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Council Bill No. 7075

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ord-85214- abolished "Sewer Const. Fd" created by Ord
73062 - transferring funds etc to Sewer Fund
ord-85417- re. refunds of overpayments.

#228957- Mayor's Proclamation

C.F.241875 Recomm of City Engr for abandonment of unused balances in Sewer Fund
and Municipal Sewerage 1959 Constr. Fund.

ORD. 91208 AMENDS SECTIONS 3, 4, 5, 9 & 11 OF AND ADDING SEC. 4.1 TO ORD. 84390 TO REVISE
AND INCREASE SEWERAGE RATES AND CHARGES, ETC.

ORD. 91667 ABOLISHING THE SEATTLE NORTH BEACH SEWER DISTRICT FUND CREATED BY ORD. 82736
AND TRANSFERRING ALL ~~BEAM~~ BALANCES AND CREDITS THEREIN TO THE SEWER FUND.

ORD. 92113 AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 4.1 AND 5 OF AND ADDING SECTIONS 4.2 AND 4.3 TO REVISE
CITY SEWERAGE RATES AND CHARGES, ETC.

SECTION 4.1 AMENDED BY ORD. 92113

SECTION 4.2 ADDED BY ORD. 92113

SECTION 4.3 ADDED BY ORD. 92113 (AMENDED BY ORD. 92909 -

ORD. 99454 - RE MUNICIPAL SEWERAGE UTILITY & AMENDING SEC. 3, 4, 4.1, 4.2 & 4.3 OF ORD.
84390 TO REVISE CITY SEWERAGE RATES & CHARGES & THE BASIS FOR COMPUTING SAME.

ORD. 99659 - RE SEWERAGE UTILITY; AUTH AMENDATORY CONTRACT WITH KING COUNTY TO CHANGE METHOD
OF COMPUTING CITY'S SEWERAGE CHARGES AT KING COUNTY AIRPORT.

ORD. 99788 - REVISES CITY SEWER RATES & CHARGES FOR PROPERTIES SERVED BY S.W. SUBURBAN
SEWER DISTRICT.

ORD. 101660-ADDS NEW SECTION 4A TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE CHARGE AND SURCHARGE FOR PREMISES
TEMPORARILY CONNECTED TO THE S.W. SUBURBAN SEWER DIST.

ORDINANCE NO. 111,100

AN ORDINANCE relating to the municipal sewerage system and additions and betterments thereto and extensions thereof; and the financing, maintenance and operation thereof as a public utility; providing for rates and charges; for the creation of a special "Sewer Fund" into which shall be paid all revenues and out of which shall be paid all expenses of said system; and for the administration and enforcement of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That it is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare that the existing sewerage system of the City of Seattle, together with such extensions, additions and betterments thereto as may from time to time be authorized, be maintained, conducted and operated as a public utility of said city beginning October 1, 1955.

Section 2. That the City Engineer, through the Department of Engineering, shall operate and administer such public utility and enforce this ordinance; and there shall be kept a classified system of accounts of revenues and disbursements as prescribed by the State Auditor, Division of Municipal Corporations, in conjunction with the City Comptroller, as required by law.

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99454 Section 3. That the public health, safety and welfare requires that the City of Seattle fix and collect sewerage rates and charges upon, and measured by water served to, premises in the City of Seattle for the carrying and discharge of all sewage and drainage into the municipal sewerage system of the City of Seattle as presently maintained and operated, together with additions and betterments thereto and extensions thereof, which rates and charges are hereby fixed in the following section, provided that the local improvement district method of providing for the construction of sewers and trunk sewers to serve abutting property shall be continued in the manner provided by law.

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99788 Section 4. There is hereby charged to all premises served by water within the corporate limits of the City of Seattle, a sewerage charge in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) All single family residences, a flat charge of One Dollar (\$1.00) per month, except where a commercial account is served by the same meter as one or more single family residences, in which case the metered rates, which follow, shall apply; but in no case shall the monthly charge be less than One Dollar (\$1.00) per month per building or premises, including the commercial building or premises.

(b) On all premises, except single family residences as indicated in (a) above:

Size Service		Quantity Allowed		Minimum Charge	
	3/4 inch or less	900	Cubic Feet	\$1.00	per month
1	inch	1100	" "	1.25	"
1-1/2	inch	1200	" "	1.35	"
2	inch	2000	" "	2.05	"
3	inch	3400	" "	3.30	"
4	inch	4900	" "	4.65	"
6	inch or larger	7100	" "	6.65	"
Each 100 cubic feet in excess of the foregoing minimum quantities--					
\$.06 per month.					

(c) Where the use of water is such that a portion of all water used is lost by evaporation, irrigation, sprinkling or other cause, or is used in manufactured goods and commodities, and the person in control provides proof of this fact and installs a meter or other measuring device approved by the City Engineer to enable measurement of the amount of water so used or lost, no charge shall be made for sewerage because of water so used or lost, except that in no case will the minimum charge be adjusted or reduced. Direct discharge of sewage or industrial waste to salt or fresh water or to points other than the city sewer system shall not be cause for adjustment or reduction of the sewerage service charge.

(d) It is the intent of this ordinance that that portion of water used exclusively for sprinkling be not charged correspondingly for sewerage. Upon application, where it can be shown to the satisfaction of the City Engineer that the higher charges for sewerage during the summer months are due to water used for sprinkling, the sewerage charge for summer period may be adjusted to the winter months' charges.

(e) Waters used exclusively for fire service shall not be subject to sewerage charge.

(f) The sewerage charge to the City of Seattle shall be in proportion of gross income from sewerage charges to gross income from water charges multiplied by \$50,000 or whatever amount is paid by the city to the Water Department for water used by the city.

Sec. 4-1 (Added by Ord. 91208) - See Ord. 91208

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Section 5. Industrial Wastes: In cases where the character of sewage or industrial wastes from any manufacturing or industrial plant, building or premises is such that it will damage the sewerage system, or cannot be treated satisfactorily, the City Engineer shall require such users to dispose of such waste and prevent it from entering the system.

In cases where the character of the sewage or industrial waste from any manufacturing or industrial plant, building or premises is such that it imposes an unreasonable burden upon said sewerage system greater than that imposed by the average sewage entering the system, the City Engineer may require such manufacturing or industrial plant, building or premises, to pretreat such sewage in such manner as he shall specify before discharging such sewage into the sewerage system of the City of Seattle.

If such pretreatment is not accomplished, the City Engineer shall recommend to the Council the levying of a surcharge which shall be in addition to the regular charge. The Council thereupon, by ordinance, may fix the amount of the surcharge.

Where sewerage is provided to premises outside the city limits, the sewerage charge shall be computed on the same basis as premises located inside the city, except that a surcharge of fifty per cent (50%) shall be added, with the exception of Sewer Districts, or portions thereof, outside the city limits which are now or may hereafter be covered by special agreements.

Section 6. The sewerage charge provided in this ordinance shall be payable at the office of the City Treasurer at the same time as

the water bill for the premises is payable; and payment for water shall not be accepted unless payment of the sewerage charge is made at the same time.

Section 7. That beginning October 1, 1955, the above rates and charges shall be effective and shall be computed and billed from time to time by the City Engineer through an interdepartmental arrangement with the Superintendent of Water, as a separate charge on the water bill, and shall become due and payable to the City Treasurer as stated in such billing; and any sewer rate or charge which becomes delinquent shall immediately become a lien upon the premises and if unpaid for sixty days after delinquency, shall bear interest at the rate of eight per cent (8%) per annum and such lien may be foreclosed by the city as provided by state law. As an additional and concurrent method of the collection of any such sewerage rate or charge, the Superintendent of Water shall upon written request from the City Engineer cut off the water service or supply from the premises to which such rate or charge for sewerage has attached until such rates and charges are paid.

Section 8. Whenever and to the extent that the municipal sewerage system of the city is adequate therefor, the city may contract with any sewer district, or with any other municipal corporation, for the discharge into the sewerage system of said city of the sewerage or drainage of any such sewer district or other municipal corporation upon such terms and conditions and for such periods of time as may be provided by ordinance.

0-91208 Section 9. There is hereby created in the City Treasury a special fund to be known as the "Sewer Fund". Any and all revenues received for the use of sewers and for sewerage as herein set forth, or in connection therewith, shall be credited to said fund and all expenses for the operation and maintenance of the existing sewerage system of the City of Seattle; and for the servicing of bonds and the cost of operation and maintenance of the sewerage plant and system of said

city as constructed or added to, and to maintain such sewerage utility in sound financial condition, shall be charged to said fund in the manner and to the extent provided by ordinance. Such expenses shall include the cost of billing and collection by the Water Department and all other interdepartmental charges for service rendered by other departments to said sewerage utility.

Section 10. If any part or portion of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

0-9/208 Section 11. The rates and charges for sewerage fixed by this ordinance shall be reviewed at least biennially with a view to possible reductions consistent with the operation and maintenance of the sewerage utility system in a sound financial condition.

ORDINANCE NO. 24390

SECTION 4A (ADDED BY ORD. 101660) RE. TO AN APPROPRIATE CHARGE AND SURCHARGE
FOR PREMISES TEMPORARILY CONNECTED TO THE S.W. SUBURBAN SEWER DIST.

Section 12. 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 22 day of August, 1955,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 22 day of
August, 1955. Frank L. Jones

President Pro Tem of the City Council.
Approved by me this 1 day of Sept August, 1955.

Charles J. Ramsey
Mayor.
Filed by me this 1 day of September, 1955.

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Attest: _____
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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By W. A. Kerins
Deputy Clerk.

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THE CITY OF SEATTLE

LAW DEPARTMENT

515 COUNTY-CITY BUILDING

A. C. VAN SOELEN, CORPORATION COUNSEL

August 4, 1955

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SECRETARY
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CLERK AGENT
JOHN E. COOPER

Re: C.F. 227485

Mr. Alfred R. Rochester, Chairman
Streets and Sewers Committee
City Council

Dear Sir:

Supplementing our letter of July 25, 1955 and in accordance with your request of August 4, 1955 we have (1) prepared and herewith transmit in final form proposed plan and system ordinance providing for betterments to the existing municipal sewerage system as a public utility; and for the issuance and sale of revenue bonds therefor, which is unchanged in terminology from that transmitted with our said letter of July 25, 1955; and (2) redraft in final form of previous draft transmitted under said date providing for the financing, maintenance and operation of the municipal sewerage system as a public utility and for rates and charges as recommended by the City Engineer.

Such redraft includes minor changes in wording along the lines suggested by the City Engineer in his letter of August 1, 1955 to which you refer, including the language that "The City Engineer thru the Department of Engineering, shall operate and administer such public utility and enforce this ordinance"; and also that the "Superintendent of Water shall upon written request from the City Engineer cut off the water service or supply from the premises to which such rate or charge for sewerage has attached until such rates and charges are paid".

We have also added to the final draft Section 11, which provides as follows:

"The rates and charges for sewerage fixed by this ordinance shall be reviewed at least biennially with a view to possible reductions consistent with the operation and maintenance of the sewerage utility system in a sound financial condition."

We have also used the term "sewerage" in connection with rates and charges rather than the term "sewerage service" because the charges contemplate extensive betterments as well as maintenance.

C.F. 22748, is herewith returned.

Yours very truly

A. C. Van Soelen
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Section 7. That beginning October 1, 1933, the above rates and charges shall be effective and shall be computed and billed from time to time by the City Engineer through an interdepartmental arrangement with the Superintendent of Water, as a separate charge on the water bill, and shall become due and payable to the City Treasurer as stated in such billing; and any sewer rate or charge which becomes delinquent shall immediately become a lien upon the premises and if unpaid for sixty days after delinquency, shall bear interest at the rate of eight per cent (8%) per annum and such lien may be foreclosed by the city as provided by state law. As an additional and concurrent method of the collection of any such sewerage rate or charge, the Superintendent of Water shall upon written request from the City Engineer cut off the water service or supply from the premises to which such rate or charge for sewerage has attached until such rates and charges are paid.

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M. E. Brown, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and
says that he is the business manager and one of the publishers
of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper. That
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been for more than six months prior to the date of the publica
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M. E. Brown
Subscribed and sworn to before me this

10TH day of SEPTEMBER 1955

E. Campbell
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Seattle.
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THE CITY OF SEATTLE

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER
SEATTLE, 4, WASHINGTON
November 6, 1935

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Mr. A.C. Van Soelen
Corporation Counsel
City of Seattle

Dear Sir:

(On November 7, 1935, the City Council had before it the recommendation of their Committee of the Whole that the petition (Comptroller's File No. 227859) of electors and others to refer Ordinance No. 84370, relating to the municipal sewerage system, providing for rates and charges, etc., to the voters at the next regular municipal election, be granted.)

The Council adopted the recommendation of its committee and ordered the matter put on the ballot at the general municipal election, March 13, 1936.

Would you please prepare the necessary legislation to accomplish this.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. THOMAS, COMPTROLLER AND CITY CLERK.

cc. File #227859
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