

ORDINANCE NO. 13-19

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland amending Title 14: Electricity, of the Richland Municipal Code regarding Net Metering.

WHEREAS, the City of Richland has need, from time to time, to amend the Richland Municipal Code (RMC) to bring local ordinances into alignment with developed practices, to eliminate conflicts and ambiguities, and to bring local laws into compliance with state laws; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richland Energy Services (RES) operates and maintains an electric utility delivering power to customers served by RES with a focus on reliability and keeping rates as low as reasonably possible; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 80.60 RCW, Net Metering of Electricity, requires electric utilities to provide a net metering program; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, RES has offered customers net metering pursuant to Chapter 80.60 RCW; and

WHEREAS, RES has exceeded the requirements of Chapter 80.60 RCW to make net metering available until the cumulative generating capacity of net metering systems equals 0.5% of RES' 1996 utility peak demand of 1023 kW; and

WHEREAS, RES charges net metering customers for utility energy delivered to the customer during a billing interval at the current retail rate of \$0.0686 per kWh; and

WHEREAS, RES credits net metering customers for excess energy received from customer generators during a billing interval at the current retail rate of \$0.0686 per kWh; and

WHEREAS, the net metering credit currently exceeds the avoided cost of wholesale energy, and the value RES receives from customer-generated electricity results in non-net metering customers subsidizing the net metering credit and distribution infrastructure fixed costs; and

WHEREAS, the Utility Financial Operating Policy adopted by City Council on September 19, 2006 established a principle that current and future customers within each class will pay their fair shares of the cost of service; and

WHEREAS, the Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) supports staff's recommendation that any net metering system approved and installed after November 1, 2018 be provided a credit for received generation according to the value RES obtains from customer-generated electricity; and

WHEREAS, the value of excess customer-generated electricity received is equal to no more than the avoided cost of purchasing additional wholesale energy; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends charging a net metering infrastructure fee based on this avoided cost for received generation from net metering systems approved and installed after November 1, 2018, and an additional one-time fee for installing net metering equipment for net metering systems approved and installed after November 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the net metering infrastructure fee and net metering equipment installation fee shall be published in the City Fee Schedule and be revised as needed to meet the City’s Utility Financial Operations Policy principles; and

WHEREAS, amendments to Title 14 RMC are required to bring the City into compliance with RCW 82.16.160, RCW 82.16.165, RCW 82.16.170, RCW 82.16.175, and WAC 504-49.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Richland Municipal Code Chapter 14.08, entitled Definitions, as originally enacted by Ordinance No. 90, and last amended by Ordinance No. 09-18, is hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 14.08
DEFINITIONS**

Sections:

- 14.08.010 Definitions.**
- 14.08.015 Avoided cost.**
- 14.08.020 Billing month.**
- 14.08.025 Chief electrical engineer.**
- 14.08.030 Customer.**
- 14.08.040 Construction costs of distribution facilities.**
- 14.08.050 Construction payment.**
- 14.08.060 Demand.**
- 14.08.070 Department.**
- 14.08.075 Director.**
- 14.08.080 Distribution extension.**
- 14.08.090 Distribution reinforcement.**
- 14.08.100 Extension completion date.**
- 14.08.110 Indeterminate service.**
- ~~14.08.115 Investment cost recovery incentive.~~**
- 14.08.120 Multiple dwellings.**
- 14.08.130 Net metering.**
- 14.08.140 On-peak period.**
- 14.08.150 Permanent service.**

- 14.08.160 Person.**
- 14.08.170 Point of delivery.**
- 14.08.175 Power quality.**
- 14.08.180 Refund of construction payment.**
- 14.08.190 Residence.**
- 14.08.200 Service lateral.**
- 14.08.205 Special equipment.**
- 14.08.210 Standard construction allowance.**
- 14.08.220 Temporary service.**
- 14.08.230 Traffic management systems.**

14.08.010 Definitions.

The following words and phrases shall, when used in this title, have the meanings attributed to them in this chapter.

14.08.015 Avoided cost.

“Avoided cost” means the cost to the electric utility of electric energy which could be purchased from another source.

14.08.020 Billing month.

“Billing month” means the month which includes the last day of the period of electrical consumption for which the customer will be billed.

14.08.025 Chief electrical engineer.

“Chief electrical engineer” means the chief electrical engineer of the department.

14.08.030 Customer.

“Customer” means any person who uses, has used, or has contracted to use department electric energy.

14.08.040 Construction costs of distribution facilities.

“Construction costs of distribution facilities” means the combined costs of all facilities necessary to the distribution extension or reinforcement, including satisfactory right-of-way.

14.08.050 Construction payment.

“Construction payment” means the amount advanced by the applicant to pay all construction costs in excess of the standard construction allowance.

14.08.060 Demand.

“Demand” for any billing period means the average kilowatt delivery during the 30-minute period in which the consumption of energy is the greatest during the billing period.

14.08.070 Department.

“Department” means the energy services department of the city.

14.08.075 Director.

“Director” means the director of the department.

14.08.080 Distribution extension.

“Distribution extension” means distribution facilities including primary and secondary distribution lines, service laterals, and all appurtenant facilities excepting transformers and meters necessary to supply service to an additional customer.

14.08.090 Distribution reinforcement.

“Distribution reinforcement” means increase in size of existing facilities necessitated by applicant’s estimated electric requirements.

14.08.100 Extension completion date.

“Extension completion date” means the date on which the construction of the distribution extension or distribution reinforcement is completed as shown by the city’s records.

14.08.110 Indeterminate service.

“Indeterminate service” means service where the amount and permanency of service cannot be assured including industrial or commercial enterprises of speculative nature, real estate subdivisions, development of property for sale, enterprises where the applicant will not be the user of electric service or where there is little or no immediate demand for service.

~~14.08.115 Investment cost recovery incentive.~~

~~The “investment cost recovery incentive” is an incentive in addition to net metering in cooperation with the generating customer, the city, and Washington State Department of Revenue. Customers shall meet the requirements of WAC 458-20-273 as currently written or as it may hereafter be amended.~~

14.08.120 Multiple dwellings.

For rate purposes, premises including two or more residential units are residences only if separate metering circuits for each unit are provided without costs to the department. All other premises including two or more residential units shall be considered multiple dwellings. Such premises are billed at a commercial rate.

14.08.130 Net metering.

“Net metering” is the application of ~~a metering~~ a metering that measures the net difference between delivered real energy (kWh) to a customer and received real energy (kWh) from a customer’s net metering system over a billing interval. ~~as defined in Chapter 80.60 RCW or hereafter amended.~~ ~~over a billing interval. Any remaining received real energy (kWh) from the customer at the end of each calendar year is forfeited by the customer. Net metered locations are limited to a generation capacity of not more than 100 kilowatts; use solar, wind or hydropower as fuel; and are intended to offset part or all of a customer’s electrical load. The cumulative generating capacity of net metering systems connected to the city distribution system is limited to 1,023 kilowatts on a first-come basis (based upon~~

~~one half percent of the 1996 city of Richland peak demand of 204,768 kilowatts as required by Chapter 80.60 RCW).~~

14.08.140 On-peak period.

“On-peak period” means the interval of time from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. All other hours are considered the “off-peak period.”

14.08.150 Permanent service.

“Permanent service” means service to residential, commercial or industrial customers where the use of service, including amount and permanency, can be reasonably assured.

14.08.160 Person.

“Person” means any natural person, firm, partnership, or corporation.

14.08.170 Point of delivery.

“Point of delivery” means the point where the department’s electric facilities are first connected to the electric facilities of a customer. The location of the point of delivery will be determined by the city in accordance with standard practice or as individual circumstances may dictate.

14.08.175 Power quality.

Acceptable “power quality” at the point of common coupling demarcation point is that which meets general, steady state, transient, and harmonics recommendations of ANSI C84.1, IEEE 1159, IEEE 1250, IEEE 519, IEEE 446, IEC 868, and other recognized standards as determined by the chief electrical engineer. Interconnection power quality shall additionally meet recommendations of IEEE P1453 and IEEE 929.

14.08.180 Refund of construction payment.

“Refund of construction payment” means the amount of construction payment returned to customers or assignees by the city.

14.08.190 Residence.

“Residence” means any residential unit with a separate meter, any mobile home in a mobile home park if it is supplied with electricity through a separate meter, and any house or building used on a farm; any building used as a place of worship, school, grange building, or building used by a fraternal organization, if the connected load is less than 25 kilowatts.

14.08.200 Service lateral.

“Service lateral” means the secondary overhead or underground electric circuit and associated facilities located between the department’s distribution line and the point of delivery to a customer. Service lateral provides service for customer’s exclusive use.

14.08.205 Special equipment.

“Special equipment” means equipment above and beyond what is normally included in each rate structure to provide electrical service on the distribution system. Special

equipment is items not stocked as part of warehouse inventory and ordered for specific installations at a customer's request with the intent of providing additional reliability, capacity, or enhanced service.

14.08.210 Standard construction allowance.

"Standard construction allowance" means that portion of necessary construction made by the department at its expense. Separate allowances will be established for residential customers and for nonresidential customers.

14.08.220 Temporary service.

"Temporary service" means service to customers where the expected period of usage is less than 12 months, including service to circuses, bazaars, fairs, concessions and construction sites.

14.08.230 Traffic management systems.

"Traffic management systems" shall be as defined and described in WAC Title 296, WAC 296-46B-010(16) through (23).

Section 2. Richland Municipal Code Chapter 14.24, entitled Rates and Charges, as originally enacted by Ordinance No. 90, and last amended by Ordinance No. 35-17, is hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 14.25
RATES AND CHARGES**

Sections:

- 14.24.020 Termination of contract by customer.**
- 14.24.030 Service charges – Temporary service.**
- 14.24.035 Service charges – Permanent or altered service.**
- 14.24.040 Trouble calls.**
- 14.24.050 Nonstandard service.**
- 14.24.060 Retail electrical rates.**
- 14.24.070 Character of certain special uses.**
- 14.24.100 Special rules if premises used for both residential and commercial purposes.**
- 14.24.120 Street lighting.**
- 14.24.130 Rental lighting.**
- 14.24.140 De minimus unmetered loads.**
- 14.24.150 School and municipal building rate.**
- 14.24.180 Athletic field floodlighting.**
- 14.24.190 Special charges and billing rules.**
- ~~**14.24.200 Investment cost recovery incentive.**~~
- 14.24.210 Renewable energy system incentive.**
- 14.24.220 Net metering.**

14.24.020 Termination of contract by customer.

A customer who has fulfilled his contract terms and wishes to discontinue service must give at least three days' notice to that effect, unless his contract specifies otherwise. Notice to discontinue service prior to expiration of the contract term will not relieve the customer from any minimum or guaranteed payment required by the contract or rate.

14.24.030 Service charges – Temporary service.

Customers requiring temporary electrical service, at premises where electric utility facilities are available, shall pay to the department an amount equal to the estimated cost of all labor, equipment and all nonrecoverable materials required to install and remove the temporary service, less the estimated salvage value. In cases where temporary service can be provided from an existing power source using light duty service wire the charge shall not be less than the temporary service fee published in the city's user fees and charges schedule. Where electric utility facilities are not adequate or available to provide temporary electrical service, the department will extend service in accordance with the policies in Chapter 14.30 RMC.

The rate for electricity used from the temporary service shall be at the rate schedule applicable to the class of service. At the discretion of the chief electrical engineer, unmetered temporary services will be allowed when the service provides temporary construction power to a single-family dwelling lot and the term of the service is less than three months. In the event an unmetered temporary service extends beyond three months the customer shall pay an additional three-month temporary service fee for each three-month period beyond the initial three-month term.

14.24.035 Service charges – Permanent or altered service.

Customers requiring permanent electrical service rated at 600 volts or less, at premises where electric utility facilities are available at the property, shall pay to the department an amount equal to the estimated cost of all labor, equipment and materials, including metering, required to install the service. In cases where permanent services are of a capacity of 400 amps or less the charge shall not be less than the new service charges published in the city's user fees and charges schedule. The charge assumes the department shall install up to 100 feet of service wire, as measured on the premises. Any additional service wire over 100 feet shall be charged at the estimated cost of additional wire.

Customers requiring alteration of existing electric utility facilities, including but not limited to rewires, relocations, conversions or upgrades, shall pay the department an amount equal to the estimated cost of all labor, equipment and materials, including metering, required to alter the utility facilities serving such services.

Where electric utility facilities are not adequate or available to provide permanent service or accommodate the required customer service alterations the department will extend service in accordance with the policies of Chapter 14.30 RMC.

14.24.040 Trouble calls.

The customer shall notify the department immediately should service be unsatisfactory for any reason or should there be any defects, trouble or accidents affecting the supply of electricity.

The department will be responsible for promptly making repairs to damage occurring to city equipment, which impairs service to its customers or results in a hazardous condition. When a trouble call is made at a customer's request, and the trouble is due to the customer's acts, negligence, or to failure of his equipment or wiring, the minimum charge shall be actual cost, plus overhead costs, but in no case less than \$15.00. Billing costs shall be as determined by the chief electrical engineer.

14.24.050 Nonstandard service.

Customers shall pay the cost of any special installation necessary to meet particular requirements for service at other than standard voltages or for the supply of closer voltage regulation than required by standard practice.

When it is necessary to construct additional lines and install facilities for furnishing three-phase service or a nonstandard voltage or phase, the service will be provided in accordance with the policies of Chapter 14.30 RMC.

14.24.060 Retail electrical rates.

Rates for electricity are summarized by class of service as listed below. Rates are effective with the first bill received in January 2018 and apply to all usage during the billing period.

SCHEDULE 10: General Residential

- A. Availability: In all territory serviced by the city's electrical utility.
- B. Applicability: To domestic uses of electric energy by all residential customers not eligible under other rate schedules.
- C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.
- D. Delivery Point: The following rates are based upon the supply of service to the entire premises through a single delivery and metering point. Separate supply for the same customer at other points of consumption shall be separately metered and billed.
- E. Rates:
 - Daily Service Charge:
 - Single-phase service: \$0.64/day
 - Multiphase service: \$0.91/day
 - Monthly Energy Charge: \$0.0686/kWh
- F. For electrical service supplied to residential customers qualifying as low income senior or low income disabled citizens, the service charge shall be waived and the energy charge shall be discounted 15 percent of Schedule 10. Qualifications and

other information regarding low income senior or low income disabled citizens can be found in Chapter 3.29 RMC (finance).

SCHEDULE 20: Small General Service

- A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.
- B. Applicability: To all nonresidential uses supplied through a single meter where anticipated monthly maximum demand does not exceed 50 kilowatts and the load is not eligible under other rate schedules.
- C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.
- D. Rates:
 - Daily Service Charge:
 - Single-phase service: \$0.80/day
 - Multiphase service: \$1.07/day
 - Monthly Energy Charge: \$0.0618/kWh
 - Monthly Demand Charge: No Charge

SCHEDULE 22: Medium General Service

- A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.
- B. Applicability: To all nonresidential uses supplied through a single meter, where anticipated monthly maximum demand is greater than 50 kilowatts, but less than or equal to 300 kilowatts, and the load is not eligible under other rate schedules.
- C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.
- D. Rates:
 - Daily Service Charge:
 - Single-phase service: \$1.28/day
 - Multiphase service: \$1.54/day
 - Monthly Energy Charge: \$0.0396/kWh
 - Monthly Demand Charge: \$4.79/kW

SCHEDULE 24: Large General Service

- A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.
- B. Applicability: To all nonresidential uses supplied through a single meter, where anticipated monthly maximum demand is greater than 300 kilowatts, but less than or equal to 1,000 kilowatts, and the load is not eligible under other rate schedules.

C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.

D. Rates:

Daily Service Charge:

Multiphase service: \$1.86/day

Monthly Energy Charge: \$0.0396/kWh

Monthly Demand Charge: \$5.17/kW

SCHEDULE 30: Small Industrial

A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.

B. Applicability: To all nonresidential uses supplied through a single meter where anticipated monthly maximum demand is greater than 1,000 kilowatts but less than or equal to 5,000 kilowatts and the load is not eligible under other rate schedules.

C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.

D. Rates:

Daily Service Charge:

Multiphase service: \$7.72/day

Monthly Energy Charge: \$0.0396/kWh

Monthly Demand Charge: \$5.48/kW

SCHEDULE 31: Large Industrial

A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.

B. Applicability: To all nonresidential uses supplied through a single meter where anticipated monthly maximum demand is greater than 5,000 kilowatts and the load is not eligible for service under other rate schedules.

C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.

D. Rates:

Daily Service Charge: \$7.72/day

Monthly Energy Charge: \$0.0392/kWh

Monthly Demand Charge: \$5.11/kW

SCHEDULE 33: Economic Development Rate

A. Terms and conditions of negotiated rate will be by contract.

- B. Will be based upon the benefits derived from the new load and/or employment opportunities that expand the local economy.
- C. Will utilize marginal costing concept.

SCHEDULE 40: Small Irrigation 0 – 60 Horsepower

- A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.
- B. Applicability: To uses of electrical power on a continuous basis for seasonal agricultural irrigation pumping or agricultural drainage pumping.
- C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.
- D. Rates:
 - Monthly Energy Charge: \$0.0602/kWh
 - Monthly Demand Charge: No Charge
 - Annual Service Charge:
 - To be billed at beginning of irrigation season.
 - (1) \$179.72 single-phase service.
 - (2) \$239.63 multiphase service.

SCHEDULE 45: Large Irrigation Over 60 Horsepower

- A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.
- B. Applicability: To uses of electrical power on a continuous basis for seasonal agricultural irrigation pumping or agricultural drainage pumping.
- C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.
- D. Rates:
 - Monthly Energy Charge: \$0.0396/kWh
 - Monthly Demand Charge: \$6.76/kW
 - Annual Service Charge:
 - To be billed at beginning of irrigation season.
 - \$0.53/horsepower all horsepower greater than 60, plus:
 - (1) \$179.72 single-phase service.
 - (2) \$239.63 multiphase service.

SCHEDULE 60: Traffic Lighting

- A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.

- B. Applicability: To municipally owned traffic-regulating signal systems on public streets and highways.
- C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.
- D. Rates:

Daily Service Charge:	\$0.64/day
Monthly Energy Charge:	\$0.0605/kWh

SCHEDULE 90: Cable Television Amplifier

- A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.
- B. Applicability: To owners of cable television amplifiers installed on facilities owned by the city's electric utility.
- C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.
- D. Rates:

Monthly Energy Charge:	\$0.0512/kWh
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SCHEDULE 100: New Large Single Load

- A. Availability: In all territory served by the city's electric utility.
- B. Applicability: To new large single load customers defined in Public Law 96-501 and as such constitute electrical loads greater than or equal to 10 average megawatts during any consecutive 12-month period and which cause the utility to incur wholesale power costs in excess of normal rates.
- C. Character of Service: Sixty hertz alternating current of such phase and voltage as the electric utility may have available.
- D. Rates: Terms and conditions of negotiated rate will be by contract.

14.24.070 Character of certain special uses.

Motors with individually rated capacities of more than seven and one-half horsepower must be served at commercial rates. Christmas or other temporary decorative residential lighting may be served at residential rates. Where additional facilities are required to serve decorative lighting, the distributor will charge the customer actual costs, including overhead costs, for the installation and removal of the facilities.

14.24.100 Special rules if premises used for both residential and commercial purposes.

The residential rate is not applicable to any space in a residential dwelling which is regularly used for commercial purposes or for other gainful activities. In such cases, if a separately metered circuit is provided at no cost to the city for the commercial portion of the dwelling, the appropriate commercial rate shall be applied to the power requirements.

If a separately metered circuit is not provided, the entire power requirements of the premises must be billed under the commercial rate.

If the premises are used primarily as a private dwelling and space in the dwelling is only occasionally used for commercial purposes, the residential rate shall be applied to the entire power requirements.

14.24.120 Street lighting.

For all municipally owned lighting systems for public streets, publicly owned parking areas, and parks, service shall be provided pursuant to the applicable street lighting rates published in the city's user fees and charges schedule. Such service shall include maintenance of and replacement of lamps for overhead lighting systems of such areas. The provisions of this fee schedule shall not apply to rates for energy supplied under specific contracts negotiated for such purpose.

14.24.130 Rental lighting.

For municipally owned rental lighting facilities consisting of overhead construction with mast arms and luminaires mounted on poles, service shall be provided at the request of property owners or long-term lessees of property pursuant to the applicable rental lighting rates published in the city's user fees and charges schedule. Lighting facilities supplied under this provision shall remain the property of the city and shall be supplied only pursuant to a contract with the customer, the term of which shall be a period of not less than three years.

14.24.140 De minimis unmetered loads.

For loads determined by the chief electrical engineer to be of a de minimis nature, service shall, with the authorization of the director, be provided pursuant to the applicable de minimis unmetered loads rate published in the city's user fees and charges schedule.

14.24.150 School and municipal building rate.

There are no rate discounts for electricity supplied at schools or municipal buildings.

14.24.180 Athletic field floodlighting.

For athletic field lighting, an investment charge may be made based upon the city's investment in furnishing and installing the equipment devoted to supplying the athletic field lighting service. Energy will be billed in accordance with the appropriate rate schedule and each installation will be considered a separate customer for billing purposes. Customers' bills rendered in accordance with this provision shall be subject to any surcharge and amortization charge applied by the director.

14.24.190 Special charges and billing rules.

Charges for energy supplied under the provisions of RMC 14.24.180 shall be computed as follows:

A. Energy. When the energy supplied is metered, the meter shall be installed in or connected to the lighting circuit and the billing shall include the energy delivered to and consumed in all circuits and equipment used exclusively for lighting purposes. When the energy supplied is not metered, the monthly energy charge shall be computed from the

lamp wattage plus five percent for losses, multiplied by the number of hours of use, multiplied by the applicable energy rate as determined by the chief electrical engineer.

B. Capital Investment Computation. The department's capital investment costs, used as a basis for computing charges, shall consist of the cost of all labor, material and equipment, plus appropriate overhead costs, used to construct the lighting system.

C. Annual Operation and Maintenance Computation. The department's annual operation and maintenance costs, used as a basis for computing charges, shall be eight percent of the capital investment cost and shall provide for all routine maintenance, including lamp replacement, performed on the lighting system.

D. Computation of Charges. Computation of monthly charges shall be one percent of the capital investment cost plus one-twelfth of the annual operation and maintenance cost plus the charge for energy consumed by the lighting system.

~~14.24.200 Investment cost recovery incentive.~~

~~Customers shall meet the requirements set forth in WAC 458-20-273 and the investment cost recovery incentive shall be paid according to WAC 458-20-273 as currently written or as it may hereafter be amended.~~

~~Energy produced as a part of the investment cost recovery incentive may be used in conservation programs by the city. An initial installation fee will be charged for participation in investment cost recovery. This fee is listed in the city of Richland user fees and charges.~~

14.24.210 Renewable energy system incentive.

The department may offer a renewable energy system incentive program that shall be governed by RCW 82.16.160, RCW.82.16.165, RCW 82.16.170, RCW 82.16.175, and WAC 504-49 as written or hereafter amended.

Customers participating in the renewable energy system incentive program with systems approved and installed after November 1, 2018, shall be assessed a program and production meter fee as listed in the city Fee Schedule.

14.24.220 Net metering.

A net metering customer shall be billed according to the applicable retail electric rate in RMC 14.24.060. Each net metering customer shall be charged the daily service charge and the energy charge for all energy delivered to the customer from the utility for the applicable billing period. Each net metering customer shall be credited the energy charge for all real energy received by the utility from the net metering system. Customers with net metering systems approved and installed after November 1, 2018, shall be assessed a net metering infrastructure fee per kWh of received generation as listed in the city Fee Schedule. The net metering infrastructure fee shall be calculated as the current retail kWh rate less the avoided cost of energy.

Customers with net metering systems approved and installed after November 1, 2018, shall be assessed a net meter installation fee as listed in the city Fee Schedule.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

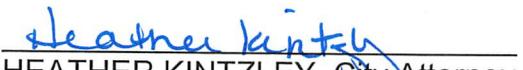
PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 19th day of February, 2019.


ROBERT J. THOMPSON
Mayor

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MARCIA HOPKINS, City Clerk

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HEATHER KINTZLEY, City Attorney

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