

RESOLUTION NO. 71520A

ROLL CALL

VOTING	YES	NO
KURT L CHRISTENSEN <i>Mayor (votes only in case of tie)</i>		
HOWARD CHUNTZ <i>Council member</i>		
TIM DeGRAW <i>Council member</i>	(Handwritten mark)	
STERLING M. REES <i>Council member</i>	(Handwritten mark)	
DELYS SNYDER <i>Council member</i>	(Handwritten mark)	
SETH SORENSEN <i>Council member</i>	(Handwritten mark)	

I MOVE this ordinance be adopted: _____
 I SECOND the foregoing motion: _____

Resolution 71520A

A RESOLUTION AMENDING PRESSURE IRRIGATION WATER RATES

WHEREAS Salem City ("City") provides outdoor water through a pressure irrigation system;

WHEREAS due to the wide variety of lot sizes in Salem, it is more equitable to charge rates for the different lot sizes so residents with smaller lots are not subsidizing those with larger lots;

WHEREAS the City must cover operation and maintenance expenses as well as plan for future capital expenditures within the pressure irrigation system; and

WHEREAS until the City can meter the pressure irrigation water so actual usage can be billed, it is fair and reasonable to charge pressure irrigation water rates based on various lot sizes;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Salem City Council as follows:

Section 1. Base Rate. Each residential lot in the City shall be assessed a monthly base rate for pressure irrigation water based on the service size. Beginning October 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, the base rates based on service size shall be as follows:

Service Size	Monthly Base Rate
One-inch (1")	\$28.75
One and one-half inch (1 ½")	\$40.25
Two-inch (2")	\$51.75

From July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, the monthly base rates based on service size shall be as follows:

Service Size	Monthly Base Rate
One-inch (1")	\$33.06
One and one-half inch (1 ½")	\$46.29
Two-inch (2")	\$59.51

Beginning July 1, 2022, and on each July 1 thereafter, the base rate shall increase by three percent annually.

Section 2. Usage Rates. In addition to the base rate, each user shall be assessed a monthly usage rate based on lot size. Beginning October 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, the usage rates based on lot size shall be as follows:

Lot Size	Monthly Usage Rate
0 to 10,890 square feet (up to ¼ acre)	\$4.60
10,891 to 14,520 square feet (¼ to ⅓ acre)	\$5.75
14,521 to 21,780 square feet (⅓ to ½ acre)	\$8.05
21,781 to 32,670 square feet (½ to ¾ acre)	\$12.65

32,671 to 43,560 square feet ($\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 acre)	\$16.10
over 43,561 square feet (over 1 acre)	\$21.85

Through June 30, 2022, the usage rates based on lot size shall be as follows:

Lot Size	Monthly Usage Rate
0 to 10,890 square feet (up to $\frac{1}{4}$ acre)	\$5.29
10,891 to 14,520 square feet ($\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ acre)	\$6.61
14,521 to 21,780 square feet ($\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ acre)	\$9.26
21,781 to 32,670 square feet ($\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ acre)	\$14.55
32,671 to 43,560 square feet ($\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 acre)	\$18.52
over 43,561 square feet (over 1 acre)	\$25.13

Beginning July 1, 2022, and on each July 1 thereafter, the monthly usage rate shall increase by three percent annually until new rates based upon metered usage are adopted.

Section 3. Other Uses. Beginning October 1, 2020, schools, churches, multi-family residential buildings, and other large commercial users which have 10,000 or more square feet of irrigated area shall pay a monthly base rate of \$28.75 plus a usage rate of \$28.75 per month per residential equivalent (10,000 square feet of irrigation surface or portion thereof). Beginning July 1, 2021, these uses shall pay a monthly base rate \$33.06 plus a usage rate of \$33.06 per month per residential equivalent (10,000 square feet of irrigation surface or portion thereof). Beginning July 1, 2022, and on each July 1 thereafter, the monthly base rate and the usage rate shall increase by three percent annually.

Section 4. Commercial. Beginning October 1, 2020, all other commercial users shall pay \$37.50 per month, with no usage rate. Beginning July 1, 2021, all other commercial users shall pay \$43.13 per month, with no usage rate. Beginning July 1, 2022, and on each July 1, thereafter, the monthly rate shall increase by three percent annually.

Section 5. Combining. Any individual or entity seeking to combine two or more lots into one lot will be required to pay for the cost of a pressure irrigation meter and its installation and shall be responsible to pay a metered rate, if the request to combine is granted.

Section 6. Exclusions. These rates are not applicable to those residents who have a contract with the City to allow the City use of the irrigation water to which they are entitled and who use the pressure irrigation system for delivery. Their costs shall be as set forth in their respective contracts.

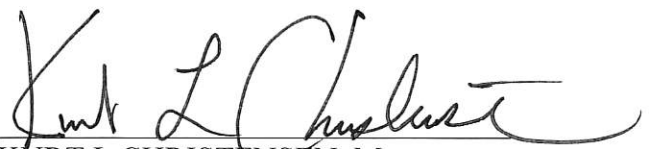
Section 7. Year-round Billing. The rates, both base and usage, shall be applied on a monthly basis year around.

Section 8. Hardship. The City Finance Director may grant a hardship exception to the rates established. An applicant for a hardship must provide evidence of the hardship claimed, but must be based, among other evidence, on a showing of less water consumption. The Finance Director may grant an exception and establish an appropriate rate, based on the tables included in this resolution. The decision of the Finance Director is appealable to the City Council by filing a written request, within one week of the decision, to appear before the Council.

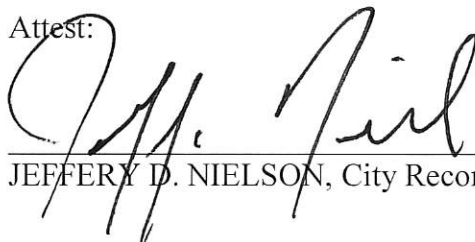
Section 9. Repealer. This resolution replaces and supersedes resolution number 51816, amending pressure irrigation rates.

Section 10. Effective Date. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

DATED: July 15, 2020.


KURT L CHRISTENSEN, Mayor

Attest:


JEFFERY D. NIELSON, City Recorder