

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION ADDING A SURCHARGE TO WATER METERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING AND DEDICATING GENERAL FUND RESOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL WORK AS PART OF THE ASHLAND FOREST RESILIENCY PROGRAM**

Recitals:

- A. The City of Ashland operates Ashland Water Utility to provide potable water to customers within the City limits of Ashland and to certain customers outside of these boundaries.
- B. The City of Ashland also manages a Forest Interface division that is charged with doing work to protect the watershed. The Ashland Forest Resiliency Program is part of that division's oversight, performed by the Fire Department in the General Fund.
- C. The AFR program's success in the interface requires additional funding estimated at \$175,000 per year to maintain the work done to date.
- D. Protection of the watershed has a direct relationship to the City's ability to provide potable water to customers in the amounts needed in sufficient quantities allowed by the size and use of the water meter.
- E. Establishing a surcharge on water utility customer meters is a reasonable means of funding increased, ongoing AFR work in that the funding source is rationally related to the goal of ensuring water source continuity for the City.
- F. The City Council intends to only use the funds generated by this surcharge for expanded AFR activity in the General Fund.

THE CITY OF ASHLAND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A \$1.39 per equivalent ¾" meter surcharge on each water meter per Exhibit A shall be added monthly to the bill of each Ashland water utility customer to provide a funding resource directly to the General Fund, Fire Department, Forest Interface Division for the purpose of added Ashland Forest Resiliency work of \$175,000 per year effective July 1, 2015.

SECTION 2. The surcharge revenue is not subject to any franchise fee calculation and is to be directly deposited to the General Fund and accounted for separately.

SECTION 3. Water meters for City and Parks department are exempted from this surcharge since levying this charge would only require passing the impact on to customers through other rates and fees.

This resolution was duly PASSED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, and takes effect upon signing by the Mayor.

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Barbara Christensen, City Recorder

SIGNED and APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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John Stromberg, Mayor

Reviewed as to form:

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David Lohman, City Attorney

## Exhibit A

<b>Size in Inches</b>	<b>Monthly Charge by Size</b>
<b>0.75</b>	\$ 1.39
<b>1</b>	\$ 1.39
<b>1.5</b>	\$ 6.95
<b>2</b>	\$ 11.12
<b>3</b>	\$ 22.24
<b>4</b>	\$ 34.75
<b>6</b>	\$ 69.50
<b>8</b>	\$ 111.20