TOWN OF LAKEVIEW OREGON

In the matter of approving and authorizing the adoption of a municipal water/sewer ordinance establishing fees, fines and costs associated with operation of the water and sewer systems for the Town of Lakeview.

RESOLUTION _____

WHEREAS, The Town of Lakeview has developed a new municipal water ordinance which tightens up our regulations and clarifies resident responsibilities Town services under the municipal water ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council of Lakeview must plan and operate our water and sewer systems in conformance with all state and federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Lakeview has a legal responsibility to maintain and improve our water and sewer system to better serve the needs of our residents and in a manner which sustains our systems for the betterment of the Town of Lakeview; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lakeview, Oregon has agreed to operate and maintain these municipal functions to the best of our ability for the present direct beneficiaries and for the long term betterment of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Lakeview, Oregon has determined that it is necessary to set fees, fines and shared cost for the clarification of mutual roles and responsibilities in maintaining and operating our water and sewer services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lakeview Government has determined that the adoption of a new water/sewer ordinance is necessary to provide clarity of the roles of the Town and its residents in operating, maintaining and expanding our service delivery in a manner that benefits current residents and future residents who wish to make Lakeview their home; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council officially approves the adoption of the following fees and service costs for area residents in order to ensure that each member of our community fully understands the role of the Town and its citizens in operating the municipal water and sewer system.

ACTIVITY	REQUIREMENTS	RESPONSIBILITIES
1.Water/Sewer Bills Due Date	All water/sewer bills are due by the 20th of each month unless this day falls on a weekend or holiday then the payment is due on the next working day.	Water/Sewer bills shall be deemed delinquent if the bill is not satisfied on or before the 21st day of each month. Interest charges will be assessed from that date forward until the account is brought current.

2. Interest charged on past due accounts.	2% interest shall be charged on all past due accounts monthly until such account is brought current.	Accounts which are not brought current after six months may be sent to collections at the sole discretion of the Town of Lakeview, Oregon
3. Shut-Off fees	Accounts which are delinquent for thirty days shall be assessed a shut-off fee of $100 and water/sewer services shall be terminated until the account is brought current	Accounts which are shut-off due to non-payment shall remain shut-off until the account is brought up current and/or satisfied with the conditions set forth by the Utility Service Board.
4. New Service Fee	Should a resident request a new service, the resident will pay a new connection fee, the cost of a water meter and a charge for a line connection from the water main for each foot of piping in excess of sixty feet.	New Service Fee = $ Water Meter Fee = $ Line connection 60 feet = free Line connection 61 feet= $3/ft
5. Water leak charge	A leak on private property shall be the responsibility of the property owner to repair within seven days of notification from the Town. Failure to make repairs shall result in additional fees and water and sewer shut off until the leak is repaired.	Failure to repair water leaks on private property will result in a charge for all water wasted and a daily charge of $50 until the repair is made. Failure to repair the leak as required may result in water/sewer shut off until proof of repair is provided by the property owner
6. Town responsibilities	The town is responsible for all water and sewer lines up to the water meter. No citizens are allowed to work on water/sewer lines under the Town Responsibilities.	Residents who tamper, bypasses or manipulate water service lines to receive water which is not run through a water meter will be subject to a fine of $1,000 and a potential criminal complaint for damages to the Town.
7. Resident responsibilities	Residents are responsible for all water/sewer delivery/discharge lines on private property. The Town has no responsibility for lines on private property.	In extremely rare cases the Town may elect to repair a leak on private property to prevent excessive waste of municipal resources. The property owner must consent to the repair and pay the true and actual cost of the repair to the Town should this be necessary.
8. Backflow devices	Residents are required to have a working backflow protection device on every residential service connection at the property owner expense.	All backflow devices are required to be tested annually at the property owner's expense. Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in a fine of $250 and $100 a day until this requirement is met.
9. Contesting a water/sewer bill by a Utility	A customer of the Town of Lakeview who wishes to contest their water bill must continue to	The Utility Service Board is the only entity that has the authority to adjust or modify a water bill.

customer of the Town of Lakeview	pay the per household minimum while in dispute. The customer must request a hearing before the Utility Service Board by submitting a hearing request and participating in a complete billing review prior to the hearing.	This customer has a responsibility to protect and preserve municipal water and should not expect to get a discounted bill just because they appear before the Utility Service Board. Adjustments will only be made for legitimate purposes such as incorrect billing, and refusing to pay your bill is not grounds for an adjustment.
10. Tampering or making a connection to Town water without a permit or authorization from the Town is strictly prohibited,	Individuals who are found to have made an illegal connection to Town water infrastructure shall be subject to a criminal complaint and a fine of $1,000 for each incident.	Individuals who penetrate water lines and/or main lines in the Town right away shall be in violation of this municipal ordinance and subject to criminal complaints and a fine of $1,000 per incident.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Lakeview may adjust fines, fees and expenses as necessary by resolution to protect these vital resources as necessary as determined by the Town of Lakeview; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Lakeview shall review and adjust fees, fines and expenses at a minimum of every five years; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the Town Council of Lakeview, Oregon will adopt water rates for a period of not more nor less than five years by resolution in order to maintain adequate rates which coincides with the cost of providing these services as evidenced by a rate study or additional evaluative work as necessary to sustain municipal utility operations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council in duly constituted meeting this 24thth day of November 2026 which publicly affirms the approval of this resolution by a roll call vote which repeals and replaces in it's entirety the official water/sewer ordinance governing the Town of Lakeview as indicated by affixing the signature of the Mayor of the Town of Lakeview, Oregon.

Passed by the Common Council by a majority vote:

_____ In Favor

_____ Opposed

Town of Lakeview, Oregon

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Marc O’Brien, Mayor

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_____, Town Recorder
Town of Lakeview, Oregon Town Council November 24, 2026