

City of St. Helens  
**RESOLUTION NO. 1798**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ECONOMIC INDEX USED TO  
ANNUALLY ADJUST WATER, WASTEWATER, AND STORMWATER  
MONTHLY USER CHARGES

**WHEREAS**, the St. Helens Municipal Code authorizes the City Council to set and amend water, wastewater, and stormwater charges by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Helens Municipal Code requires such fees to be reasonable and necessary as a means for the delivery of these critical municipal utility services; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of operating and improving the water, wastewater, and stormwater systems increases each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Helens City Council has determined the most appropriate cost index for use in annually adjusting all City utilities rates is the Engineering News-Record's (ENR) 20 city average Construction Cost Index (CCI); where the CCI is defined by ENR as:

200 hours of common labor at the 20-city average of common labor rates, plus 25 cwt of standard structural steel shapes at the mill price prior to 1996 and the fabricated 20-city price from 1996, plus 1.128 tons of Portland cement at the 20-city price, plus 1,088 board ft. of 2 x 4 lumber at the 20-city price.; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Helens City Council has determined the ENR CCI economic index hereinafter specified and established are just, reasonable, and necessary.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ST. HELENS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS...**


**Section 1. Annualized Rate Adjustment of Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Rates.** Notwithstanding any other provision, the dollar amounts of the monthly rates for water, wastewater, and stormwater shall, on January 1 of each year, be adjusted to account for changes in the costs of acquiring and constructing facilities. The adjustment factor shall be based on:

- a. The annual change in construction costs according to the ENR 20 City Average CCI published in the ENR in December of each year.
- b. The ENR CCI adjustment factor shall be used to adjust the monthly rates for water, wastewater, and stormwater services, unless they are otherwise adjusted by the city based on a change in the costs of materials, labor, or real property; or adoption of an updated methodology for calculating such monthly rates.

**Approved and adopted** by the City Council on August 16, 2017, by the following vote:

Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Scholl

Nays: None

  
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Rick Scholl, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kathy Payne, City Recorder