

RESOLUTION NO. 20-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BANDON, OREGON, PLACING ON THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2020,
ELECTION BALLOT A CORRECTED MEASURE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN WATER
RATES.

WHEREAS, Water rates in the City of Bandon have been insufficient to pay for proper operation and maintenance of the water treatment and distribution systems, and to build reserves for future water system improvements, watershed protection, and securing additional sources of water; and

WHEREAS, water rates for operation and maintenance of the water system have not increased since 2006, and

WHEREAS, the City Charter restricts the ability of the Mayor and City Council to set water rates, except by consent of the voters; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that the attached provides sufficient revenue and an appropriate balance of rates,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bandon that the measure captioned "City of Bandon Water Rate Increase," which is included herein as Exhibit A, is hereby placed on the September 15, 2020, election ballot for the City of Bandon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval by the voters, the City will implement the water rates.

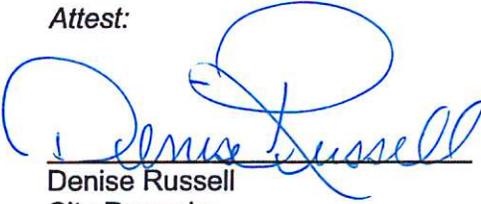
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 25th day of June, 2020.



Mary Schamehorn, Mayor

Attest:



Denise Russell
City Recorder

Exhibit A.

CAPTION: City of Bandon Water Rate Increase

QUESTION: Should the City increase the monthly base water rates \$8.00 in the City, and \$11.00 outside the City.

SUMMARY: While there was a water rate increase in 2016 dedicated to capital improvements, City water rates for operations have not increased since 2006. Operations costs have increased with inflation in 14 years, particularly as the plant and pipes age. Expenses currently exceed revenues. If revenues do not increase, the City will likely have to subsidize operations from the general fund, of which 44% goes to fund police and fire protection. The city is seeking voter approval for an increase of \$8.00 per month in the base water rates for customers in the City and \$11.00 for customers outside the City. The base water rates include 2,000 gallons of water per month, and revenue from this measure will go to operation and maintenance of the plant and distribution system.