

ORDINANCE NO. 15-3843

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 14-3834 RELATING TO THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY BY REVISING THE SYSTEM OF CHARGES.

WHEREAS, the City operates a utility for the provision of stormwater management services and has set rates and fees to fund the costs of these services; and

WHEREAS, high-density housing should be assessed by the amount of impervious surface area;

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Ordinance No. 14-3834, relating to the City’s stormwater management utility, is hereby amended to provide as follows:

System of Charges: The following monthly service charges are hereby established for all parcels of real property within the boundaries of the City of Kelso as they now exist or as they may be hereafter established for the purpose of carrying on the responsibilities of the stormwater management utility:

A. Undeveloped Parcels: Undeveloped parcels shall not be charged. For the purposes of this ordinance, an undeveloped parcel is defined as a parcel that has native vegetation, including second-growth forests, and undisturbed native soils that existed prior to Euro-American settlement.

B. Single-Family Parcels: The monthly service charge for each single-family parcel shall hereafter be referred to as the “base rate.” For the purposes of this ordinance, a single-family parcel is defined as a residential parcel with only one residential building that is either a single-family home or a duplex or a triplex. Alternatively, the residential parcel could contain two single-family homes.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Single-Family (per house)	\$ 8.91	\$ 9.18	\$ 9.45	\$ 9.74	\$ 10.03

~~C. Multiple Family Parcels: Parcels with multiple dwelling units, such as duplexes, apartments, condominiums and mobile home parks, shall be charged the base rate for each dwelling unit address within the parcel.~~

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Multi-family (per unit)	\$ 8.91	\$ 9.18	\$ 9.45	\$ 9.74	\$ 10.03

~~CD.~~ Other Developed Parcels: The monthly service charge for ~~all Other~~ Other Developed parcels shall be determined by multiplying the parcel's impervious area by the parcel's rate found below in the parcel rate schedule table. The parcel's impervious tier is determined by taking dividing the parcel's total measured impervious surface area divided by the parcel's total areagearea. The monthly service charge shall be determined by taking this percentage and using the following rate schedule to see what category any particular parcel falls into:

Table: Parcel Rate Schedule

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<u>Impervious Tiers for Other Developed Parcels (Per Gross Acre)</u>					
Very light – 0% to 9%	\$ 4.26	\$ 4.39	\$ 4.52	\$ 4.65	\$ 4.79
Moderately light – 10% to 24%	\$ 11.22	\$ 11.56	\$ 11.91	\$ 12.26	\$ 12.63
Light – 25% to 39%	\$ 19.53	\$ 20.11	\$ 20.72	\$ 21.34	\$ 21.98
Moderate – 40% to 54%	\$ 27.92	\$ 28.76	\$ 29.62	\$ 30.51	\$ 31.42
Moderately heavy – 55% to 69%	\$ 36.23	\$ 37.31	\$ 38.43	\$ 39.59	\$ 40.77
Heavy – 70% to 84%	\$ 46.03	\$ 47.41	\$ 48.84	\$ 50.30	\$ 51.81
Very heavy – 85% to 100%	\$ 58.68	\$ 60.44	\$ 62.26	\$ 64.12	\$ 66.05
<i>Tiers are based on % of impervious area in the parcel</i>					
Minimum charge <u>Charge (base rate): for non-residential</u>	\$ 8.91	\$ 9.18	\$ 9.45	\$ 9.74	\$ 10.03

~~E.~~ Minimum Charge: Notwithstanding the ~~number amount~~ of impervious surface units area applicable to any individual ~~property parcel~~, the minimum ~~parcel monthly service charge rate~~ for all ~~developed properties~~ “Other Developed Parcels” shall be equal to the base rate.

~~DF.~~ Senior Citizens: Senior citizens shall be exempt from the stormwater ~~sewer charge management utility fee~~ provided they apply and qualify for such a reduction per RCW 74.38.070.

For purposes of implementing this section, “low-income senior citizen” shall mean a person who is sixty-one (61) years of age or older and whose total income, including that of his/her spouse or co-tenant, does not exceed the amount specified in RCW 84.36.381(5), as it now exists or is hereafter amended. Further, for purposes of implementing this section, the definitions of “combined disposable income,” “disposable income,” and “co-tenant” shall be as defined in RCW 84.36.383(5), (6), and (7), as they now exist or are hereafter amended.

EG. Capital Recovery Fees – Stormwater Connections:

Base Equivalent Service Charge

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	\$ 143.00	\$ 176.00	\$ 217.00	\$ 267.00	\$ 329.00

SECTION 2. The rates established herein shall take effect on the ~~customer's~~ parcel owner's first billing cycle after May 1, 2015.

SECTION 3. Payment of Stormwater Management Utility fees and Capital Recovery fees shall be the responsibility of the parcel owner. Non-payment of these fees can result in a lien against the parcel or discontinuation of water service.

SECTION 34. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after its passage and publication of summary as required by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor this 7th day of April, 2015.



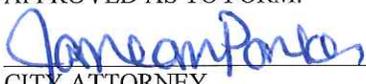
MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATION:



CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY

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