

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTIONS IN CHAPTERS 13.04.100 & 13.04.220 & 13.04.240 & 13.04.250 OF THE REPUBLIC MUNICIPAL CODE THAT ASSESS FEES, RATES, AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC; REPEALING SECTION 13.04.360 RMC IN ITS ENTIRETY; INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY PROVISION; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Chapter 13.04.100 of the City of Republic Municipal Code (“RMC”) established monthly fees, rates and charges to be assessed for service charges for water in the City of Republic (“City”); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 13.04.220 RMC established utility bill due dates and fees to be assessed for past due accounts; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 13.04.240 RMC established monthly fees, rates and charges to be assessed for service charges for sewer service in the City of Republic; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 13.04.250 RMC established a monthly surcharge on every active water and sewer connection to fund 409; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 13.04.360 established a \$15.55 debt service on every meterable water service connection to pay a loan obtained from the Farmers Home Administration and the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the City of Republic has paid off the USDA loans and no longer has a need for a debt service fee; and

WHEREAS, the City of Republic has paid off the USDA loans and no longer has a need for Fund 406 – Debt Service or Fund 407 – Debt Service Reserve and is desirous of closing those funds and transferring any remaining amount to fund 401 – Water & Sewer Fund; and

WHEREAS, following the closure of the debt service fund, and in order to ensure revenues are sufficient to cover the costs of utility service and infrastructure, the City desires to amend the fees, rates, and charges assessed pursuant to Chapter 13.04.100, 13.04.220, 13.04.240 & 13.04.250 RMC as set forth herein,

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Republic, Washington, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. – AMENDMENT

A. RMC Section 13.04.100, which reads as follows:

The charge for service and water consumed by customers inside the corporate limits of the city shall be based upon the applicable following schedule:

Service Charge

Meter Size Inside	Rate
¾"	\$36.50
1"	37.85
1 ¼"	39.15
1 ½"	40.15
2"	44.15
3"	46.85
4"	53.50
6"	66.80

Meter Size Inside Irrigation	Rate
¾"	\$36.50
1"	37.85
1 ¼"	39.15
1 ½"	40.15
2"	44.15
3"	46.85
4"	53.50
6"	66.80

Hydrant	Rate
2"	\$22.50
4"	24.50
6"	29.50

Meter Size Outside	Rate
¾"	\$54.75
1"	56.77
1 ¼"	58.72
1 ½"	60.22
2"	66.22
3"	70.27
4"	80.25
6"	100.20

Meter Size Outside Irrigation	Rate
¾"	\$54.75
1"	56.77
1 ¼"	58.72
1 ½"	60.22
2"	66.22
3"	70.27
4"	80.25
6"	100.20

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city shall be charged the residential service charge rate listed above for the applicable meter or hydrant size, plus an additional cost of \$0.50 per month for each commercial service.

Any resident at least sixty-two (62) years of age (after providing sufficient proof of age) and has an annual combined income of \$27,000.00 or less, or 62 years of age with proof of disability and income over \$27,000.00 living in a separate family residence shall pay two dollars (\$2.00) less per month on the above service charges for a Single-family residential rate.

For water delivered based upon monthly meter readings, all amounts used over four thousand (4,000) gallons shall be charged at a rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per one thousand (1,000) gallon increments.

Commercial hydrant rate of \$24.00 will be charged per fill up for the first four thousand (4,000) gallons with an additional cost of \$1.50 for each thousand (1,000) thereafter, with \$24.00 minimum. An additional 10% utility tax will be added to the final bill. City Hall faucet rate of five dollars and no cents (\$5.00) per 100 gallons or (\$5.00) minimum per fill-up.

Is hereby amended to read as follows:

The charge for residential service and water consumed by customers inside the corporate limits of the city shall be based upon the applicable following schedule:

Service Charge

Meter Size Inside	Rate
¾"	\$45.50
1"	46.85
1 ¼"	48.15
1 ½"	49.15
2"	53.15
3"	55.85
4"	62.50
6"	75.80
Meter Size Inside Irrigation	Rate
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1"	46.85
1 ¼"	48.15
1 ½"	49.15
2"	53.15
3"	55.85
4"	62.50
6"	75.80
Hydrant	Rate

2"	\$31.50
4"	33.50
6"	38.50

Meter Size Outside	Rate
3/4"	\$68.25
1"	70.28
1 1/4"	72.23
1 1/2"	73.73
2"	79.73
3"	83.78
4"	93.75
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B. RMC Section 13.04.220, which reads as follows:

The water, sewer and solid waste disposal bill shall cover a period of one month and shall be issued upon a single statement. All charges for water, sewer and solid waste disposal services shall be due and payable on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month after the bill has been issued. This bill becomes delinquent after said fifteenth (15th) day. A late penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be charged on any bill not paid in full by the beginning of the next to the last working day of the month that a bill becomes delinquent, unless prior arrangements have been made. If water service is disconnected as provided in this chapter, except as otherwise provided herein, the outstanding balance and penalties, plus reconnect fees, must be paid in full before water service is reconnected.

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C. RMC Section 13.04.240, which reads as follows:

Separate family residence (including each unit of an apartment, duplex, triplex, trailer house and each trailer court)	\$39.50 per month
Hotel, motel, rooming places	\$44.75 per month plus \$3.00 per unit
Schools, hospitals	\$77.75 per building
Churches	\$43.75 per month
All commercial and industrial users	\$43.75 per month

Any user who pays a sewer fee as adopted by the City who discontinues service during a calendar month shall only be responsible for the proportionate amount of the month that sewer service was provided to such user; provided, however, that such user shall be responsible for those fees incurred up to the date of discontinuance of service, which shall be the date in which the user notifies City Hall in writing that they have discontinued service.

Any resident at least sixty-two (62) years of age (after providing sufficient proof of age) and has an annual combined income of \$27,000.00 or less, or 62 years of age with proof of disability and income over \$27,000.00 living in a separate family residence shall pay

two dollars (\$2.00) less per month on the above service charges for a Single-family residential rate.

Is hereby amended to read as follows:

Separate family residence (including each unit of an apartment, duplex, triplex, trailer house and each trailer court)	\$43.50 per month
Hotel, motel, rooming places	\$48.75 per month plus \$3.00 per unit
Schools, hospitals	\$81.75 per building
Churches	\$47.75 per month
All commercial and industrial users	\$47.75 per month

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D. Chapter 13.04.250 of the Republic Municipal Code, which reads as follows:

- A. Fund 409 is Established. All funds deposited into Fund 409 shall be used for maintaining the water/ sewer systems and other water/ sewer expenses deemed necessary.
- B. Two dollars and Fifty cents (\$2.50) shall be extracted from each monthly basic charge for water and sewer as of January 1, 2022. This dollar amount is to be deposited into Fund 409.

Is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. Fund 409 is Established. All funds deposited into Fund 409 shall be used for maintaining the water/ sewer systems and other water/ sewer expenses deemed necessary.
- B. Five Dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) shall be extracted from each monthly basic charge for water, and Four Dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) shall be extracted from each monthly basic charge for sewer as of August 1, 2026. This dollar amount is to be deposited into Fund 409.

E. Closing Fund 406, 407 & Transferring any remaining amount to Fund 401

Fund 406 Debt Service – Transfer the entire balance to Fund 401 Water & Sewer Fund and then close Fund 406.

Fund 407 Debt Service Reserve - Transfer the entire balance to Fund 401 Water & Sewer Fund and then close Fund 407.

SECTION 2 – REPEALER Section 13.04.360 RMC – Utility debt service fund established is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3 – RATIFICATION. All other provisions of the Republic Municipal Code not expressly amended by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect without modification.

SECTION 4- SEVERABILITY. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5 – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective August 1, 2026 after its passage by the Council and five (5) days after publication as required by law.

6th PASSED THE BY CITY COUNCIL of the City of Republic, Washington this
day of July 2026.

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GABRIEL BECKLIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

N. Olsen
NICOLAS OLSEN, CLERK TREASURER

