



## ORDINANCE NO. 28850

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to Wastewater and Stormwater; amending the Official  
2 Schedule of Stormwater Utility and Wastewater Utility Service Rates and  
3 Fees, effective January 1, 2023, and January 1, 2024.

4 WHEREAS the Stormwater Utility and Wastewater Utility (“Utilities”)  
5 provide infrastructure and services to manage wastewater and stormwater for  
6 the protection of health, property, and quality of life for all residents, promote  
7 the growth and development of a vibrant economy, and help sustain a healthy  
8 environment, and

9 WHEREAS the proper operation and adequate funding of the Utilities  
10 produces direct benefits in cleaner water discharges into Commencement Bay,  
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13 WHEREAS the guiding strategy for these rate adjustments is to maintain  
14 the lowest responsible cost increase for customers, while maintaining long-term  
15 financial sustainability of the Utilities, and  
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17 WHEREAS the proposed rate increases are driven by the continuing  
18 impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in lower than historical revenues, as  
19 well as operating expenses and construction inflation, and  
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21 WHEREAS proposed overall revenue increases are 8 percent for  
22 wastewater and 6 percent for stormwater, and also an increase in financial  
23 assistance for income-qualifying residential customers in the proposed plan, and

24 WHEREAS staff engaged in outreach to City Neighborhood Councils,  
25 several community groups, as well as local governments, and did not receive  
26 significant feedback on rate proposals; Now, Therefore,



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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the Official Schedule of Stormwater Utility and Wastewater Utility Service Rates and Fees, is hereby amended, resulting in annual revenue increases of approximately 8 percent for Wastewater, to be effective January 1, 2023, and January 1, 2024, to read as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

Section 2. That the Official Schedule of Stormwater Utility and Wastewater Utility Service Rates and Fees, is hereby amended, resulting in annual revenue increases of approximately 6 percent for Stormwater, to be effective January 1, 2023, and January 1, 2024, to read as set forth in the attached Exhibit "B."

Passed \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Chief 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>\$27.32</del> 30.09	January 1, <del>2021</del> 2023		<del>\$27.73</del> 32.50	January 1, <del>2022</del> 2024
12.08B.210	Residential Flow Rate	per month, per ccf		<del>\$5.15</del> 5.65	January 1, <del>2021</del> 2023		<del>\$5.23</del> 6.05	January 1, <del>2022</del> 2024
12.08B.210.D	Low Income Residential Rate and Fee Reduction	per month	35 percent reduction		January 1, 2021			
12.08B.220.C	Outside City Residential Fixed Fee	per month, per ccf	110 percent	<del>\$30.05</del> 33.10	January 1, <del>2021</del> 2023	110 percent	<del>\$30.50</del> 35.75	January 1, <del>2022</del> 2024
12.08B.220.C	Outside City Residential Flow Rate	per month, per ccf	110 percent	<del>\$5.66</del> 6.22	January 1, <del>2021</del> 2023	110 percent	<del>\$5.75</del> 6.66	January 1, <del>2022</del> 2024
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	January 1, 2021		\$	
12.08B.250.B	Special Approved Discharge Rate	per sampling event, per ccf	FL = Flow rate	<del>\$5.0133</del>	January 1, <del>2021</del> 2023	FL = Flow rate	<del>\$5.1773</del>	January 1, <del>2022</del> 2024
		per mg/l, per ccf,	X = TSS	<del>\$0.01007510</del>		X = TSS	<del>\$0.01008112</del>	
		per mg/l, per ccf	Y = BOD	<del>\$0.01008262</del>		Y = BOD	<del>\$0.01009088</del>	
12.08B.270.B	Holding Tank Waste Discharge Rate	per 100 gallons discharged	From Within the City	\$15.26	January 1, 2021	From Within the City	<del>\$1615.7926</del>	<u>January 1, 2024</u>
			From Outside the City	<del>\$15.26</del> 16.79	January 1, <del>2021</del> 2023	From Outside the City	\$16.79	<u>January 1, 2024</u>
12.08B.280	TAGRO	per product or service		Established by Director based on Market Conditions				

## 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.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>\$13.39</del> 15.46	January 1, <del>2021</del> 2023	MF = Monthly fixed fee	<del>\$13.80</del> 16.70	January 1, <del>2022</del> 2024
12.08B.320	Monitored Commercial and/or Industrial User Rate	per sampling event, per ccf	FL = Flow rate	\$5. <del>01</del> 33	January 1, <del>2021</del> 2023	FL = Flow rate	\$5. <del>17</del> 73	January 1, <del>2022</del> 2024
		per mg/l, per ccf	X = TSS	\$0. <del>01</del> 007510		X = TSS	\$0. <del>01</del> 008112	
		per mg/l, per ccf	Y = BOD	\$0. <del>01</del> 008262		Y = BOD	\$0. <del>01</del> 009088	
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>\$7.24</del> 7.84	January 1, <del>2021</del> 2023	Category 1	<del>\$7.46</del> 8.47	January 1, <del>2022</del> 2024
			Category 2	<del>\$7.53</del> 8.46		Category 2	<del>\$7.76</del> 9.14	
			Category 3	<del>\$9.48</del> 10.65		Category 3	<del>\$9.77</del> 11.51	
			Category 4	<del>\$11.13</del> 12.51		Category 4	<del>\$11.47</del> 13.52	
			Category 5	<del>\$11.31</del> 12.70		Category 5	<del>\$11.65</del> 13.72	
			Category 6	<del>\$12.96</del> 14.56		Category 6	<del>\$13.35</del> 15.73	
			Category 7	<del>\$14.65</del> 16.45		Category 7	<del>\$15.09</del> 17.77	
			Category 8	<del>\$15.15</del> 17.02		Category 8	<del>\$15.61</del> 18.39	

**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>\$8.61</del> <u>10.67</u>		January 1, <del>2021</del> <u>2023</u>	<del>\$9.00</del> <u>11.42</u>	January 1, <del>2022</del> <u>2024</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	\$0.30	January 1, <del>2021</del> <u>2023</u>	Undeveloped – First Acre or Less	<del>\$0.30</del> <u>32</u>	January 1, <del>2022</del> <u>2024</u>
			Undeveloped – Area in Excess of One Acre	<del>\$0.06</del> <u>07</u>		Undeveloped – Area in Excess of One Acre	<del>\$0.06</del> <u>07</u>	
			Light	<del>\$0.94</del> <u>97</u>		Light	<del>\$0.95</del> <u>1.03</u>	
			Moderate	<del>\$1.30</del> <u>33</u>		Moderate	<del>\$1.31</del> <u>41</u>	
			Heavy	<del>\$1.90</del> <u>96</u>		Heavy	<del>\$1.92</del> <u>2.08</u>	
			Very Heavy	<del>\$2.55</del> <u>65</u>		Very Heavy	<del>\$2.57</del> <u>81</u>	
			Open Space with forested land cover	NA		Open Space with forested land cover	NA	

**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.210	Stormwater Rate – Waterfront/Direct discharge parcels	Per Month, per 500 square foot of parcel area	Undeveloped – First Acre or Less	\$0. <del>15</del> <u>16</u>	January 1, <del>2021</del> <u>2023</u>	Undeveloped – First Acre or Less	\$0. <del>15</del> <u>17</u>	January 1, <del>2022</del> <u>2024</u>
			Undeveloped – Area in Excess of One Acre	\$0.06		Undeveloped – Area in Excess of One Acre	\$0. <del>06</del> <u>07</u>	
			Light	\$0. <del>48</del> <u>52</u>		Light	\$0. <del>49</del> <u>55</u>	
			Moderate	\$0. <del>68</del> <u>71</u>		Moderate	\$0. <del>68</del> <u>75</u>	
			Heavy	\$ <del>0.97</del> <u>1.04</u>		Heavy	\$ <del>0.98</del> <u>1.11</u>	
			Very Heavy	\$ <del>1.29</del> <u>1.41</u>		Very Heavy	\$ <del>1.31</del> <u>1.50</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%		January 1, <del>2021</del> <u>2023</u>			
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					