

CITY OF UNION GAP, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 2864

AN ORDINANCE imposing rates and charges for sewer services in Union Gap, Washington, amending portions of Chapter 12.08 of the Union Gap Municipal Code (UGMC), and related matters;

WHEREAS, Washington state law authorizes the City of Union Gap to make charges for providing the services of its water and sewer systems and rate adjustments are necessary from time to time to ensure adequate revenue to properly maintain the City's utilities; now, therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Union Gap as follows:

• **12.08.020 - Sewer rates and classes.**

The classes of users shall be designated by the municipal water meter size servicing the premises. Rates and charges for sewer service for a three-fourths-inch or smaller water meter shall be a flat rate per month. Rates for a one-inch or larger meter shall include a monthly "ready to serve" charge and a "volume" charge based on the domestic water consumption from all sources which contribute to the sewage flow, including any wells on the property. A sewage flow meter may be required. The rates and charges are fixed as follows, to become effective the first billing occurring after January 1, 2015.

Sewer System Rates

Monthly Ready to Serve

<u>3/4-inch Meter</u>	<u>\$41.53</u>
<u>1-inch Meter</u>	<u>\$39.03</u>
<u>1 1/2-inch Meter</u>	<u>\$74.62</u>
<u>2-inch Meter</u>	<u>\$117.53</u>
<u>3-inch Meter</u>	<u>\$231.88</u>
<u>4-inch Meter</u>	<u>\$360.59</u>
<u>6-inch Meter</u>	<u>\$718.19</u>

Volume Charge (per 100 cubic feet)

<u>Volume Charge</u>	<u>\$ 3.04</u>
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- (a) Annual increases effective January 1, 2016. The rates and charges set forth above reflect an increase annually at the rate of two percent starting on January 1, 2016, and each January 1

thereafter and shall continue to increase at such annual rate unless otherwise modified through subsequent action of the city council.

- (b) The volume charge does not apply to three-fourths inch meters.
- (c) All multifamily residential units will be charged the three-fourths inch meter monthly ready-to-serve charge per unit and will not be charged a volume charge. Some examples of a "multifamily unit" include one apartment unit, one condominium unit, a mobile home or a manufactured home, or one unit in a duplex, triplex or four-plex.
- (d) Monthly Rates—Outside Corporate Limits. The charge for use of facilities and furnishing of sewer service beyond the city corporate limits shall be one hundred fifty (150) percent of the rates set forth above, except for the strong waste surcharge.
- (e) The following infrastructure charge shall apply to any new sewer system connection:

Infrastructure Charge Per Equivalent Residential Unit

Infrastructure Charge	\$2,157.00 per ERU
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- (f) The infrastructure charge is based on equivalent resident units (ERUs). An ERU is a baseline number representing average residential use. An ERU will be applied to nonresidential flow by comparison to an average household (e.g., if a nonresidential customer uses fifty (50) times the flow of an average household, this use would be expressed as fifty (50) ERUs.)
An ERU is one thousand four hundred (1,400) cubic feet of water per month, which is the normal water consumption for a single-family residence or one residential unit on a multifamily service.

For connections other than a single-family residence or a multifamily unit, the number of ERUs will be estimated based on available water meter usage data or sewage flow meter, to be reviewed each year. Reference may also be had to Table G2-1 of the Criteria for Sewage Works Design published by the Washington State Department of Ecology, which table is incorporated herein by this reference (including all amendments thereto) as if fully set forth. A refund or additional payment may be required following that review of one year's water usage period.
- (g) Waiver of Infrastructure Charge for Sewer—Eligible Transfer. The infrastructure charge for sewer shall be waived for eligible transfers within the city. An eligible transfer occurs when an existing business in the city that connected to the city sewer system prior to December 20, 2000, relocates to a new business location within the city.

• 12.08.080 - Charges for strong waste.

- (a) It is the purpose of the subsection to provide for the payment of rates, charges and fees from dischargers to the city's sewage works; to compensate the city for the cost of administration of the sewage disposal program established within Chapter 12.12 of this code; and to pass on to the appropriate discharger those fees and charges billed to the city by the city of Yakima, for treatment and disposal at the Regional Sewage Treatment Plant.
- (b) Strong Waste. Should the concentration of any pollutant discharged to the Union Gap sewer system exceed the limits established in Chapter 12.12 of this code, including, but not limited to, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and suspended solids (SS) limits set forth below, the city shall levy a strong waste surcharge. The surcharge shall be calculated utilizing the national average values of pollutant concentrations typical to each

classification under the Standard Industrial Code or by actual concentrations verified by the city.

- (c) The surcharge shall be calculated as follows:

$$C_{\text{sub}} = P \times P_c \times V \times 8.34$$

where:

C_{sub} = Surcharge for pollutants of excessive concentration (in dollars)

P = Concentration of a pollutant, greater than 300 (in mg/l)

P_c = Strong waste charge to collect, treat and dispose of any pollutant (in dollars/pound)

V = Quantity of sewage flow (in million gallons/billing period)

8.34 = Weight of one gallon of water (in pounds)


In the foregoing formula:

Strong Waste Charges

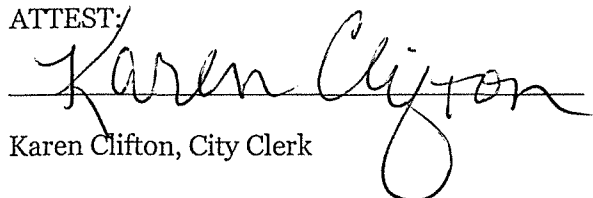
BOD charge per lb.	\$0.435
TSS charge per lb.	\$0.350

- (d) If a discharger disagrees with the national average values of pollutant concentration listed in the Standard Industrial Code, the discharger may request the city to perform sampling and testing to determine the values of pollutant concentrations in the discharger's sewage. The sampling and testing will be performed only by the city and sampling will be a composite sample taken during the time the discharger is discharging sewage. The samples shall be taken over a seven-day period. The discharger may specify which laboratory will provide the testing services for strength. Any laboratory selected must be certified by the Department of Ecology. The city will make all arrangements with the laboratory and the laboratory will send the test reports and their billing to the city. The city will furnish copies to the discharger.
- (e) The strong waste surcharge billed to the discharger will be based on the sampling and testing results, will be effective at the next billing period, and will continue until new sampling and testing is requested by the discharger or initiated by the city. The surcharge will not be retroactive.
- (f) The discharger shall pay all costs in connection with the sampling and testing when the work is requested by him.

PASSED this 24th day of November, 2014.


Roger Wentz, Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen Clifton, City Clerk