

RESOLUTION NO. 2205

**A RESOLUTION UPDATING WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FEES AND
SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2202 RELATED TO THE MASTER FEE
SCHEDULE**

Whereas, on October 8, 2018, the City Council adopted resolutions 2112 and 2113 to establish updated water and sewer utility user rate methodologies, and

WHEREAS, intent of resolutions 2112 and 2113 was to establish sustainable fees necessary to keep the systems in a state of good repair, and

WHEREAS, resolutions 2112 and 2113 included provisions to annually adjust fees by an amount equal to inflation experienced by the construction industry for the year, and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to keep price adjustments stable and predictable for the customers, and

WHEREAS, inflationary pressures in 2021 have been significantly higher than any time in nearly 40 years, and

WHEREAS, averaging an annual inflation adjustment over three years achieves the Council's dual goals of maintaining the systems in good repair while keeping prices stable and predictable for the customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HERMISTON RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the water and sewer utility rates shall be adjusted each March 1 by an amount equal to the annual percentage change in the Engineering News-Record Construction Index averaged for the three preceding calendar year;
2. That the attached updated Master Fee Schedule, including a 3.75% increase to water and sewer user fees is approved and adopted;
3. That this resolution shall supersede Resolution No. 2202, relating to the Master Fee Schedule;
4. That pursuant to ORS 221.310(3), that this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

(SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS)

PASSED by the Common Council this 10th day of January, 2022.

SIGNED by the Mayor this 10th day of January, 2022.

Dr. David Drotzmann, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lilly Alarcon-Strong, CMC, CITY RECORDER