



# Our Town

Kalama honors its legacy of community pride, rich heritage and natural beauty while embracing growth and economic prosperity

City of Kalama

January 2020

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**Police – 911**

**Public Works**  
**360-703-0168 or 911**

**CITY HALL HOURS-**  
**Monday-Friday-9-5**

**Utility Billing-**  
**Payments**  
**360- 673-4554**

**Building & Planning**  
**360-673-5211**

**Finance – Accts**  
**Payable**  
**360-673- 4908**

**Clerk/Treasurer**  
**360-673-4561**

**City Administrator**  
**360-673-3265**

**Kalama Police Office**  
**360-673-2165**

## WATER/SEWER/STORMWATER 2% INCREASE IN JANUARY 2020

Bills issued at the end of January 2020 will include a 2% increase to the water/sewer and stormwater rates. This is the fifth of five year increases to water/sewer that were set back in 2015 based on recommendations in the 2015 water/sewer rate study conducted by the City. The 2% increase to stormwater is also implemented. These increases are required to meet inflation for operating costs. So, what does that mean to the citizens.

A household using 600 cubic feet of water including sewer/garbage/stormwater and taxes will pay \$171.51 per month, an increase of \$2.88 per month or \$34.56 per year. (Garbage billed 32 gallon cart at current rates.)

A household using 1000 cubic feet of water including sewer/garbage/stormwater and taxes will pay \$224.34.00 per month, an increase of \$3.78 per month or \$45.36 per year. (Garbage billed 60 gallon cart at current rates.)

A household using water only will pay at 600 cubic feet \$48.48 an increase of \$12.48 per year. Using a 1000 cubic feet \$66.16 an increase of \$17.64 per year.

## 2019 – City Accomplishments

2019 was a busy year in all departments and the City accomplished much thanks to its dedicated City Council and staff in all Departments.

### Police

New Facility was completed -  
Department moved in May 2019  
Police Department fully staffed to 4  
officers – 1 Sgt. – Chief & Clerk  
Held Successful National Night Out and  
Shop with a Cop Community events



### City Hall

New City Website launched in December 2019.  
Upstaffed to 4 clerks – First staff increase in 20 years  
Received a clean and positive Audit from the State for years 2016-2018

Hours M-F 9am-4:30pm

Kalama Public Works  
360-673-3706

Kalama Library  
360-673-4568  
Hours – M-F Noon-5  
Sat – 9-2

Kalama Community Building  
360-673-4565



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Website  
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Police Website  
[www.kalamapolice.com](http://www.kalamapolice.com)

Library Website  
[www.kalamalibrary.org](http://www.kalamalibrary.org)

### Library

Increased cardholders and added community programs to the services offered at the Library.

Completed the second phase of Collecting Kalama’s History with recording oral histories under the Rural Heritage Grant.

### Public Works

Stormwater Improvements Downtown

Paved approximately 50,000 square feet of Streets with TBD funds

Replaced Old Pacific Hwy Waterline – Vincent Rd to the Rebel



Built new Lower Cloverdale Pump Station – Replaced a 4-inch Waterline

Video Inspection and repair of the Reservoirs

Sewer Outfall Inspection

Replaced the Modrow Road Water Service Connections  
Design of the Elm Street Overlay Project – Construction in 2020

Design of the Meeker Drive Sewer Pump Station – Construction in 2020

As the City begins 2020, further improvements to the aging portions of the sewer and water systems are planned as well as Street Improvements on West Frontage Road funded through a Transportation Improvement Board Grant.



**REMINDER – RENEW YOUR BUSINESS  
OR DOG LICENSE BEFORE  
JANUARY 31, 2020**



### Kalama Meetings and Phone Numbers

#### WHEN DO WE MEET?

Kalama City Council  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays - 7:00 p.m.

Kalama Planning Commission  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

Civil Service Commission  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - 5:30 p.m. – As needed

Kalama Library Board  
Bimonthly beginning in January on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - 5:15 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION  
Kalama City Council Chambers  
at 320 N. First – Kalama Library Building

#### POLICE OR FIRE EMERGENCIES – CALL 911

#### PUBLIC WORKS -AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER (360) 703-0168 – OR CALL 911

Kalama Police Office Non-Emergency... (360)-673-2165  
Kalama City Offices..... (360)-673-4562  
City of Kalama Fax..... (360) 673-4560  
Comcast..... (888) 226-2278  
Cowlitz County Assessor..... (360) 577-3010  
Cowlitz County Bldg. & Planning..... (360) 577-3052  
Cowlitz Public Utilities District..... (360) 423-2210  
Fire District #5 Office Non-Emergency... (360) 673-2222  
Kalama Post Office..... (360) 673-3567  
Kalama Telephone Company..... (360) 673-2755  
Labor & Industries..... (360) 575-6923  
Utilities Locate (Call Before You Dig!)... 811 or (800) 424-5555  
Waste Control..... (360) 425-4302

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