

ORDINANCE NO. 14-3834

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13-3811 RELATING TO THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY BY ESTABLISHING NEW BASE RATES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY PARCELS AND LISTING NEW MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES FOR OTHER DEVELOPED PARCELS FOR 2015 THROUGH 2019. ALSO CREATING A STORMWATER CAPITAL RECOVERY CHARGE.

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, the regular review and adjustment of rates and fees are necessary to maintain the fiscal sustainability of the stormwater utility, and the City commissioned a study to provide rate adjustment recommendations for the utility; and

WHEREAS, the rate study conducted by FCS Group and presented to the City Council on July 15, 2014 recommended adjustment to stormwater rates and the establishment of a capital recovery charge; and

WHEREAS, the City Council accepts the recommendations of the rate study to adjust rates and fees in amounts necessary to fund the operations and capital improvements of the utility;

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO DO ORDAIN

AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** That Ordinance No. 13-3811, 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.

B. Single-Family Parcels: The monthly service charge for each single-family parcel shall hereafter be referred to as the "base rate."

	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

D. Other Developed Parcels: The monthly service charge for all other developed parcels shall be determined by taking the total measured impervious surface area divided by the total acreage. 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:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Other Developed Parcels (Per Gross Acre)</b>					
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 based on % of impervious area</i>					
<i>Minimum charge for non-residential</i>	\$ 8.91	\$ 9.18	\$ 9.45	\$ 9.74	\$ 10.03

E. Minimum Charge: Notwithstanding the number of impervious units applicable to any individual property, the minimum monthly service charge for all developed properties shall be equal to the base rate.

F. Senior Citizens: Senior citizens shall be exempt from the stormwater sewer charge 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.*

G. 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 first billing cycle after January 1, 2015.

**SECTION 3.** 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2014.

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATION:

  
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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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CITY ATTORNEY

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