

ORDINANCE NO. **151606**

An Ordinance amending Chapters 17.36 and 17.32 of the Code of the City to implement sewage rate increases recommended in the 1981 Sewage Disposal Fund Rate Study, authorizing an extra-strength class charge method, making housekeeping changes in the language of the Code, and setting an effective date.

The City of Portland ordains:

## Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The Public Works Administrator has submitted the biennial Sewage Disposal Fund Rate Study for 1981, which reports the increased sewer user rates and charges needed to operate and maintain the sewage disposal system for fiscal years 1981/82 and 1982/83.
2. The recommended rates are consistent with the philosophy developed and used in the 1977 Rate Study, and also meet the requirements of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to charge all users in proportion to their use of the system.
3. The extra-strength class charge method recommended is necessary to allow charging certain groups of commercial or industrial users their share of costs where individual sampling would be impractical.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. That the Code of the City, Chapter 17.36, Section 17.36.010, Subsection (3) Table 1, be amended to read as follows:

(3) Table 1. Sewer user service charges and rates:

	Effective <u>7-1-81</u>	Effective <u>7-1-82</u>
DWELLINGS	Flat Rate	Monthly Charge
Single Family Homes	<u>\$4.90</u>	<u>\$5.75</u>
Multiple Dwellings, per unit	<u>3.40</u>	<u>3.75</u>
Senior Citizen Dwellings, per unit	<u>3.10</u>	<u>3.35</u>

Table 1, continued.

	Effective 7-1-81	Effective 7-1-82
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL		
Base Charge, per bill		
Monthly Accounts	<u>\$3.00</u>	<u>\$3.10</u>
Quarterly Accounts	<u>4.40</u>	<u>4.60</u>
	Rate per 100 cubic feet of Water Consumption	
Volume Rate*	<u>\$0.426</u>	<u>\$0.527</u>
Cooling Water Rates		
Clean water discharged directly or indirectly to a combined sewer	<u>0.256</u>	<u>0.315</u>
Clean water discharged to a storm sewer not connected to a combined sewer	0.020	0.020
Special Meter Charge per bill	<u>\$9.00</u>	<u>\$9.30</u>
Stormwater Impervious Area Rate	<u>\$0.748</u>	<u>\$0.906</u>
	Rate per 1000 square feet	

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL  
MINIMUM CHARGES

METER SIZE	MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE
3/4" or less	\$ 3.50
1"	6.00
1½"	10.50
2"	16.50
3" <u>or over</u>	32.00

Unmetered water lines shall be assumed to have a meter sized to correspond most nearly with the I.D. of the supply.

\*See Section 17.36.040 for possible credits to metered water consumption.



- b. That Section 17.36.010, Subsection (2), paragraph B, be amended by modifying the table therein to read as follows:

<u>Impervious Area in Square Feet</u>	<u>Area Charged in Square Feet</u>
Less than 500	<u>None</u>
500 to 1,500	<u>1,500</u>
1,501 to 3,000	<u>3,000</u>
3,001 to 5,000	<u>5,000</u>
5,001 to 7,500	<u>7,500</u>
7,501 to 10,000	<u>10,000</u>

- c. That Section 17.36.010, Subsection (4), be amended by changing the table therein to read as follows:

	<u>Effective 7/1/81</u>	<u>Effective 7/1/82</u>
Single family homes	<u>\$7.35</u>	<u>\$8.62</u>
Multiple dwellings, per unit	<u>5.10</u>	<u>5.62</u>
Senior citizen dwellings, per unit	<u>4.65</u>	<u>5.02</u>

- D. That Section 17.36.010, Subsection (1), Paragraph C be amended to read as follows:

C. Combined dwelling units and other: Where both dwelling units and other occupancies are combined on the same water supply, the charges for sanitary sewage shall be at the dwelling unit rate required in paragraph A with additional charges based on water consumption as required in B, but the amount of water consumption used as the basis of the volume charge under B shall be reduced by an allowance of 500 cubic feet per month per dwelling unit. The lowest charge shall be equal to the number of dwelling units charged at the dwelling unit rate or it shall be the minimum charge based on the meter size, whichever is the larger.

- e. That Section 17.36.020, Subsection (1), be amended by changing Table 2 to read as follows:

TABLE 2

Occupancy	Number Per Equivalent Dwelling Unit
Single Family Home	1
Multiple Family Dwellings	<u>1.25 units</u>
Motels and Transient Hotels	2 Rental Spaces
Trailer and Mobile Home Parks	1 Rental Space
High Schools	10 Students
Elementary Schools	15 Students
Restaurants	6 Seating Spaces
Hospitals and Institutions	2 Beds
Commercial and Industrial buildings (without industrial wastes)	9 Employees
Buildings with industrial and other wastes	1000 Cubic Ft.Per Month

- f. That Section 17.36.020, Subsection (2), Paragraphs A and B, be amended to read as follows:

(2) Direct connection and intermediate service charges.

A. An owner desiring sewer connection and service by a private line or house branch directly to an existing public sewer of any size under city control, when the cost of such public sewer was not contributed to on behalf of applicant's property by assessment for direct service or its equivalent, shall pay a direct connection charge as given in the Table below.

Lots up to 50 feet of frontage shall be charged as 50 ft. lots. Lots over 50 feet charged as 50 ft. plus 10 percent for each whole 5 feet additional frontage up to a maximum of 100 feet per equivalent dwelling unit. Front footage shall be considered equal to one percent of the lot area within 100 feet of the street or easement line of the sewer. Such street or easement line shall be considered as continuing 100 feet beyond the end of the sewer or beyond where the sewer turns away from the property.



B. An owner desiring sewer connection and service directly or indirectly through a public sewer under city control which was paid for by assessment or its equivalent and was not contributed to on behalf of applicant's property, if such sewer in any part of its length exceeds eight inches in diameter, shall pay a charge for such intermediate service as given in the Table below.

Lots over 5,000 square feet shall be charged as 5,000 plus 10 percent for each whole 500 square feet additional area up to a maximum of 10,000 square feet per equivalent dwelling unit.

TABLE

<u>DIRECT CONNECTION CHARGE</u>	<u>PER 50 FT FRONTAGE</u>
<u>Inside City</u>	<u>\$1000</u>
<u>Outside City</u>	<u>1500</u>
<u>INTERMEDIATE SERVICE CHARGE</u>	<u>PER 5,000 SQ. FT. LOT</u>
<u>Inside City</u>	<u>\$ 150</u>
<u>Outside City</u>	<u>225</u>

9. That Section 17.36.020, Subsection (3) Paragraph A shall be amended to read as follows:

(3) A. Major facilities equalization charge. The major facilities equalization charge is a fee or charge for connection and use, or increased usage, of sewers and sewage purification systems to be used in connection with the design, construction, acquisition, operation, maintenance, and discharge of contract requirements of the city of Portland for sewage treatment, disposal and purification. An owner desiring to connect a building to a sewer, or to increase the sewer usage by alteration, expansion, improvement, or conversion of a building already connected to the sewer causing an increase in equivalent dwelling units, as defined above, shall pay the charge as follows:

TABLE

	<u>Effective</u> <u>7/1/81</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>7/1/82</u>
<u>Inside City, per equivalent dwelling unit</u>	<u>\$ 575</u>	<u>\$ 620</u>
<u>Outside City, per equivalent dwelling unit</u>	<u>\$1150</u>	<u>\$1240</u>

Except as noted in the Table above, or when modified by the Council, the major facilities equalization charge shall be increased \$25 per equivalent dwelling unit per fiscal year for connection or increased usage inside the city of Portland and \$50 per equivalent dwelling unit per fiscal year for connection or increased usage outside the city of Portland.

- h. That Section 17.36.020, Subsection (3), Paragraph C be amended to read as follows:

"C. Credit for prior sewer user charge payments. When a property owner, where sanitary sewer user charges have been paid for his building for several years, desires to connect the building to a sanitary sewer, he shall have a credit of \$10.00 per equivalent dwelling unit for each year of such prior user charge payments since 1949 to apply toward the major facilities equalization charge. For buildings that would have been eligible for credit as specified above, but that have been wrecked or otherwise removed within the time limits given in Table 4 without having been connected to a sewer, the credit for each equivalent dwelling unit, as calculated above, shall be reduced by the difference in the rate for the major facilities equalization charge from the date such unit was removed to the date of replacement."

- i. That Section 17.36.020 be amended to add Subsection (7) to read as follows:

(7) When the owner of property is subject to an extra-strength class charge, he may request the city to install a sampling manhole on the house branch, providing he agrees to pay the cost of the manhole plus 15% for engineering and administration.

- j. Section 17.36.025, Subsections (1) and (2) shall be amended to read as follows:

17.36.025 Stormwater impervious area development charge. The stormwater impervious area development charge is a fee or charge for new construction or expansion of the impervious area of a property within the city, and shall be collected upon application for a building permit at the rates shown in the following Table:



TABLE

<u>Single Family Homes</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
<u>Commercial and Multiple Family properties, per 1000 sq. ft.</u>	<u>22.00</u>

However, when the new building takes the place of a structure or impervious area that has existed in the last five years, or does not add more than 500 square feet, or is in an area exempted by this chapter from the stormwater impervious area charge, no development charge shall apply.

k. That Section 17.36.040, Subsection (4) be amended to read as follows:

(4) Prior to installation of any meter, for the purpose of obtaining reduced sewer charges, the owner shall submit for approval by the city engineer a mechanical plan showing the proposed meter location, access route to the meter, the water supply or source, the cooling or other water using equipment, and the discharge point. No reduced sewer user rate or charge shall be given until the city engineer has approved the plans and the installation. When the cooling water or product water comes from a supply used for other purposes and a meter or other method of determining the volume so used is installed as above, the administrative or special meter charge for each such meter shall be as given in Table 1, Section 17.36.010. All meters used to obtain a reduced sewer user charge shall conform to the provisions of section 17.36.050.

## ORDINANCE No.

1. That Section 17.32.140, Subsection (d) Table 1 be amended to read as follows:

(d) Table 1: Extra-Strength Rate Schedule:

	<u>Effective 7/1/81</u>	<u>Effective 7/1/82</u>
<u>Composite Rates</u>		
BOD, per pound	\$0.089	\$0.105
Suspended Solids, per pound	<u>0.054</u>	<u>0.066</u>
<u>Peak Rates</u>		
BOD, per pound	0.020	0.020
Suspended Solids, per pound	0.013	0.013

Section 2. The effective date for this ordinance shall be July 1, 1981.

Passed by the Council, **MAY 21 1981**

Commissioner Mike Lindberg  
April 17, 1981  
R.L. Houston:ms

Attest:

*George Fichonil*  
Auditor of the City of Portland



*as amended*

THE COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
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LINDBERG		
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STRACHAN		
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APR 23 1981

CONTINUED TO MAY 7 1981 (Not read)

MAY 7 1981

PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 14 1981  
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PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 21 1981  
As Amended

Filed APR 22 1981

GEORGE YERKOVICH  
Auditor of the CITY OF PORTLAND

By *Gordon Crace*  
Deputy

INTRODUCED BY
<i>Commissioner Lindberg</i>

NOTED BY THE COMMISSIONER
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Finance and Administration
Safety
Utilities
Works <b>MDL/BL</b>

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Bureau: Sanitary Engineering
Prepared By: R.L. Houston Date: 4/17/81
Budget Impact Review: <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not required
Bureau Head: <i>For Motion</i> J.P. Mehuser

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Consent Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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City Attorney
City Auditor
City Engineer <i>John M. Long</i>