# BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MOSIER, OREGON

### Resolution No. 2014-07

# A Resolution Repealing Resolution 2008-09 and Adopting a New Schedule of Rates for All Users of the City Sewer Utility

The Mosier City Council makes the following findings:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to City's Municipal Sewer Code – Chapters 11.02.050 and 11.02.430, the City Council is authorized to establish, and from time to time revise, customer sewer rates that reflect actual costs of the operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the collection and treatment works; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to this authority, on December 3, 2008, the Mosier City Council adopted Resolution 2008-09 (Resolution Adopting Sewer Rates), which established a schedule of sewer rates for all customers of the City's sewer utility; and

**WHEREAS**, since that time, the need has arisen to revise the rates and schedule of charges for the city's sewer utility as reflected in <u>Exhibit A</u>, attached to this resolution and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the City's contractor operator (CH2MHill-OMI) increases its operations charges annually and these charges represent a significant portion of the total annual expense for the sewer utility; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council scheduled, duly noticed and held public meetings on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, and July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for the consideration of a proposed revision to the city's rate schedule for monthly sewer utility fees, at which the Council took public testimony on the proposed new rates and charges.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, based on the foregoing findings, the Mosier City Council hereby repeals in its entirety Resolution 2008-09 (Resolution Adopting Sewer Rates) and all prior city sewer utility rate schedules and adopts a new Schedule of Charges for the Mosier Sewer Utility shown in <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a>, attached to this resolution and incorporated herein by this reference.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Non-Profit organizations using less than 10,000 gallons of water will be considered an ERU Multiple 0.75. The American Legion, Mosier Grange, and Mosier First Christian Church are determined to fit the Rate Class of VI and any other Non-Profit organizations must come before the City Council for a determination request. The rates adopted by this Resolution shall be billed each month per sewer connection. There will be no "turn-off" or vacation rates for non-use except as provided by City Council policy where a property has been shut-off (meter locked) pursuant to affirmative City action to stop service at a particular property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to maintain adequate revenue to match inflationary increases in the sewer utility expenses, the City may, by administrative process, automatically adjust the sewer rates annually based on the proportional increase in total sewer utility expenses caused by increased costs imposed by the City's contract operator, CH2MHill - OMI. The annual rate increase by administrative process will not exceed two (2) percent.

IT IS SO RESOLVED and passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_2014, by a majority of the Mosier City Council.

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	Andrea Rogers, Mayor	
ATTEST:	Approved as to form:	
Kathy Fitzpatrick, City Manager	Daniel Kearns, City Attorney	

#### EXHIBIT A – SEWER RATE SCHEDULE

## Effective August 1, 2014:

Rate Class	Description	ERU Multiple	Rate per month
I	Single Family Residential	1.0	\$63
II	Multi-Family Residential	1.0	\$63
III	Schools	5.0	\$315
IV	Commercial (incl. Bed & Breakfast)	1.5	\$94.50
V	Accessory Dwelling Unit	0.75	\$47.25
VI	All other classes, not included above *	To be determined by City	
		Engineer	-

<sup>\*</sup> For non-residential development, the City Engineer will determine the monthly sewer rate on a case by case basis using standard practices. Generally, the rate will be based on the size of the water meter, the type of use, or an estimate of the number of equivalent dwelling units.

City determined that Non-Profit organizations using less than 10,000 gallons of water per year will be considered an ERU Multiple 0.75.

American Legion, Mosier Grange, and Mosier First Christian Church are determined to fit the Rate Class of VI and any other Non-Profit organizations must come before the City Council for a determination request.

These rates will be billed per month per sewer connection. There will be no "turn-off" rates available for non-use. For new construction, rates are in effect upon installation of the water meter and approval by the City of the connection to the sewer service.