

RESOLUTION NO. 20-17

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 SEWER  
RATES FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, Sewer rates in the City of Bandon have been insufficient to pay for proper operation and maintenance of the sewer treatment and collection system.

WHEREAS, sewer rates for operation and maintenance have not increased since 2011, and

WHEREAS, the City Charter restricts the ability of the Mayor and City Council to set utility 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 charges to various users,

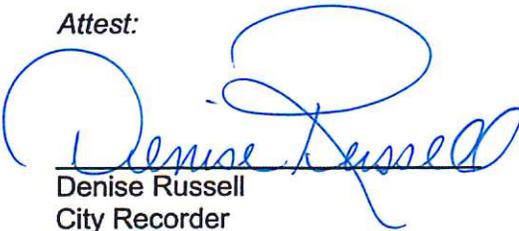
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bandon that the measure captioned "City of Bandon Sewer Rate Increase," which is included herein as "Exhibit A," is hereby placed on the September 15, 2020, election ballot for the City of Bandon; and

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

ADOPTED by the City Council this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
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Mary Schamehorn, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Denise Russell  
City Recorder

## Exhibit A

**BALLOT TITLE:** City of Bandon Sewer Rate Increase

**QUESTION:** Should the City increase the monthly base sewer rates \$7.00 in the City, and \$11.00 outside the City.

**SUMMARY:** Bandon's last sewer rate increase was in 2011. Since that time, operation costs have increased with inflation, particularly as the plant and pipes age. Expenses have exceeded revenues for some time. 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 \$7.00 per month in the base sewer rates for customers inside the City, and an \$11.00 increase in base rates for customers outside the City. This increase will go to operation and maintenance of the plant and collection system.