

ORIGINAL

RESOLUTION NO. 525

**AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE DISTRICT'S MONTHLY BASE RATE
AND EXCESS RATE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has spent considerable time in reviewing and evaluating certain additions and betterment's being proposed in District's updated six year Performa and Comprehensive Plan, as well as the projected cash reserves anticipated at the end of the 2002 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the District's adopted six year Comprehensive Plan, which addresses a financial, as well as a capital improvement plan, which the District is mandated to comply with, further supports the need to initiate a rate increase to meet those proposed improvements, and

WHEREAS, the present base and excess rates for water service to various customers of the East Wenatchee Water District has been reviewed by the Board of Commissioners, and the District's engineer recommended that the District raise its base and excess rates for water service on an annual basis to keep up with inflation and anticipated project costs, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the existing rates are inadequate to address future improvements as called for in the District's Comprehensive Plan, and other monthly expenditures as required in the day to day operation of the District, and

WHEREAS, the amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act has created an additional expense to the District in order to meet the necessary requirements as directed by both the Washington State Department of Health and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, and

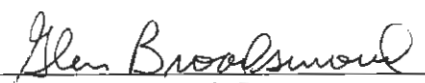
WHEREAS, after much consideration and reviewing the future needs of the District, the Board of Water Commissioners deem it to be in the best interest of the Water District to increase the base and excess rates thereby allowing the District to pursue the Betterment's and Improvements that is identified in the Comprehensive Plan, as well as raise it's reserves to keep them at a level so the District would be in a position to meet a financial emergency and maintain financial integrity for the benefit of it's customers, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of the EAST WENATCHEE WATER DISTRICT that effective November 1, 2002, the bi-monthly base rate billing of \$38.00 is increased to \$39.00 and the bi-monthly excess rate of \$1.15 is increased to \$1.20.

ADOPTED, THIS 4th day of December, 2002, by the Board of Commissioners of the East Wenatchee Water District, Douglas County, Washington at a regular meeting thereof.


Matthew Warner, President

ATTEST:


Glen Broadsword, Secretary