

CITY OF KENNEWICK
ORDINANCE NO. 5990

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SANITARY SEWER CHARGES
AND AMENDING SECTIONS 14.26.010, 14.26.020, 14.26.030,
14.26.040 AND 14.26.70 OF THE KENNEWICK MUNICIPAL CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 14.26.010 of the Kennewick Municipal Code, be, and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

14.26.010: - User Charge Basis.

Each connection to the sanitary sewer from single-family dwelling unit, multi-family dwelling unit, commercial and industrial accounts shall have a user charge assessed and collected bi-monthly by the City Treasurer on the following basis:

- (1) Single-Family Dwelling Unit Accounts: A flat fee charge rate shall be charged.
- (2) Multi-Family Dwelling Unit Accounts: A variable charge rate based upon metered water consumption shall be charged. The rate shall be determined as follows:
 - (a) A rate, never less than a minimum charge, equal in amount to the single-family dwelling unit flat fee charge rate, normally;
 - (b) Effective January 1, 2023, a rate determined by multiplying the user charge rate (dollars per 100 cubic feet discharged) by the metered water consumption in hundred cubic feet and an \$17.58 per unit service fee, plus any modifications authorized under Section 14.26.070, for each two-month billing cycle and effective January 1, 2024, a rate determined by multiplying the user charge rate (dollars per 100 cubic feet discharged) by the metered water consumption in 100 cubic feet and a rate that has been increased by an additional 5.0 percent, plus any modifications authorized under Section 14.26.070 per unit service fee for each two-month billing cycle; but
 - (c) Never higher than a maximum charge determined by multiplying the number of dwelling units in the account by the single-family dwelling unit flat fee rate.
- (3) Commercial/Industrial Accounts: A variable charge rate based upon metered water consumption shall be charged. The rate shall be determined as follows:
 - (a) A rate never less than a minimum charge equal in amount to the single-family dwelling unit flat fee charge rate, normally;
 - (b) Effective January 1, 2023, a rate determined by multiplying the user's charge rate (dollars per 100 cubic feet discharged) by the metered water consumption in hundred cubic feet and an \$17.58 per unit service fee, plus any modifications authorized under Section 14.26.070, for each two-month billing cycle and effective January 1, 2024, a rate determined by multiplying the user charge rate (dollars per 100 cubic feet discharged) by the metered water consumption in hundred cubic feet

and a rate that has been increased by an additional 5.0 percent, plus any modifications authorized under Section 14.26.070 per unit service fee for each two-month billing cycle; but

- (c) If the metered water consumption is not representative of the wastewater discharged into the sanitary sewer, a factor "K" may be applied to the rate determined in subdivision (b) of this subsection. The factor "K" is a ratio found by dividing the volume of wastewater discharged by the metered water consumption, both determined simultaneously during a common time period. It is the responsibility of the City that their proposed "K" factor is a valid value.
- (4) Outside City Limits Accounts: All accounts outside the City limits shall be assessed a 50-percent surcharge over and above the respective inside City limits rates.
- (5) The usual charge for sanitary sewer service shall be billed to the user, when possible, on the same bill as for domestic water. Sewer service charges shall become delinquent 15 days after date of billing.
- (6) Quantity discounts to large-volume users shall not be allowed.

(Ord. 5990 Sec. 1, 2022; Ord. 5882 Sec. 1, 2020; Ord. 5787 Sec. 1, 2018; Ord. 5678 Sec. 1, 2016; Ord. 3619 Sec. 11, 1995; Ord. 2480 Sec. 8, 1980; Ord. 1919 Sec. 2(part), 1976)

Section 2. Section 14.26.020 of the Kennewick Municipal Code, be, and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

14.26.020: - Single-Family Dwelling Unit Rate—Schedule 1.

This schedule applies to all single-family dwelling units connected or required to be connected to the sanitary sewer. Effective January 1, 2023, within the City limits, the rate shall be a flat fee bi-monthly user charge of \$68.04, plus any modification authorized under Section 14.26.070. Effective January 1, 2024, within City limits, the rate shall be a flat fee bi-monthly user charge that has been increased by an additional 5.0 percent, plus any modification authorized under Section 14.26.070.

(Ord. 5990 Sec. 2, 2022; Ord. 5882 Sec. 2, 2020; Ord. 5787 Sec. 2, 2018; Ord. 5678 Sec. 2, 2016; Ord. 5678 Sec. 2, 2016; Ord. 3619 Sec. 12, 1995; Ord. 3121 Sec. 2(part), 1987; Ord. 3084 Sec. 2(part), 1987; Ord. 2973 Sec. 2(part), 1985; Ord. 2910 Sec. 2(part), 1985; Ord. 2888 Sec. 6(part) 1985; Ord. 2480 Sec. 9(part), 1980; Ord. 1919 Sec. 2(part), 1976)

Section 3. Section 14.26.030 of the Kennewick Municipal Code, be, and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

14.26.030: - Multi-family Dwelling Unit Rate—Schedule 2.

This schedule applies to all multi-family dwelling units connected or required to be connected to the sanitary sewer. Effective January 1, 2023, within the City limits, the bi-monthly rate shall be calculated separately for each account using a user charge rate of \$3.187, plus any modification authorized under Section 14.26.070, for each 100 cubic feet of metered water

consumption, plus the service charge in Section 14.26.010. Effective January 1, 2024, the bi-monthly rate shall be calculated separately for each account using a user charge rate that has been increased by an additional 5.0 percent, plus any modification authorized under Section 14.26.070, for each 100 cubic feet of metered water consumption, plus the service charge in Section 14.26.010.

(Ord. 5990 Sec. 3, 2022; Ord. 5882 Sec. 3, 2020; Ord. 5787 Sec. 3, 2018; Ord. 5678 Sec. 3, 2016; Ord. 3619 Sec. 13, 1995; Ord. 3121 Sec. 2(part), 1987; Ord. 3084 Sec. 2(part), 1987; Ord. 2973 Sec. 2(part), 1985; Ord. 2910 Sec. 2(part), 1985; Ord. 2888 Sec. 6(part), 1985; Ord. 2480 Sec. 9(part), 1980; Ord. 1919 Sec. 2(part), 1976)

Section 4. Section 14.26.040 of the Kennewick Municipal Code, be, and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

14.26.040: - Commercial/Industrial Accounts—Schedule 3.

This schedule applies to all other accounts not classified in Schedules 1 or 2 that are connected or required to be connected to the sanitary sewer. Effective January 1, 2023, within the City limits, the bi-monthly rate shall be calculated separately for each account using a user charge rate of \$3.187 plus any modification authorized under Section 14.26.070, for each 100 cubic feet of metered water consumption, plus the service charge in Section 14.26.010. Effective January 1, 2024, the bi-monthly rate shall be calculated separately for each account using a user charge rate that has been increased by an additional 5.0 percent, plus any modification authorized under Section 14.26.070, for each 100 cubic feet of metered water consumption, plus the service charge in Section 14.26.010.

(Ord 5990 Sec. 4, 2022; Ord 5882 Sec. 4, 2020; Ord. 5787 Sec. 4, 2018; Ord. 5678 Sec. 4, 2016; Ord. 3619 Sec. 14, 1995; Ord. 3121 Sec. 2(part), 1987; Ord. 3084 Sec. 2(part), 1987; Ord. 2973 Sec. 2(part), 1985; Ord. 2910 Sec. 2(part), 1985; Ord. 2888 Sec. 6(part), 1985; Ord. 2480 Sec. 9(part), 1980; Ord. 1919 Sec. 2(part), 1976)

Section 5. Section 14.26.070 of the Kennewick Municipal Code, be, and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

14.26.070: - Indexing Fees and Charges.

Effective beginning with rates that will be in effect on January 1, 2025, the fees and charges for sewer services set out in Sections 14.26.010, 14.26.020, 14.26.030, and 14.26.040, shall be indexed annually by the Treasurer to reflect 100 percent of any change from the Consumer Price Index (U.S. Cities - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers - CPI-W) for October, or other comparable index if not published. The Treasurer shall adjust the fees and publish them each December to take effect on all goods and services delivered or contracted after the beginning of each year and all utility bills mailed after the first of each year. In no event shall the cumulative change in rates be less than zero percent nor more than four percent per year nor may the change in any given year be less than zero percent nor more than four percent. Unit prices shall be to the nearest 1/10¢ and all other charges to the nearest cent.

(Ord. 5990 Sec. 5, 2022; Ord. 5882 Sec. 5, 2020; Ord. 4078 Sec. 2, 2002; Ord. 3619 Sec. 16, 1995)

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2023.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON, this 1st day of November, 2022 and signed in authentication of its passage this 1st day of November, 2022.

W.D. MCKAY, Mayor

Attest:

TERRI L. WRIGHT, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 5990 filed and recorded in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Kennewick, Washington this 2nd day of November, 2022.

Approved as to form:

LISA BEATON, City Attorney

TERRI L. WRIGHT, City Clerk

DATE OF PUBLICATION: _____