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Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 6:56 PM  
To: City Recorder; Linn West  
Subject: Fwd: Unfair nature of City of Yachats water and sewer billing

Kimmie,

Please put this email under citizen concerns using subject line and add to agenda documents.

Thanks  
Don

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From: <drew@overleaf lodge.com>  
Date: Tue, May 2, 2023 at 3:44 PM  
Subject: Unfair nature of City of Yachats water and sewer billing  
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Linn West, Chair  
Don Groth, Co-Chair  
City of Yachats Public Works and Streets Commission

Dear Linn and Don,

I write to you to point out something that is really unfair in the City's water billing. For the latest water billing, the term was actually almost 5 weeks as opposed to one month. The prior reading was March 20 and the current reading was April 26th. This is unfair because it will kick some low use residential users into paying for an extra unit of water that in many cases they would not be charged for if the billing cycle were actually one month or about 30 days. If a user typically uses about 2 units per month they can be metered for 1 unit in a short billing cycle and then 3 units in a longer billing cycle. This extra cost is \$13.08 on a bill. There is no savings for a resident who only uses 1 unit per month.

This issue has zero impact on our commercial lodging operations because we are well over the minimum allowance every month regardless of the billing cycle.

When the PWSC and Council was considering going to a 2 unit allowance every month I testified against this for different reasons than mentioned above. I thoroughly understand the rationale for automatically charging for 2 units every month so that the city gets the benefits of charging for 2 units to the absentee homeowner who only uses water periodically ? the city gets a lot of money for zero use. As a former member of the PWSC for 8 years back at the turn of the century we had this debate a lot.

I don't know if there is a solution for this other than getting on a more consistent 30 day meter read cycle. That may complicate staffing, but that is the fairest way to charge our full time residents.

Please let me know if I should send this to the mayor or council instead of to you. I don't know the current hierarchical protocol.

Thank you for your time and for your service to Yachats!

Sincerely,  
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