



ORDINANCE NO. 29049

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to sewerage; amending Subchapter 12.08B of the
2 Municipal Code, relating to Use of Sanitary Sewer, by amending Section
3 12.08B.210, entitled "Rates and fees for wastewater service inside the
4 City limits", to change the assumed water usage for customers with
5 incomplete or no winter flow records.

6 WHEREAS wastewater rates are a combination of a fixed rate and a
7 variable rate based on water usage during the winter months (December through
8 March) referred to as the Winter Quarter Average ("WQA"), and

9 WHEREAS customers who do not have flow records during this period or
10 have incomplete records are billed with an assumed flow amount, per the Tacoma
11 Municipal Code ("TMC"), of 6.0 hundred cubic feet ("ccf") per month for single-
12 family dwellings and 5.0 ccf per unit per month for multi-family dwellings, and

13 WHEREAS staff researched the average WQA flows for residential
14 wastewater customers from the last three years and found the average water
15 usage is lower than current assumptions by 1.0 ccf per month, and

16 WHEREAS this proposed amendment to the TMC will lower wastewater
17 bills for new residential customers in single- and multi-family dwellings when
18 limited or incomplete water consumption history is available, and

19 WHEREAS the amendment also updates the assumed flow to better match
20 the average customer's actual usage; Now, Therefore,

21 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

22 Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Recitals of this
23 Ordinance as its formal legislative findings.
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Section 2. That Subchapter 12.08B of the Municipal Code, relating to
Use of Sanitary Sewer, is hereby amended, as set forth in the attached Exhibit
“A.”

Section 3. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is
authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance and Exhibit “A,”
including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener’s/clerical errors, references,
ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

SUBCHAPTER 12.08B USE OF SANITARY SEWER

RATES AND FEES

- 12.08B.200 Types of rates and fees.
- 12.08B.210 Rates and fees for wastewater service inside City limits.
- 12.08B.220 Rates and fees for direct wastewater services for properties outside the City.
- 12.08B.230 Connection charge-in-lieu-of-assessment.
- 12.08B.240 Billing periods, payments, and collections.
- 12.08B.250 Rates and fees for special approved discharges.
- 12.08B.260 Fixed-term discharges of groundwater "pump and treat" effluent to the POTW.
- 12.08B.270 Discharge of domestic wastewater from holding tanks.
- 12.08B.280 Rates and fees for TAGRO.
- 12.08B.290 Pilot Rate Program.
- 12.08B.300 Regular review of wastewater rates and fees.
- 12.08B.310 Reconsideration of wastewater rates.
- 12.08B.320 Rates and fees for monitored users.
- 12.08B.330 Rates and fees for commercial/industrial wastewater user groups.
- 12.08B.340 Liability for supplemental fees.

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- 12.08B.210** Rates and fees for wastewater service inside the City limits.

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C. For new residential services or account holders which have incomplete or no winter flow records available, the monthly flow portion of the Residential Flow Rate for wastewater service shall be computed using the flows listed below:

- Single-family Dwellings - ~~6.0~~ 5.0 ccf per month
- Multiple-family Dwelling - ~~5.0~~ 4.0 ccf per unit per month

Except that charges for existing multiple-family dwellings with previous consumption history shall not change solely due to changes in account holder or ownership.

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