

**ORDINANCE NO. 1799-14**

**AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE FEES AND CHARGES FOR USE OF THE CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley updated its Sanitary Sewer Capital Facilities Plan in 2008, and

WHEREAS, the work identified by the City will cost about \$15,133,000.00; most of which has already been spent to increase capacity and eliminate a long-standing moratorium, and

WHEREAS, the City used PWTF monies to the extent possible, to achieve a lower cost of funds, and

WHEREAS, the City hired consultants who made recommendations concerning the allocation of the cost of construction between connection fees and charges and monthly user fees, and

WHEREAS, the number of connection fees has been substantially less than planned for in the allocation; and

WHEREAS, the cost of doing business continues to increase and one measure of that increase is the Consumer Price Index for Seattle-Bremerton-Tacoma which increased 1.99% from June of 2013 to June of 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to balance the financial stability and fiscal sustainability of its utilities with the services needed by the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the interests of the public health, safety and welfare to adopt the fee schedules set forth below, now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1:** SWMC Section 13.30.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

*13.30.010 Effective date.*

Commencing on January 1, 2015, the sewer service charges specified in this chapter shall take effect. For buildings which have a public sewer available after that date, a sewer service charge shall commence thirty days after such public sewer has been available and notice of such availability is given.

**Section 2:** SWMC Section 13.30.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

*13.30.020 Residential rates.*

Unless exempt from connection to the sewer, there shall be charged to each single residential dwelling unit (including mobile or manufactured homes on individual lots or in a

mobile home park), and to each unit of a residential duplex (two units) or triplex (three units) dwelling, to which sewer service is available a basic monthly sewer service charge as follows:

January 1, 2015 and thereafter:            ~~\$55.45~~ \$56.55

The City Council shall review and adjust these rates annually or as needed.

**Section 3:** SWMC Section 13.30.040 E is hereby amended to read as follows:

*13.30.040 Nonresidential schedule and other provisions.*

E. The volume rate shall be as follows:

January 1, 2015 and thereafter            ~~\$5.24~~ \$5.31  
per 100  
cubic feet

**Section 4.** The effective date of this ordinance shall be January 1, 2015, more than 5 days after passage and publication.

Passed and approved this 12th day of November, 2014.

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Mayor

Attest:

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Finance Director

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

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