Chapter 13.08

SEWER RATES

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13.08.010 Application of Rates. A sewer user charge shall be levied on all of the sewage collection and treatment facilities to cover the actual or estimated cost of operation, maintenance, replacement, and financing of these facilities. The user charge system shall distribute those costs to each user (or user class) in approximate proportion to such user's contribution to the total wastewater loading of said facilities.

13.08.020 Basis for Rates. The sewer user rates for each user shall be based on user's contribution to the total wastewater loading of the treatment facilities in comparison to a standard equivalent user as defined below. Each user (or user class) shall be assigned a number of equivalent users to be multiplied by a constant monthly cost factor to determine the basic user monthly rate. Special uses contributing sewage of excessive flow and/or strength, for which the tabulating equivalent users do not apply, shall be individually calculated.

13.08.030 Equivalent User. One equivalent user shall be defined as contributing 200 gallons per day of wastewater containing not more than 0.45 pounds of 5-day BOD and 0.50 pounds of suspended solids. The equivalent user flow has been developed from population and sewer usage records which indicate an average size dwelling unit has 2.5 people contributing 80 gallons per day per person, standard engineering data indicates 0.18 pounds of 5-day BOD and 0.20 pounds of suspended particles respectively for each person per day. The basic equivalent user shall be subject to revision of population, water usage, sewage volume, and/or other information indicating flow and/or strength significantly different then defined herein. Revision of the basic equivalent user criteria shall normally be made upon the recommendation of a registered professional engineer. (Ord. 1656, 2006)

13.08.040 Special Users. Each special user shall be evaluated separately based on the average flow, BOD, and suspended solids characteristic of its wastewater contribution. The flow, BOD, and suspended solid loadings shall be determined from estimates or measurements and tests made by City officials or its engineer.

A copy of the list of special users, the characteristics of their sewage, and the special user's monthly charge shall be kept on file at all times in the office of the City Clerk.

13.08.050 Industrial Cost Recovery. At such time any special user begins discharging industrial wastes into the sewer system, they shall be subject to industrial cost recovery requirements adopted by the City at that

time. Industrial wastes shall be defined under Section 35.905-8 of the Environmental Protection Agency Construction Grant Regulations 40 CFR Part 35, and discharged to the treatment facilities constructed by the City under EPA Grant No. C053-465. The City shall develop and adopt an industrial cost recovery system that complies with the requirements of Public Law 92.500 and all regulations and guidelines pertaining thereto and that are acceptable to the Environmental Protection Agency. In the interim, the City shall submit an annual certification affirming the non-existence of industrial discharges to the facilities.

13.08.060 Review and Revision of Rates. The sewer user charges shall, as a minimum, be reviewed annually and updated to reflect actual costs of operation, maintenance, replacement and financing of the sewage collection and treatment facilities. Any revisions of the users charges shall be based upon actual operation, maintenance, replacement and financing expenses. Revisions due only to changes in expenses and user class shall be made by the City. Revisions involving user's flow, BOD and/or suspended solids shall be computed by the methods outlined herein.

13.08.070 User Request for Rate Change. Any sewer user who feels his user charge is unjust and inequitable as applied to his premises within the spirit and intent of the foregoing provisions, may make written application to the City Council requesting a review of his user charge. Such written request shall, where necessary, show the actual or estimated average flow and strength of his wastewater in comparison with the values upon which the charge is based, including how the measurements or estimates were made. Any flow measurements and/or testing of wastewater shall be approved in detail by the City and/or its engineer. Review of the request by the City Council will determine if it is substantiated or not, including recommending further study of the matter for the City and/or user by a registered professional engineer.

13.08.080 New Construction and Vacancies. For new construction, the sewer user charge shall begin when the service connection has been inspected and approved, or when the building being served has been substantially completed, which ever is the latest date. Sewer users shall pay a users charge for their premises even though vacant or unoccupied, unless such user shall have his water service shut off, at which time the sewer user charge shall cease until the water is turned on again.

13.08.090 Cost Factor. The constant monthly cost factor per equivalent user shall be determined and set by the City so as to provide sufficient revenue to offset the estimated or actual sewage collection and treatment facilities budget for operation, maintenance, replacement and financing. Said cost factor shall be determined by dividing the monthly sewer budget by the total average equivalent users on the system. A copy of the current annual sewer budget shall be kept on file at all times in the office of the City Clerk.

13.08.100 Monthly rates. Monthly rates for all sewer users in the City shall be established by the City Council by resolution and shall be listed on a schedule kept on file at all times in the office of the City Clerk. Said schedule of rates shall include all the various classifications of users, including special users, if any. The monthly rate schedule is as follows:

A. Equivalent user schedule - The number of equivalent users to be assigned each user (or user class) shall be in accordance with the following equivalent user schedule. Assignment of equivalent users shall

apply until the next user charge review. Users so indicated or not included in this schedule shall be considered special users and shall be evaluated separately as provided below. Where information indicates that the flow and/or strength of sewage contributed by any of the following users is excessive in comparison to the allowable limits provided herein, then such user shall be considered a special user as provided below. A single user having more than one classification of use shall be the sum of the uses. The minimum monthly sewer user charge shall be based on at least one (1.00) equivalent user. (Ord. 1656, 2006)

The basic flat rate for (1.00) is $65.50 per month and shall be multiplied by the appropriate equivalent user effective September 15, 2011. (Ord. 1481, 1992; Ord. 1569 §1, 1998; Ord. 1590, 1999; Ord. 1598, 2000; Ord. 1609, 2000; Ord. 1610, 2000; Ord. 1652, 2005; Ord. 1660, 2006, Ord. 1703, §2, 2010, Ord. 1706, §2, 2011, Ord. 1716, §2, 2012, Ord. 1740, §2, 2014).

EQUIVALENT USER SCHEDULE

CLASSIFICATION	EQUIVALENT USERS
Assembly hall or lodge, no cafe	1.00
Bar or tavern, up to 100 seats	4.00
Over 100 seats, additional	1.35
Bakery	1.85
Barber Shop, up to 2 chairs	1.00
each additional chair	0.50
Beauty Shop, up to 2 stations	1.00
each additional station	0.50
Bowling alleys, per alley	0.15
Cafe, up to 50 seats	1.50
50 to 100 seats, additional	1.00
Over 100 seats, additional	1.00
Car wash (Ord. 1656, 2006)	4.00
Church	1.35
Cold storage and refrigeration	2.50
Eating establishments with liquor license up to 100 seats	4.00
Over 100 seats, additional (Ord. 1656, 2006)	1.35
Garage or maintenance shop	1.50
Hospital (per room)	0.25
Institutions - resident (per room)	0.15
Industrial, up to 20 employees - restrooms	1.35
Each additional employee	0.05
with industrial waste	Special ICR
Laundromat (per washer)	0.48
Laundry or cleaners	6.00
Motel, hotel, rooming house or RV park, first unit (Ord. 1501, 1993)	1.00
Each additional unit	0.28
Multiple commercial or retail/business units with 5 employees or less per unit(Ord. 1706, §2, 2011, Ord. 1754, 2016)	
Each unit with private toilet facilities	1.00
Each unit without private toilet facilities	0.50
Public restrooms or restrooms in common area (Ord. 1656, 2006; Ord. 1754, 2016)	0.50
Office, up to 5 employees	1.00
6 to 20 employees (Ord. 1706, §2, 2011)	1.35
Each additional employee	0.05
Park restroom facility	1.00

RV Dump Site (Ord. 1501, 1993)	1.00
School, with cafeteria, per student	0.02
Service Station/Convenience Store	1.50
Service Station/Convenience Store with deli (Ord. 1656, 2006)	2.50
Single dwelling unit (residence, apartment, etc).	1.00
Store or business; up to 5 employees	1.00
6 to 20 employees	1.35
Each additional employee - 21+ (Ord. 1706 §2, 2011)	0.05
Supermarket, up to 20 employees	1.50
Each additional employee	.05
Supermarket with deli/bakery up to 20 employees	3.50
Each additional employee (Ord. 1656, 2006)	.05
Theater	1.85

B. Hook-up charges:

1. All hook-ups, other than industrial, shall be at a cost of $600.00. Industrial hook-ups shall be at a cost of $1,000.00. (Ord. 1512, 1994;, Ord. 1652, 2005, Ord. 1656, 2006)
2. Multi-use connections:

   a. Trailer courts: Each additional trailer over one shall pay an additional $50.00, in addition to the fee listed above.

   b. Apartments (duplex and above): In addition to the fee listed above, each additional unit over one shall pay an additional $50.00.

   c. Motel/hotel (multi-unit facilities which rent accommodations by the day or week): Each additional unit over one shall pay one fifth (1/5) of the user fee of $50.00, in addition to the fee listed above.

C. All sewer hook-up fees will be paid at the time of application. Once a hook-up has been made, all parts and labor will be billed and should be paid in full or a signed agreement completed in City Hall concerning schedule of payments. (Ord. 1490, 1992; Ord. 1353, 1980).

D. Septage dumping shall be charged at a rate of 12 cents per gallon. This rate is subject to revision as deemed necessary by the City Council. (Ord. 1733, 2014).

13.08.110 Maintenance Responsibilities.

A. Property owners shall be responsible for:
   1. Maintenance of sewer line from the city's main line (either down the center of the street or in the alley) to the structure.
   2. If maintenance needs to be accomplished in the street or alley, the city superintendent shall be advised prior to work being accomplished.
   3. Any and all asphalt removed shall be replaced.

B. City responsibilities:

   1. Maintain all major sewer lines, keeping them clear and flowing; all lift stations shall be monitored daily.
   2. All sewer taps into city mains shall be accomplished by city employees. (Ord. 1459, 1990).