

CHAPTER 14.26

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14.26.010: User Charge Basis: Each connection to the sanitary sewer from single-family dwelling unit, multi-family dwelling unit, commercial and industrial accounts shall have a user charge assessed and collected bi-monthly by the City Treasurer on the following basis:

- (1) Single-Family Dwelling Unit Accounts: A flat fee charge rate shall be charged.
- (2) Multi-Family Dwelling Unit Accounts: A variable charge rate based upon metered water consumption shall be charged. The rate shall be determined as follows:
 - (a) A rate, never less than a minimum charge, equal in amount to the single-family dwelling unit flat fee charge rate, normally;
 - (b) A rate determined by multiplying the user charge rate (dollars per 100 cubic feet discharged) by the metered water consumption in hundred (100) cubic feet and an eight dollar (\$8.00) per unit service fee for each two (2) month billing cycle; but
 - (c) Never higher than a maximum charge determined by multiplying the number of dwelling units in the account by the single-family dwelling unit flat fee rate.
- (3) Commercial/Industrial Accounts: A variable charge rate based upon metered water consumption shall be charged. The rate shall be determined as follows:
 - (a) A rate never less than a minimum charge equal in amount to the single-family dwelling unit flat fee charge rate, normally;
 - (b) A rate determined by multiplying the user's charge rate (dollars per 100 cubic feet discharged) by the metered water consumption in hundred (100) cubic feet and an eight dollar (\$8.00) per unit service fee for each two (2) month billing cycle; but
 - (c) If the metered water consumption is not representative of the wastewater discharged into the sanitary sewer, a factor "K" may be applied to the rate determined in subdivision (b) of this subsection. The factor "K" is a ratio found by dividing the volume of wastewater discharged by the metered water consumption, both determined simultaneously during a common time period. It is the responsibility of the City that their proposed "K" factor is a valid value.
- (4) Outside City Limits Accounts: All accounts outside the City limits shall be assessed a fifty percent (50%) surcharge over and above the respective inside City limits rates.
- (5) The usual charge for sanitary sewer service shall be billed to the user, when possible, on the same bill as for domestic water. Sewer service charges shall become delinquent fifteen (15) days after date of billing.
- (6) Quantity discounts to large-volume users shall not be allowed. (Ord. 3619 Sec. 11, 1995; Ord. 2480 Sec. 8, 1980; Ord. 1919 Sec. 2 (part), 1976)

14.26.020: Single-family Dwelling Unit Rate - Schedule 1: This schedule applies to all single-family dwelling units connected or required to be connected to the sanitary sewer. Within the City limits, the rate shall be a flat fee bi-monthly user charge of thirty one dollars (\$31.00). (Ord. 3619 Sec. 12, 1995: Ord. 3121 Sec. 2 (part), 1987: Ord. 3084 Sec. 2 (part), 1987: Ord. 2973 Sec. 2 (part), 1985: Ord. 2910 Sec. 2 (part), 1985: Ord. 2888 Sec. 6 (part) 1985: Ord. 2480 Sec. 9 (part), 1980: Ord. 1919 Sec. 2 (part), 1976)

14.26.030: Multi-family Dwelling Unit Rate - Schedule 2: This schedule applies to all multi-family dwelling units connected or required to be connected to the sanitary sewer. Within the City limits, the bi-monthly rate shall be calculated separately for each account using a user charge rate of one dollar forty five cents (\$1.45) for each one hundred (100) cubic feet of metered water consumption, plus the service charge in Section 14.26.010. (Ord. 3619 Sec. 13, 1995: Ord. 3121 Sec. 2 (part), 1987: Ord. 3084 Sec. 2 (part), 1987: Ord. 2973 Sec. 2 (part), 1985: Ord. 2910 Sec. 2 (part), 1985: Ord. 2888 Sec. 6 (part), 1985: Ord. 2480 Sec. 9 (part), 1980: Ord. 1919 Sec. 2 (part), 1976)

14.26.040: Commercial/Industrial Accounts - Schedule 3: This schedule applies to all other accounts not classified in Schedules 1 or 2 that are connected or required to be connected to the sanitary sewer. Within the City limits, the bi-monthly rate shall be calculated separately for each account using a user charge rate of one dollar forty five cents (\$1.45) for each one hundred (100) cubic feet of metered water consumption, plus the service charge in Section 14.26.010. (Ord. 3619 Sec. 14, 1995: Ord. 3121 Sec. 2 (part), 1987: Ord. 3084 Sec. 2 (part), 1987: Ord. 2973 Sec. 2 (part), 1985: Ord. 2910 Sec. 2 (part), 1985: Ord. 2888 Sec. 6 (part), 1985: Ord. 2480 Sec. 9 (part), 1980: Ord. 1919 Sec. 2 (part), 1976)

14.26.050: Revenue Fund: All collected user charges shall be deposited into a special fund created by the City Finance Department and known as the Water-Sewer Revenue Fund. This fund shall be used to pay sanitary sewerage operation and maintenance expenses, and miscellaneous expenses as defined by the Director, when proper claims are duly submitted and approved for payment by the City Council. In addition, the Water-Sewer Revenue Fund shall be used to make all payments required to redeem duly authorized sewer-related water-sewer revenue bonds. (Ord. 1919 Sec. 2 (part), 1976)

14.26.060: Enforcement: Delinquent sanitary sewer user charges, plus a minimum of eight percent (8%) per year interest thereon, shall be assessed against the premises and property to which service has been furnished or is available, in the form of a lien as provided for by RCW Chapter 35.67. Alternately or concurrently, the lien may be enforced by cutting off the water service supplied to the premises by the City as provided for by RCW 35.67.290. (Ord. 1919 Sec. 2 (part), 1976)

14.26.070: Indexing Fees and Charges: The fees and charges for sewer services set out in Sections 14.26.010, 14.26.020, 14.26.030, and 14.26.040, shall be indexed annually by the Treasurer to reflect one hundred percent (100%) of any change from the Consumer Price Index (U.S . Cities - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers - CPI-W) for October, or other comparable index if not published. The Treasurer shall adjust the fees and publish them each December to take effect on all goods and services delivered or contracted after the beginning of each year and all utility bills mailed after the first of each year. In no event shall the cumulative change in rates be less than zero percent (0%) nor more than four percent (4%)

per year nor may the change in any given year be less than zero percent (0%) nor more than four percent (4%). Unit prices shall be to the nearest one-tenth cent (1/10th¢) and all other charges to the nearest cent. (Ord. 4078 Sec. 2, 2002: Ord. 3619 Sec. 16, 1995)