

Ordinance No. 120176

Council Bill No. 113440

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The City of Seattle  
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25 \_\_\_\_\_  
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27 Approved by me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2000.

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# City of Seattle

Paul Schell, Mayor

## Seattle Public Utilities

Diana Gale, Director

October 26, 2000

Margaret Pageler, President  
City Council  
City of Seattle

VIA: Mayor Paul Schell  
ATTN: Joan Walters, Budget Director  
Executive Service Department

Dear Council President Pageler:

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The attached ordinance would increase sewer rates by 3.9% in 2001 and 1.8% in 2002. This increase would provide sufficient revenues to meet as the wastewater revenue requirements for the 2001 and 2002 period. The rates will become effective on the first of each year. To offset the rate increase, credits for qualifying low-income customers are re-set to maintain the 50% discount to them.

Should you have any further question regarding this legislation will you please contact Jerry Allen at 3-7905 in the Finance Division of SPU.

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Enclosures: Proposed Ordinance

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**Legislation Fiscal Note**

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**Sustainability Issues (related to grant awards):** N/A

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<b>TOTAL</b>			

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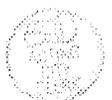
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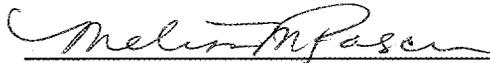
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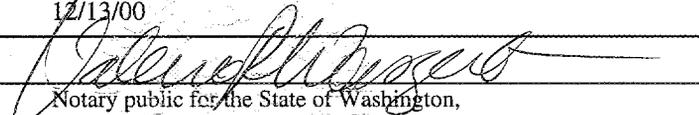
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