



ORDINANCE NO. 29054

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to sewerage; amending Section 2 of Ordinance
2 No. 29049, to establish an effective date of January 1, 2026, for the
3 changes to the assumed water usage for customers with incomplete or
4 no winter flow records.

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

8 WHEREAS customers who do not have flow records during this period
9 or have incomplete records are billed with an assumed flow amount, per
10 Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") Section 12.08B.210, and

11 WHEREAS on August 5, 2025, the City Council approved Ordinance
12 No. 29049, amending assumed flow amounts in TMC Section 12.08B.210 from
13 6.0 hundred cubic feet ("ccf") per month for single-family dwellings and 5.0 ccf
14 per unit per month for multi-family dwellings, to 5.0 ccf and 4.0 ccf respectively,
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17 WHEREAS the intent was for the code changes to become effective
18 concurrently with already planned rate increases on January 1, 2026; and

19 WHEREAS the Department of Environmental Services recommends
20 amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 29049 to establish an effective date of
21 January 1, 2026, for the changes to the assumed flow amounts so they are
22 implemented with other rate increases as planned. Now, Therefore,

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24 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

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



Section 2. That Section 2 of Ordinance No. 29049 is hereby amended
to read in its entirety "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", effective January 1, 2026."

Section 3. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney's Office,
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 _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney