

CITY OF LYNNWOOD

ORDINANCE NO. 2530

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW RATE STRUCTURE AND RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE AND AMENDING SECTIONS 14.40.010, 14.40.020, 14.40.025, 14.40.030, 14.40.035 AND 14.40.040; CREATING SECTION 14.40.015 OF THE LYNNWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR SUMMARY PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, the City desires to base sewer rates on the cost of treating sewage by charging customers based on the volume and nature or strength of the wastewater produced; and

WHEREAS, the new sewer rates move toward equity to the ratepayer by charging for the amount of service used; and

WHEREAS, the sewer rate structure was last adjusted in 1993;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 14.40.010 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

14.40.010 Rates.

Rates for sewer services shall be as established in the schedules set forth in this chapter. The rate per month shall be comprised of a base monthly charge and a volume charge based on the metered volume of water consumption and the nature or strength of wastewater produced. The nature or strength of the wastewater produced will place each customer in one of five sewage strength classifications as set forth in Section 14.40.015. All billing information will be accumulated bi-monthly. Bi-monthly billing will be used for all accounts.

Section 2. A new Section 14.40.015 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby created as follows:

14.40.015 Customer Classifications

Customer charges have two parts; a fixed base charge and a flow or volume charge determined by the water meter readings and the strength or nature of the wastewater the account produces. For the combined flow and wastewater strength charge customers will be placed in one of the following classes, which most closely fits their operation, based on

the nature or strength of their wastewater. Charges associated with each classification are set forth in Section 14.40.035, Table 2.

<u>CLASSIFICATIONS</u>	<u>BOD+TSS</u> mg/l	<u>CLASSIFICATIONS</u>	<u>BOD+TSS</u> mg/l
1. Low Strength (<425 mg/l)		3. Medium Strength (<1200 mg/l)	
Platers	167	Auto Dealer, Body Shops and Auto Repair	550
Photo Studios	242	Bowling Alleys – No Restaurant	670
Photo Finish Labs	265	Grocery Stores, all Fish Processing	700
Printers/Copy Centers	325	Hotels and Motels – with restaurant	950
Laundromats	325	Commercial Laundries	950
Tavern – No Food Preparation	350	Mead Distributors and Markets	1050
Car Washes	350	Bakeries	1063
Nursing Homes	350	Vehicle Part Manufacturer	1121
Chemical Processors	388	4. High Strength (<1500 mg/l)	
2. Average Strength (<550 mg/l)		Bakery Stores	1200
Coating and Engraving Services	425	Restaurants, Taverns with grease control	1200
Funeral Services – No Embalming	425	Bowling Alleys – with restaurant, grease control	1200
Domestic Waste	425	5. Very High Strength (≥1500 mg/l)	
General Retail, Business Office	425	Grocery Stores – Full Service	1500
Hotels and Motels – No restaurant	450	Funeral Service – with embalming	1500
Hospitals	450	Restaurants, Taverns with out grease control	1550
Soft Drink Beverage Manufacturing	531	Bowling Alleys – with restaurant, no grease control	1550
		Candy Producers	1650

(BOD – biochemical oxygen demand, TSS – total suspended solids, mg/l – milligrams per liter)

Section 3. Section 14.40.020 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

14.40.020 Schedule I –Residential Single-Unit.

Residential Single-Unit shall be charged at the base rate per month in Table 1. This base rate shall include the first 1,000 cubic feet of water consumption per unit per month (2,000 cubic feet per unit per bimonthly bill). Customers will be charged for each 100 cubic feet of water consumption above the first 1,000 cubic feet at the rate specified in Table 1. The calculation of metered water consumption shall be based on LMC 14.40.035.

Section 4. Section 14.40.025 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

14.40.025 Schedule II – Residential multiple-unit rates.

Each residential-multiple-unit customer shall be charged a base rate per month per separate dwelling unit in Table 1. The base rate shall include 1,000 cubic feet of water consumption per meter per month (2,000 cubic feet per meter per bimonthly bill). Customers will be charged for each 100 cubic feet of water consumption above the first 1,000 cubic feet per meter per month, at the rate specified in LMC 14.40.035.

Section 5. Section 14.40.030 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

14.40.030 Schedule III – Commercial and industrial rates.

Each commercial or industrial customer shall be charged a base rate per month per separate water meter in Table 1. The base rate shall include 1,000 cubic feet of water consumption per meter per month (2,000 cubic feet per meter per bimonthly bill). Customers will be charged for each 100 cubic feet of water consumption above the first 1,000 cubic feet per meter per month, based on the customer's strength classification at the rate specified in LMC 14.40.035.

Section 6. Section 14.40.035 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

14.40.035 Schedule IV – Sewer volume charge based on metered water consumption.

Each customer, including residential single-unit, residential-multiple-unit per unit, and commercial and industrial per meter, shall be charged a rate per 100 cubic feet of residential use or commercial/industrial use in excess of the first 1,000 cubic feet per month included in the base rate. This rate shall be as specified in Table 1.

A portion of the water flowing through and measured by residential water meters does not enter the sewer system due to irrigation or other external uses. This is most noticeable in the summer months. To address this issue the volume charge for the bills issued in May, June, July, August, September will reflect an adjusted volume based on winter usage patterns.

TABLE 1, SEWER RATES

CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION	MONTHLY BASE RATE (INCL. 10 CCF)	MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE OVER 10 CCF (per CCF)
Residential Single-Unit	\$21.00	\$1.15**
Senior Citizen	\$9.00	N/A
Residential-Multiple-Unit	\$20.00	\$1.15

Per unit*		
Commercial/Industrial (based on meter size)		
5/8-3/4 Inch Meter	\$39.00	Based on Strength See Table 2 below
1 Inch Meter	\$50.00	Based on Strength See Table 2 below
1-1/2 Inch Meter	\$60.00	Based on Strength See Table 2 below
2 Inch Meter	\$90.00	Based on Strength See Table 2 below
3 Inch Meter	\$302.50	Based on Strength See Table 2 below
4 Inch Meter	\$382.50	Based on Strength See Table 2 below
6 Inch Meter	\$567.50	Based on Strength See Table 2 below
SEWER ONLY ACCOUNTS		
Residential Single-Unit	\$22.00	N/A
Residential-Multiple-Unit Per unit	\$20.00	N/A
Commercial/Industrial Per account	\$55.00	N/A

* \$20.00 per unit plus \$1.15 per CCF over 10 CCF per meter

** For next additional 17.5 CCF (No charges are incurred for volumes over the additional 17.5 CCF per month)

TABLE 2. STRENGTH CHARGES

\$1.15 per CCF if Strength < 3

\$1.80 per CCF if Strength = 3

\$2.20 per CCF if Strength = 4

\$3.00 per CCF if Strength = 5

Section 7. Section 14.40.040 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

14.40.040 Schedule III – Special.

A. Persons of the age of 61 years or older, meeting the qualifications specified in subsection (B) of this section and RCW 84.36.381, shall be charged at a special sewer rate:

Residential Single-Unit special fixed monthly rate: \$9.00

B. Qualifications for said rate shall be:

1. The property to which the utility service is extended shall have a valid property tax exception from Snohomish County, pursuant to RCW 84.36.381 through 84.36.385.
2. Claimants for said reduction shall occupy site as principle residence and be within the corporate limits of the city of Lynnwood and have a household income level no greater than and as prescribed in RCW 84.36.381.

C. The city council, by appropriation from the general fund to the water and sewer fund, shall pay those capital costs as allocated in the sewer rate model, "total rate requirements and calculation by customer class" module to senior citizens, thereby lowering the actual monthly rate to be charged to senior citizens in single-family residences.

Section 8. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2005 which is more than five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.


PASSED THIS 11th day of October, 2004, and signed in authentication of its passage this 12th day of October, 2004.



MIKE MCKINNON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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Finance Director
GREG RUBSTELLO
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