FOLLOWS:

Industrial Rates

Industrial users of the city sewage system shall be evaluated and determined by the city as to whether monitoring stations on sewage discharges will be required. If monitoring stations are required by the city, the city will designate when, where, and how many stations shall be placed. City-approved monitoring stations shall be installed and maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation by, and at the expense of, the industrial user, at the direction of the city.

Monthly charges for the discharge of industrial wastewater shall be based on the volume and strength of wastewater discharged. Monthly charges will be based on the total volume of wastewater discharged during the month as measured by the monitoring station flow meter in million gallons (MG), and the strength of the wastewater, expressed as pounds of BOD per month and pounds of TSS per month, as determined through testing of the wastewater by the city.

The following conditions apply to all industrial users discharging to the city wastewater facilities:

(a) There shall be no unmetered sources of water contributing wastewater to the city sewage system without the knowledge and prior written approval of the city.

(b) The city reserves the right to test, monitor, and control any wastewater discharged to any city facility at any time.

Charges for industrial sewer service shall be based upon the volume, strength, and characteristics of the wastewater discharge to the city sewer system as determined by monitoring station results at the following rates:

Component	Rate		
	2026	2027	2028
Hydraulic (Q)	$1,850.00/MG	$1,900.00/MG	$1,950.00/MG
Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	$0.24/pound	$0.25/pound	$0.26/pound
Total suspended solids (TSS)	$0.18/pound	$0.19/pound	$0.20/pound

In addition to the above charges for volume and strength, each industrial user shall pay a minimum monthly base charge of $2,500.00 for each installed monitoring station regardless if the monitoring station is in operation.

Th pH of discharges from all industrial users discharging wastewater into the city sewer system shall not be lower than 5.0 nor greater than 11.0 as determined by monitoring station results. Any discharge of waste outside this range shall be subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars($100.00) per day. For the purposes of this monetary penalty, each day's discharge shall be considered a separate event.

All industrial users outside the city limits shall be charged 1.5 times the rate charged to industrial users inside the city limits.

SECTION 10 REPEALER: This Ordinance shall repeal Ordinance #819 in its entirety.

SECTION 11 EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall become effective February 1, 2026 after passage by the City Council, approved by the Mayor and published as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOXEE, WASHINGTON THIS 14th DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

Attest:

City Clerk-Treasurer

City of Moxee

Mayor

Approve as to Form:

City Attorney