

CITY OF STEVENSON, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. XXXX

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR THE USE OF THE SEWER SYSTEM FURNISHED BY THE CITY OF STEVENSON

AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1033

Whereas, it is necessary to revise the user charge system in the City of Stevenson to provide funds sufficient to meet all expenses associated with the City’s wastewater treatment system; and

Whereas, the City must pay all expenses associated with said treatment works/collection system and charge users of said system accordingly; and

Whereas, the City of Stevenson Wastewater Treatment Plant is in need of major construction to meet new Department of Ecology standards and increased loading on the plant; and

Whereas, the Department of Ecology has identified several capital facilities improvements that will need to be completed in the next five years and the City will need to accrue sufficient funds to address these improvements; and

Whereas, the City held Public Hearings on August 17th and October 19th regarding these rate changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, the city council of the city of Stevenson do ordain as follows:

SECTION I

It is determined and declared to be necessary and conducive to the protection of the public health, safety, welfare, and convenience of the City to collect charges from all users who contribute wastewater to the City’s treatment works. The proceeds of such charges so derived will be used for the purpose of operating, maintaining, and retiring the debt for such public wastewater treatment works.

SECTION II

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this ordinance shall be as follows:

BOD: (denoting Biochemical Oxygen Demand) shall mean the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five (5) days at 20°C, expressed in milligrams per liter (mg/l).

“Residential” shall mean any contributor to the City’s treatment works whose real estate or building is used for domestic dwelling purposes only.

“SS” (denoting suspended solids) shall mean the solids that either float on the surface of or are in suspension in water, sewage, or other liquids and which are removable by laboratory filtering.

SECTION III

1. The user charge system shall generate adequate annual revenues to pay the costs of annual operation and maintenance including replacement and cost associated with debt retirement of bonded capital associated with financing the treatment works which the City may by ordinance designate to be paid by the user charge system.
2. The total user charge collected shall be deposited to the water/sewer fund and will be kept in two primary accounts:
 - a. User charges shall be collected and deposited in the water/sewer operating cash account; and,
 - b. The City may designate deposits to the Replacement Account/ Sewer from the water/sewer operating cash account to ensure replacement needs over the life of the treatment plant at the direction of the City Council.

SECTION IV

1. Each user shall pay for the services provided by the City based on their use of the treatment works as determined by water meter(s) acceptable to the City.

Rates Effective for 2018			
Class of Service	Base Fee	Flow Surcharge¹	BOD Load Surcharge²
Residential			
Single ¾” Residential	\$ 44.93		
Multifamily-per dwelling unit	\$ 44.93		
Non-Residential			

Transient quarters	\$ 22.50	\$ 0.0351	
Other Commercial			
¾" water service	\$ 44.93	\$ 0.0351	\$0.010
1" water service	\$ 93.38	\$ 0.0351	\$0.010
1.5" water service	\$ 139.13	\$ 0.0351	\$0.010
2" water service	\$ 210.45	\$ 0.0351	\$0.010
3" water service	\$ 301.95	\$ 0.0351	\$0.010
4" water service	\$ 393.45	\$ 0.0351	\$0.010
6" water service	\$ 649.65	\$ 0.0351	\$0.010
Mobile Home Sites			
With or without individual connections-per dwelling unit/space	\$ 44.93		
Special Services-Public and Private			
Meeting halls and churches	Same as applicable commercial rate		
Schools	Same as applicable commercial rate		
Convalescent homes, nursing homes and detention facilities	Same as applicable commercial rate		
Hospitals and clinics	Same as applicable commercial rate		
Industrial			
Dry industrial	Same as applicable commercial rate		
Wet industrial	Same as applicable commercial rate		
Downspout/Sump Pump Connection³	\$10.00		

Rates Effective for 2019			
Class of Service	Base Fee	Flow Surcharge¹	BOD Load Surcharge²
Residential			
Single ¾" Residential	\$ 58.41		
Multifamily-per dwelling unit	\$ 58.41		
Non-Residential			
Transient quarters	\$ 29.25	\$ 0.0456	
Other Commercial			
¾" water service	\$ 58.41	\$ 0.0456	\$0.025
1" water service	\$ 121.39	\$ 0.0456	\$0.025
1.5" water service	\$ 180.87	\$ 0.0456	\$0.025
2" water service	\$ 273.59	\$ 0.0456	\$0.025
3" water service	\$ 392.54	\$ 0.0456	\$0.025
4" water service	\$ 511.49	\$ 0.0456	\$0.025
6" water service	\$ 844.55	\$ 0.0456	\$0.025
Mobile Home Sites			
With or without individual connections-per dwelling unit/space	\$ 58.41		
Special Services-Public and Private			
Meeting halls and churches	Same as applicable commercial rate		
Schools	Same as applicable commercial rate		
Convalescent homes, nursing homes and detention facilities	Same as applicable commercial rate		
Hospitals and clinics	Same as applicable commercial rate		
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- 1- Flow based on water consumption charged per cubic foot over 400 cu/ft.
- 2- BOD Surcharge applies to customer industrial classifications expected to exceed a BOD strength of 600 mg/L and is charged based on water consumption per cubic foot over 400 cu/ft. Industrial classifications expected to exceed 600 mg/l include, but not limited to: Grocery store, bakery, restaurant, coffee shop, food production, brewery, distillery, cider production, dairy, and industrial with process discharge. Customers may be tested regularly to determine if they fall into or out of this category.
- 3- The charge for connections to downspouts or sump pumps will be removed upon city verification that the rain catchment system, or any rain or groundwater collected in the structure, is not transferred to the sewer system.

Rates for 2020 and beyond shall increase 3% per year.

Additional fees for testing at the request of the customer will be billed at actual rates for staff time, materials and testing services used plus 17% overhead.

SECTION V

The City shall review the user charge system annually and revise user charge rates as necessary to ensure that the system generates adequate revenues to pay the costs of operation and maintenance including replacement and that the system continues to provide for the proportional distribution of operation and maintenance including replacement costs among users and user classes.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ordinance 1033 and all other Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the January 2018 billing cycle.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Stevenson at its regular meeting held on the 16th day of November, 2017.

Mayor of the City of Stevenson

ATTEST:

Leana Johnson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kenneth Woodrich, City Attorney

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