

ORDINANCE NO. 1626-08

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEES AND CHARGES FOR USE OF THE CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, AMENDING PORTIONS OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.16 AND CHAPTER 13.30, AND ADJUSTING THE LOW-INCOME SENIOR DISCOUNT**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley is updating its Sanitary Sewer Capital Facilities Plan, and

WHEREAS, the work identified by the City will cost about \$15,133,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the intended method of financing is to utilize PWTF monies to the extent possible, to achieve a lower cost of funds, and

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

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that adoption of the connection and user fees set forth in this ordinance will support the construction projects in the Sanitary Sewer Capital Facilities Plan if anticipated financing is realized, 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 ~~June 1, 2008~~ January 1, 2009, 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:

~~June 1, 2008 and thereafter:~~ \_\_\_\_\_ \$48.50

January 1, 2009 and thereafter: \$51.25

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

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

*13.30.040 Nonresidential schedule and other provisions.*

Unless otherwise provided by written agreement, there shall be charged to each nonresidential unit (including commercial and industrial units) to which sewer service is available a monthly sewer service charge as follows:

A. A base rate per connection per month plus a volume rate (in cubic feet) for all volume of discharge over seven hundred fifty cubic feet per month. The base rate shall be equal to the single residential rate set forth in this chapter. The volume rate charge shall be determined by the water consumption records provided by the Skagit County PUD No. 1 meter readings and records, or as otherwise determined as provided in this chapter.

B. The superintendent may adjust this charge based upon evidence that the metered water usage does not accurately reflect the volume of discharge disposed of through the sewer system. In making this adjustment, the superintendent may rely upon industry standards, scientific and engineering data, sewage flow meter data, qualified professional opinions, and any other basis which is in his or her opinion appropriate.

C. The superintendent may require the installation of any measuring devices to measure the flow of water or sewage at the owner's expense.

D. The volume rate charge shall be based upon the monthly (or average monthly) water volume for the most recently available water billing period preceding the sewer billing period.

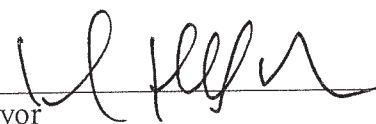
E. The volume rate shall be as follows:

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| June 1, 2008 and thereafter    | \$3.76  | <del>\$3.97</del> |
| January 1, 2009 and thereafter | per 100 | cubic feet        |

F. For purposes of this section, the term "unit" shall mean any lot, structure or sanitary sewer connection served by or associated with a water meter, or any other lot, structure or sanitary sewer connection which the superintendent shall deem a separate unit for billing purposes.

**Section 4.** The effective date of this ordinance shall be January 1, 2009, more than 5 days after passage and publication.

Passed and approved this 10th day of December, 2008.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

Patsy K. Nelson  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

[Signature]  
City Attorney