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AN ORDINANCE relating to the Sewer Utility to revise sewer rates and charges; enumerating and adopting Section 4 (Part) of Ordinance 84390 as SMC 21.28.370; and amending Sections 21.28.030, 21.28.040, and 21.28.080 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), as of January 1, 1984, accordingly.

11-15-83 Pass (Budget)

Honorable President:
Your Committee on _____

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to which was referred the within Council report that we have considered the same

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

President:

Committee on

Budget

was referred the within Council Bill No.

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we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that the same:

Pass

Committee Chair

ORD.111425 -Amendments & Re to ...

Ord. 111973 -Amends Sec 4 to increase the volume rate in sewer rates & charges, & amends SMC 21.28.370 as of Jan. 1, 1985, accordingly.

ORDINANCE 111425

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4 charges; enumerating and adopting Section 4 (Part) of Ordinance 84390 as
5 SMC 21.28.370; and amending Sections 21.28.030, 21.28.040, and 21.28.080 of
6 the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), as of January 1, 1984, accordingly.

7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

8 Section 1. As of January 1, 1984, Section 21.28.030 of the SMC
9 (Ordinance 84390, Section 3, as last amended by Ordinance 110201), is
10 amended as follows:

11 Section 21.28.030. The public health, safety, and welfare require that
12 the City fix and collect sewerage rates and charges measured by water
13 consumption and impose the same upon premises in the City for the carrying
14 and discharge of all sewage and drainage into the municipal sewerage system
15 of the City as presently maintained and operated, together with additions
16 and betterments thereto and extensions thereof, and for the payment of
17 charges of Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (herein called "Metro") and
18 of Southwest Suburban Sewer District (herein called "Southwest Suburban")
19 for sewerage interception, treatment, and disposal, which sewerage utility
20 rates and charges are fixed in (~~Section 21.28.040 of~~) the Seattle
21 Municipal Code (~~Section 4 of Ordinance 84390, as last amended by~~
22 ~~Ordinance 109504~~); provided that the local improvement district method of
23 providing for the construction of sewers and trunk sewers to serve abutting
24 property shall be continued in the manner provided by law.

25 Section 2. Effective January 1, 1984, SMC Section 21.28.040
26 (Ordinance 84390, Section 4, as last amended by Ordinance 110201) is
27 amended as follows:

28 Section 21.28.040. There is hereby imposed as of January 1, 1982
upon all premises served by the Sewerage Utility and on which water is

1 consumed a City Sewer Customer Service Charge, which is a uniform charge
2 per customer to cover billing and general administrative costs, and a
3 Volume Rate, which is a uniform rate per 100 cubic feet or any portion
4 thereof, of metered flow to cover treatment costs, and all other operating,
5 maintenance, and capital costs, to enable the City to perform sewerage
6 operations and its contractual obligations with Metro and Southwest
7 Suburban; provided that the following premises shall be exempt from the
8 Sewer Customer Service Charge and Volume Rate imposed by this subchapter.

9 (1) Premises which are not connected and not required under SMC
10 21.16.040 (Section 3 of Ordinance 97016) to be connected to the
11 public sewer system;

12 (2) Premises, the owner, agent, lessee, or occupant of which has not
13 been notified in accordance with SMC 21.16.050 (Section 4 of
14 Ordinance 97016) to connect to the public sewer system.

15 ~~((The City Sewer Customer Service Charge shall be One and 50/100 Dollars
16 (\$1.50) per month per customer.))~~

17 ~~((The Volume rate shall be One and 05/100 Dollars (\$1.05) per 100 cubic
18 feet or portion thereof of metered flow per month.))~~

19 Section 3. Section 21.28.080 Subsections A. and B. of the SMC
20 (Ordinance 84390, Section 4.3, Subsection A., as last amended by Ordinance
21 110201 and Section 4.3, Subsection B., as last amended by Ordinance 109517)
22 are amended as follows:

23 Section 21.28.080. A. The Director of Engineering shall annually
24 review water consumption by single-family residences and the Volume Rate
25 shall be based upon the average amount of water consumed monthly ~~((during
26 the minimum consecutive four-month used period of the year prior to July
27 and revised annually as of that date))~~ in a consecutive four-month billing
28 period beginning and ending with actual meter readings. The consecutive

1 four-month period forming the basis for billing will be that consecutive
2 four-month period containing the lowest average use in the year prior to
3 the beginning of the July billing period. The billings will be revised
4 annually as of the beginning of the July billing period. In the event
5 actual consumption data is not available, the basis for the Sewer Volume
6 Charge will be developed from the best available historical data that most
7 closely approximates actual meter reading consumption data for the same
8 averaging period. New single-family residences, single-family residences
9 not served by a publicly-owned water supply system which have no previous
10 record of water consumption, and existing single-family residences with new
11 owners or occupants shall be charged the Sewer Customer Service Charge and
12 Volume Rate as fixed in (~~Section 21.28.040 of~~) the SMC (Ordinance 84390,
13 Section 4, as amended), with an assumed volume of 500 cubic feet per month
14 consumption rate as described in Section 21.28.080 of the SMC for the first
15 year and until actual volume data is generated.

16 B. It is the intent of this ordinance that that portion of water used
17 exclusively for irrigation or sprinkling by premises other than
18 single-family residences be not charged correspondingly for sewerage.
19 Duplex residence charges for the summer billing months of June through
20 September, inclusive, shall be adjusted to the winter average charges
21 during the eight-month recording period which falls between the October
22 (~~1~~) and May (~~31~~) billing periods. The winter average for duplex
23 customers shall be based upon the average monthly consumption for a
24 consecutive four-month period beginning and ending with actual water
25 meter readings. This consecutive four-month period shall fall within
26 the eight-month recording period beginning with the first cycle billing
27 in October and ending with the last cycle billing in May. In the
28 event actual consumption data is not available, the basis for the
Sewer Volume Charge will be developed from the best available
historical data that most closely approximates actual meter reading
consumption data for the same averaging period.

1 Changes in ownership of duplex residences will not require modifying
2 sewerage charges until sufficient actual volume history is generated.
3 New duplex residences, duplex residences not served by a publicly-owned
4 water supply system which have no previous record of water consumption,
5 and duplex residences which have no previous record of water
6 consumption, shall be charged the Sewer Customer Charge and Volume Rate
7 as fixed in the SMC and Ordinance 84390, as amended, with an assumed
8 volume of 500 cubic feet per month consumption per duplex unit for the
9 first year and until actual volume data is generated.

10 Section 4. Effective January 1, 1984, Ordinance 84390, Section 4
11 (Part), as last amended by Ordinance 110201, is adopted as SMC 21.28.370 as
12 follows:

13 Section 21.28.370. There is hereby imposed upon all premises served
14 by the Sewerage Utility and on which water is consumed, a City Sewer
15 Customer Charge of One and 50/100 Dollars (\$1.50) per month per customer.
16 The Volume Rate shall be one and 30/100 Dollars (\$1.30) per 100 cubic feet
17 or portion thereof of metered flow per month.
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Section 5.... This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 28th day of November, 1983
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 28th day of November, 1983

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President..... of the City Council.

Approved by me this 2nd day of December, 1983

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Mayor.

Filed by me this 2nd day of December, 1983.

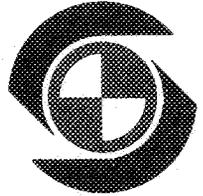
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Attest:.....
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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Deputy Clerk.



Seattle
Engineering Department

Eugene V. Avery, Director of Engineering
Charles Royer, Mayor

September 19, 1983

Honorable Charles Royer
Mayor, City of Seattle
Seattle, WA 98104

Attention: Gary Zarker, Director
Office of Management and Budget

Dear Mayor Royer:

REQUEST. We request City Council adoption of the attached ordinance authorizing increases in 1984 charges for sewer services.

PURPOSE OF REQUEST. The attached ordinance authorizes an increase in the Volume Charge portion of the sewer rates, effective January 1, 1984. The legislation also amends prior ordinance wording to reflect more accurately the basis upon which customer billings are developed.

BACKGROUND FACTS. Sewer service rates have been in place since January 1982. In mid-1983, the consulting firm of Price Waterhouse was engaged to determine the sufficiency of existing rates and to propose sewer rates for 1984 and beyond, as appropriate. The findings and recommendations resulting from the sewer rate review were transmitted by the Mayor to the City Council on September 16. The Mayor recommended retention of the existing sewer rate structure and the monthly fixed customer charge of \$1.50. The Mayor did propose the monthly volume charge per 100 cubic feet of metered water flow be increased from \$1.05 to \$1.30 for the entirety of 1984.

The accompanying ordinance authorizes the above increase in sewer service charges.

The attached ordinance also amends language contained in existing sewer charge ordinances. During the development of the 1984 sewer rate proposal, we found that there was a lack of consistency between ordinance language and the manner in which the Water Department Utility Billing System actually computes customer charge data. In particular, the methodology and time frames for computing annual sewer maximums for single-family residential accounts are not clearly reflected in existing ordinances. This same lack of consistency exists for duplex customers and those commercial accounts that are eligible to have sewer maximums established during summer months as irrigation allowances.

Mayor Charles Royer
September 19, 1983
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The attached ordinance includes language that more accurately and definitively reflects actual practices.

The final substantive element in the attached ordinance introduces language to allow sewer maximums to be established for new duplex accounts and to provide for those occasions when ownerships of duplexes change. As of now, new duplex accounts and those with no volume use history are set at zero. To correct this situation, an assumed volume use of 1,000 cubic feet per month is proposed. This assumed usage was derived by reviewing 1982 and 1983 duplex account histories. In those cases where duplex ownership changes, the ordinance proposes sewer maximums not be changed at all. This proposal assumes that transfers of ownership will not result in changes in use or occupancy of the structure.

The final new element contained in the attached ordinance is the location of the authority to impose sewer service charges in one latter section. This is proposed in order to facilitate amending future ordinances.

FUNDING. The implementation of this ordinance does not require direct funding.

IMPORTANCE. Passage of this legislation will provide authority necessary to collect revenue from sewer utility customers and to pay Metro for increased sewage treatment charge.

Very truly yours,


EUGENE A. AVERY, P.E.
Director of Engineering

EVA:MT:cv

Attachment

cc: Office of Management and Budget
Maryann S. Huhs
Karyn Grob
Joe Ralph
Ken Pausch
Ken Lowthian, Water Department
Jackie Boettcher, Price Waterhouse

ORDINANCE 111428

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Changes in ownership of duplex residences will not require modifying sewerage charges until sufficient actual volume history is generated. New duplex residences, duplex residences not served by a publicly-owned water supply system which have no previous record of water consumption, and duplex residences which have no previous record of water consumption, shall be charged the Sewer Customer Charge and Volume Rate as fixed in the SMC and Ordinance 84390, as amended, with an assumed volume of 500 cubic feet per month consumption per duplex unit for the first year and until actual volume data is generated.

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Passed by the City Council the 28th day of November, 1983, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 28th day of November, 1983.

Approved by me this 2nd day of December, 1983, of the City Council.

Filed by me this 2nd day of December, 1983.

Attest: Jim Hill, City Comptroller and City Clerk.

(SEAL)

By: Theresa Dunbar, Deputy Clerk.

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Ordinance No. 111425

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William McMillan

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

December 7, 1983

Yvonne Summers
Notary Public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle.