

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2046

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, SETTING THE SEWER UTILITY RATES FOR 2026

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13.08.090 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code, the City Council establishes rates for sanitary sewer services by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest Park has a sewer rate structure where a portion of the rate is for King County treatment charges, and a portion is for the operation and maintenance of the City's sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the City completed a study of the sewer rates for operation, maintenance, and for the long-term replacement of the sewer system infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the study recommended that the City's portion of the sewer rates be increased and a portion of the revenue be set aside in a new fund for future capital replacement of the City's sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted sewer utility rates for 2025 and 2026 in Resolution 24-1980, which reflected an anticipated 7% increase by King County in its treatment charge for 2026; and

WHEREAS, King County has now increased its treatment charge by 7.5% for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City's portion of the sewer rate will increase by 5% in 2026 to keep up with rising operational costs that exceeded the previous biennium's rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to increase the City's portion of the sewer rates in 2026, and to increase the City's sewer rate charge to account for the full increase in the King County treatment charge.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The sewer rates listed in Resolution 24-1980 for the year 2026 are hereby repealed.

Section 2. Effective January 1, 2026, the following classification of sewer use and schedule of rates and charges for sanitary sewer service are adopted, for properties located within the boundaries of the City of Lake Forest Park as now or hereafter determined:

Class No.	Description	Rate
I.	Residential (single-family and housing units with four or less residential units per building),	\$80.74 \$86.24 per month per unit
II.	Multi-family Residential (housing units with five or more units per building)	\$11.90 \$12.68 per hundred cubic feet (ccf) per month
III.	Commercial	\$11.90 \$12.68 per hundred cubic feet (ccf) per month per unit of business

Section 3. SEVERABILITY. Should any portion of this resolution, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, resolution numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect immediately after passage and publication.

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY of the Lake Forest Park City Council this ____ day of November, 2025.

APPROVED:

Tom French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Matt McLean, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
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