

**CITY OF MONROE**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-023**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MONROE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING AN UPDATE TO  
THE SIX-YEAR UTILITY RATE MODEL AND UTILITY  
RATES FOR 2026

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WHEREAS, the City of Monroe (hereinafter referred to as City) operates water, sewer, and stormwater utilities under the authority of state law, including, without limitation, Chapter 35.92 RCW, Chapter 35.67 RCW, and Chapter 35A.80 RCW, as applicable; and

WHEREAS, the City has a need to ensure that appropriate resources are available for the utilities' operations, capital, and debt activities; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipated utility rate adjustments for years 2020 through 2025 and adopted those adjustments via Resolution 022/2019; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted Resolution 2024-020 establishing utility rate adjustments for 2026 based on a 3.8% consumer price index inflationary increase in the water, sewer, and stormwater utilities to ensure that the necessary fiscal resources are available for the utilities' operations, capital, and debt activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe purchases its wholesale water supply from the City of Everett, which has increased its wholesale water rates effective February 2025 pursuant to Everett Ordinance No. 4065-25; and

WHEREAS, the City of Everett's increase in wholesale water rates directly impacts the City of Monroe's cost of providing potable water to its customers; and

WHEREAS, the revised wholesale water cost exceeds the assumptions underlying the 3.8% inflationary adjustment previously established by Resolution 2024-020; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to revise the 2026 water utility rate increase to reflect the increase in the cost of wholesale water purchased from the City of Everett, in order to maintain the financial stability of the City's water utility; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent to analyze the utilities' needs over a six-year horizon; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to initiate a new six-year rate analysis study in 2026 for the period beginning in 2027 through 2032; and

WHEREAS, pending the outcome and implementation of the new six-year rate analysis, the City desires to adjust its current water, sewer, and stormwater utility rates, effective January 1, 2026, to approximately reflect the City's increased costs of providing such utility service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 2026 Rate Adjustment. The City of Monroe's utility rate increase for 2026 shall be 11.0% for the City's water utility and 3.8% for the sewer and stormwater utilities.

Section 2. Amendment to the City of Monroe Fees Resolution, Schedule F. The City Council hereby expresses its intent for the utility rate adjustments set forth in Section 1 above to be formally adopted as amendments to Schedule F of the City Fees Resolution by separate Council action, effective January 1, 2026.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Monroe, at its regular meeting thereof, and APPROVED by the Mayor, this 18th day of November 2025.

Approved: November 18, 2025  
Effective: November 18, 2025

CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON

  
Geoffrey Thomas (Nov 21, 2025 14:31:15 PST)

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jodi Wycoff, City Clerk

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