



## ORDINANCE NO. 28997

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to wastewater and surface water management;  
2 amending the Official Schedule of Stormwater and Wastewater Utility  
3 Service Rates and Fees, effective January 1, 2025, and January 1,  
4 2026.

4 WHEREAS the Environmental Services Department, working with the  
5 Environmental Services Commission, has updated its multi-year rate plan and  
6 developed proposed general revenue increases for the 2025-2026 Biennium for  
7 Wastewater and Stormwater customers, and

8 WHEREAS the proposed rate increases are driven by the lower than  
9 planned implemented rate increases in 2021 and 2022 to provide some bill  
10 relief to customers during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as ongoing  
11 operating expenses and construction inflation, and

12 WHEREAS the proposed overall revenue increases are seven percent  
13 for Wastewater and eight percent for Stormwater, which also includes  
14 increased financial assistance for income-qualifying residential customers, and

15 WHEREAS the guiding strategy for these rate adjustments is to maintain  
16 the lowest responsible cost increase for customers, while maintaining long-term  
17 financial sustainability of the utilities, and

18 WHEREAS the proper operation and adequate funding of the  
19 Wastewater and Stormwater utilities produces direct benefits in cleaner water  
20 discharges to Commencement Bay, and

21 WHEREAS the utilities provide infrastructure and services to manage  
22 wastewater and stormwater for the protection of health, property, and quality of  
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life for all residents; promote the growth and development of a vibrant economy; and help sustain a healthy environment, and

WHEREAS the utility service rate and fee changes for 2025 and 2026 would become effective January 1 of each year; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Recitals of this Ordinance as its formal legislative findings.

Section 2. That the Official Schedule of Stormwater and Wastewater Utility Service Rates and Fees, is hereby amended, effective January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026, as set forth in the attached Exhibits "A" for Wastewater and "B" for Stormwater, respectively.



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

Passed \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney



**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**(TMC 12.08B – USE OF SANITARY SEWER)**

Wastewater Rate and Fee Table								
TMC Reference Section	Type of Rate or Fee	Frequency or Measure	Fee and Rate		Effective Date	Fee and Rate		Effective Date
12.08B.210	Residential Fixed Fee	per month, per single-family residence		<del>\$30.09</del> <u>35.75</u>	January 1, <del>2023</del> <u>2025</u>		<del>\$32.50</del> <u>40.04</u>	January 1, <del>2024</del> <u>2026</u>
12.08B.210	Residential Flow Rate	per month, per ccf		<del>\$5.65</del> <u>6.27</u>	January 1, <del>2023</del> <u>2025</u>		<del>\$60.56</del> <u>6.34</u>	January 1, <del>2024</del> <u>2026</u>
12.08B.210.D	Low Income Residential Rate and Fee Reduction	per month	35 percent reduction		January 1, 2023			
12.08B.220.C	Outside City Residential Fixed Fee	per month, per ccf	110 percent	<del>\$33.10</del> <u>39.33</u>	January 1, <del>2023</del> <u>2025</u>	110 percent	<del>\$35.75</del> <u>44.04</u>	January 1, <del>2024</del> <u>2026</u>
12.08B.220.C	Outside City Residential Flow Rate	per month, per ccf	110 percent	<del>\$6.22</del> <u>90</u>	January 1, <del>2023</del> <u>2025</u>	110 percent	<del>\$6.66</del> <u>97</u>	January 1, <del>2024</del> <u>2026</u>
12.08B.220.B	Outside City Connection Fee (Fixed Fee portion only – Connection charge in lieu of assessment also applies per TMC 12.08B.220.D)	Per connection		\$1,250.00	January 1, 2021			
12.08B.220.D	Outside City Connection Charge-in-lieu-of-Assessment	per Assessable Unit of Frontage		\$55.00	January 1, 2021			
12.08B.220.J	Contributing Jurisdiction Rate	per month		Rate calculated by control authority in accordance with TMC 12.08B.220.J				

## Wastewater Rate and Fee Table

TMC Reference Section	Type of Rate or Fee	Frequency or Measure	Fee and Rate		Effective Date	Fee and Rate		Effective Date
12.08B.230.B.1	Connection Fee (Fixed Fee portion only – Connection charge in lieu of assessment also applies per TMC 12.08B.230)	per connection		\$1,250.00	January 1, 2021			
12.08B.230	Connection Charge-in-lieu-of Assessment	per connection		Rate calculated by control authority in accordance with TMC 12.08B.230	January 2, 2021			
12.08B.250.A	Special Approved Discharge Annual Fixed Administration Fee	per permit, per 365 days		\$650.00	January 1, 2021			
12.08B.250.B	Special Approved Discharge Rate	per sampling event, per ccf	FL = Flow rate	\$5. <del>3385</del>	January 1, <del>2023</del> 2025	FL = Flow rate	\$5. <del>7397</del>	January 1, <del>2024</del> 2026
		per mg/l, per ccf,	X = TSS	\$0. <del>007510</del> 008112		X = TSS	\$0. <del>008112</del> 008736	
		per mg/l, per ccf	Y = BOD	\$0. <del>008262</del> 009984		Y = BOD	\$0. <del>009088</del> 010421	
12.08B.270.B	Holding Tank Waste Discharge Rate	per 100 gallons discharged	From Within the City	\$15.26	January 1, <del>2023</del> 2025	From Within the City	\$15.26	January 1, <del>2024</del> 2026
			From Outside the City	\$16.79	January 1, <del>2023</del> 2025	From Outside the City	\$16.79	January 1, <del>2024</del> 2026
12.08B.280	TAGRO	per product or service		Established by Director based on Market Conditions				

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TMC Reference Section	Type of Rate or Fee	Frequency or Measure	Fee and Rate		Effective Date	Fee and Rate		Effective Date
12.08B.290	Pilot Rate Program for Commercial/ Industrial Users			Established by Control Authority in accordance with TMC 12.08B.290				
12.08B.320 12.08B.330	Commercial and/or Industrial User Fixed Fee	per month	MF = Monthly fixed fee	<del>\$15.46</del> <u>18.71</u>	January 1, <del>2023</del> <u>2025</u>	MF = Monthly fixed fee	<del>\$16.70</del> <u>20.21</u>	January 1, <del>2024</del> <u>2026</u>
12.08B.320	Monitored Commercial and/or Industrial User Rate	per sampling event, per ccf	FL = Flow rate	<del>\$5.33</del> <u>85</u>	January 1, <del>2023</del> <u>2025</u>	FL = Flow rate	<del>\$5.73</del> <u>97</u>	January 1, <del>2024</del> <u>2026</u>
		per mg/l, per ccf	X = TSS	<del>\$0.007510</del> <u>008112</u>		X = TSS	<del>\$0.008112</del> <u>008736</u>	
		per mg/l, per ccf	Y = BOD	<del>\$0.008262</del> <u>009984</u>		Y = BOD	<del>\$0.009088</del> <u>0101421</u>	
12.08B.330	Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit Fee	annual		\$700.00	January 1, 1997		\$	
12.08B.330	Industrial Wastewater Zero- Discharge Permit Fee	annual		\$480.00	January 1, 1997		\$	
12.08B.330	Commercial and/or Industrial User Flow Rate	per month, per ccf	Category 1	<del>\$7.84</del> <u>8.73</u>	January 1, <del>2023</del> <u>2025</u>	Category 1	<del>\$8.47</del> <u>9.17</u>	January 1, <del>2024</del> <u>2026</u>
			Category 2	<del>\$8.46</del> <u>9.78</u>		Category 2	<del>\$9.14</del> <u>10.52</u>	
			Category 3	<del>\$10.65</del> <u>12.03</u>		Category 3	<del>\$11.51</del> <u>12.82</u>	
			Category 4	<del>\$12.51</del> <u>14.13</u>		Category 4	<del>\$13.52</del> <u>15.05</u>	
			Category 5	<del>\$12.70</del> <u>14.96</u>		Category 5	<del>\$13.72</del> <u>16.09</u>	
			Category 6	<del>\$14.56</del> <u>16.91</u>		Category 6	<del>\$15.73</del> <u>18.10</u>	
			Category 7	<del>\$16.45</del> <u>19.11</u>		Category 7	<del>\$17.77</del> <u>20.45</u>	
			Category 8	<del>\$17.02</del> <u>19.87</u>		Category 8	<del>\$18.39</del> <u>21.27</u>	





**EXHIBIT “B”  
(TMC 12.08D – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT)**

STORMWATER RATE AND FEE TABLE								
TMC Reference Section	Type of Rate or Fee	Frequency or Measure	Fee and Rate		Effective Date	Fee and Rate	Effective Date	
12.08D.140.A	Special Approved Stormwater Discharge Permit Application Fee (to Stormwater System)	At time of application for each discharge location	\$500.00		January 1, 2021			
12.08D.140.A	Special Approved Stormwater Discharge Permit Quantity Rate (to Stormwater System)	Per gallon discharged	\$0.00		January 1, 2021	\$0.00	January 1, 2022	
12.08D.210	Stormwater Fixed Fee	Per Month, per parcel	<del>\$10.67</del> <u>12.34</u>		January 1, <del>2023</del> <u>2025</u>	<del>\$11.42</del> <u>13.33</u>	January 1, <del>2024</del> <u>2026</u>	
12.08D.210	Stormwater Rate – All parcels except Waterfront/Direct discharge	Per Month, per 500 square foot of parcel area	Undeveloped – First Acre or Less	<del>\$0.30</del> <u>34</u>	January 1, <del>2023</del> <u>2025</u>	Undeveloped – First Acre or Less	<del>\$0.32</del> <u>37</u>	January 1, <del>2024</del> <u>2026</u>
			Undeveloped – Area in Excess of One Acre	<del>\$0.07</del> <u>08</u>		Undeveloped – Area in Excess of One Acre	<del>\$0.07</del> <u>08</u>	
			Light	<del>\$0.97</del> <u>1.11</u>		Light	<del>\$1.03</del> <u>20</u>	
			Moderate	<del>\$1.33</del> <u>53</u>		Moderate	<del>\$1.41</del> <u>65</u>	
			Heavy	<del>\$1.96</del> <u>2.24</u>		Heavy	<del>\$2.08</del> <u>42</u>	
			Very Heavy	<del>\$2.65</del> <u>3.05</u>		Very Heavy	<del>\$2.81</del> <u>3.29</u>	
			Open Space with forested land cover	NA		Open Space with forested land cover	NA	

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TMC Reference Section	Type of Rate or Fee	Frequency or Measure	Fee and Rate		Effective Date	Fee and Rate		Effective Date
12.08D.210	Stormwater Rate – Waterfront/Direct discharge parcels	Per Month, per 500 square foot of parcel area	Undeveloped – First Acre or Less	\$0. <del>16</del> <u>18</u>	January 1, <del>2023</del> <u>2025</u>	Undeveloped – First Acre or Less	\$0. <del>17</del> <u>19</u>	January 1, <del>2024</del> <u>2026</u>
			Undeveloped – Area in Excess of One Acre	\$0. <del>06</del> <u>07</u>		Undeveloped – Area in Excess of One Acre	\$0. <del>07</del> <u>08</u>	
			Light	\$0. <del>52</del> <u>59</u>		Light	\$0. <del>55</del> <u>64</u>	
			Moderate	\$0. <del>71</del> <u>81</u>		Moderate	\$0. <del>75</del> <u>87</u>	
			Heavy	\$1. <del>04</del> <u>19</u>		Heavy	\$1. <del>11</del> <u>29</u>	
			Very Heavy	\$1. <del>41</del> <u>62</u>		Very Heavy	\$1. <del>50</del> <u>75</u>	
			Open Space with forested land cover	NA		Open Space with forested land cover	NA	
12.08D.210	Low-income senior and low-income disabled percentage reduction	Percentage Reduction of Stormwater Fixed Fee and Stormwater Rate	35 percent reduction		January 1, 2023			
12.08A.260.A&C	System Development Charge	Per square foot of surface area to be mitigated	Established by separate ordinance based on the location of the benefited parcel and the regional stormwater facility					
12.08A.260.A&E	Maintenance Surcharge	Per square foot of surface area to be mitigated	Established by separate ordinance based on the location of the benefited parcel and the regional stormwater facility					