ORDINANCE NO. 1215

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, SETTING 2022 SEWER UTILITY RATES, PROVIDING FOR SERVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the setting of City sewer rates are authorized in Section 13.08.090 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code; 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's portion of the sewer rate has increased by an average of roughly two and a half percent per year over the last decade; and

WHEREAS, the City has increased its portion of the sewer rate every-other year for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that an increase of six percent of the City's portion of the sewer rate, or approximately a two percent increase in the total charge to customers, is required to keep up with rising operating costs of the sewer system; and

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

Section 1. Effective January 1, 2022, 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),	\$66.39 \$ 67.53 per month per unit
II.	Multi-family Residential (housing units with five or more units per building)	\$9.83 \$10.06 per hundred cubic feet (ccf) per month
III.	Commercial	\$9.83 \$10.06 per hundred cubic feet (ccf) per month per unit of business

<u>Section 2. SEVERABILITY.</u> Should any portion of this ordinance, 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 Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

<u>Section 3. CORRECTIONS.</u> The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2022.

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY of the Lake Forest Park City Council this 5th day of November, 2020.

APPROVED:

Jeff Johnson

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Evelyn Jahed

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kim Adams Pratt

City Attorney

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