

TOWN OF RUSTON

ORDINANCE NO. 1282

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RUSTON UPDATING THE RATE SCHEDULE ASSESSED FOR SEWER UTILITY SERVICES AND AMENDING SECTION 21.02.010 OF THE RUSTON MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, the charges assessed for sewer service are currently set forth in the Ruston Municipal Code Section 21.02.010; and

WHEREAS, these rates reflect the actual charges to the Town of Ruston by the City of Tacoma for sewer service;

WHEREAS, the City of Tacoma has increased its rates charged to the Town of Ruston;

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that it is necessary and appropriate for these rate increased to be passed on to the actual consumers of the services to avoid inappropriate gifting of public funds;

now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RUSTON, WASHINGTON:

Section 1. The Ruston Municipal Code Section 21.02.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21.02.010 Rate Schedule.

Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 35.67.190, charges shall be made for the discharge of and the availability of the discharge of all sanitary sewage into the Ruston Municipal Sanitary Sewer System. Unless otherwise determined by the Town, no allowances will be made for vacancies, remodeling, or other such activities unless the water service for the entire facility or building is turned off by the City of Tacoma Public Works Department. Sewer charges shall be based upon highest class of sanitary sewer use when there is more than one type of user per premises. The charges shall be as follows:

- (a) Each single-family residence (including those instances where more than one family residence is served through one water meter) shall be charged a monthly charge computed as follows:

- (1) Effective Date: a fixed charge of \$25.06 plus a flow charge calculated at \$2.95 per hundred cubic feet (ccf) of water consumption.

The water consumption for the flow charge shall be the average monthly use as measured during the most recent months of December, January, February, and March. If the average consumption results in a fractional part of a ccf, the number used for calculating the flow charge shall be the next highest whole number.

- (b) Multiple-family residences (two or more units) served through one water meter shall pay a monthly charge per living unit as above, except that the water consumed during the winter months shall be divided by the total number of living units served by the account to determine the per living unit flow volume. If the average consumption per unit results in a fraction, the number used for calculating the flow charge shall be the next highest whole number.

It shall be the duty of every person in possession, charge, or control of the entire premises consisting of two or more units, served by the sanitary sewer system, or to which such service is available, to be accountable for payment of each unit.

Where units in multiple-unit residences are separately metered, each unit shall be charged the appropriate single-family residence rate as set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

Rate for user generating most sanitary sewage will be used for billing purposes.

- (c) In all cases other than residential charges hereinabove set forth, the sewer charge shall be computed and paid as follows:

- (1) Metered Water Supply. When charges and fees are based upon the water usage, such charges and fees shall be applied against the total amount of water used from all sources unless, in the opinion of the Director of the City of Tacoma Public Works, significant portions of water received are not discharged to a sanitary sewer. The total amount of water used from public and private sources will be determined by means of public meters or private meters, installed and maintained at the expense of the user and approved by the Director of the City of Tacoma Public Works. Where more than one commercial/industrial facility is served by one water meter, the user group shall be determined by the activities of the largest water consumption used.

(d) The charge for commercial/industrial sanitary sewer user groups shall be as follows:

(1) Effective Date: March 16, 2009 a fixed charge of \$15.25.

Each commercial/industrial user shall be placed in a user group and shall pay the appropriate flow rate per 100 cubic feet (ccf) as identified in Table 1. In addition, all restaurants and taverns shall be placed in the Category II Group unless the customer provides documentation that they have an approved grease retention device conforming to current Uniform Plumbing Code and City of Tacoma Public Works guidelines, and that the customer has an adequate on-going maintenance program in place for that device. The customer will remain in the Category I group as long as those conditions are continually met. In the event those conditions are not continually met, the customer will be placed back into the Category II group.

Table 1

Name of Group	Effective 1/18/08		
Bakery Stores	7.2382	7.5071	
Taverns-food prep (cat II)	10.417	10.1196	
Soft Drink Beverage	4.8649	4.8233	
Manufacturers	5.6485	4.8223	
Canned and Cured Fish	5.6485	6.1402	
Fresh or Frozen Fish	3.7894	6.1402	
Commercial Printers	3.7894	4.4604	
Business Form Printers	3.9719	4.4604	
Chemical Processors	7.6969	4.8233	
Paint Manufacturers	4.2328	4.8233	
Asphalt Shingle	4.4671	4.8233	
Concrete Ready-mix	3.8290	4.8233	
Suppliers			
Lime Manufacturers	2.9361	4.4604	
Platers	5.6195	4.8223	
Coating and Engraving	7.1160	4.8223	
Vehicle Part	7.3905	4.8223	
Manufacturers			
Meat Distributors	5.4968	6.1402	
Grocery Stores – Others	9.3192	6.1402	
Grocery Stores – Full Service	7.3905	9.89	
Meat and Fish Markets	8.0618	4.8233	
Bakery Stores	4.7244	8.8509	

Auto Dealers	8.0618	4.8233
Restaurants (Category I)	9.6780	8.8509
Restaurants (Category II)	3.8861	10.1196
Tavern – No Food	9.6780	6.1402
Preparation		
Tavern – Food	4.4119	8.8509
Preparation (Category I)		
Tavern – Food	6.7101	10.1196
Preparation (Category II)		
Hotels and Motels – No Restaurant	6.8165	4.8233
Hotels and Motels – With Restaurant	3.7894	7.3429
Commercial Laundries	3.4361	7.5071
Laundromats	4.2084	4.4604
Photo Studios	9.3192	4.4604
Funeral Services – No Embalming	3.5568	4.8233
Funeral Services – With Embalming	4.7321	9.89
Photo Finish Laboratories	4.7321	4.4604
Top and Body Repair Shops	4.7321	4.8233
Repair and Paint Shops	3.8382	4.8233
Auto Repair Shops	5.3670	4.8233
Car Washes	8.0597	4.4604
Bowling Alleys – No Restaurant	9.6780	6.1402
Bowling Alleys	3.9369	8.8509
W/Category I Restaurant		
Bowling Alleys	4.3288	10.1196
W/Category II Restaurant		
Nursing Homes	4.2084	4.4604
Hospitals	4.3288	4.8233
Domestic Strength	4.2084	4.4604

Commercial/industrial users not identified above will be billed at domestic strength.

- (e) Every premises to which sanitary sewerage is furnished by sanitary sewers, and every premises to which there is availability for such service shall be charged for such service in accordance with the rates and charges herein placed in effect; provided, however, that in no event shall any such charge be less than as provided below:
- (1) Effective Date: March 16, 2009 – a fixed charge of \$25.09 plus a flow charge calculated at \$2.95 per hundred cubic feet (ccf) of water consumption.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective immediately upon adoption, and shall be retroactively applied to be in effect beginning February 20, 2009 to correspond with the billing cycle. A summary of this Ordinance may be published in lieu of the entire Ordinance, as authorized by state law.

Section 3. Severability. Each and every provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is determined by final order of a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions thereof provided the intent of this Ordinance can still be furthered without the invalid provision.

PASSED THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED by me this 16th day of March, 2009.



D. Bruce Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen Charles
Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

Town Attorney