

Ordinance No.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO UTILITY FEES AND CHARGES, AMENDING SUBSECTIONS 4.24.010A, 4.24.010B AND 4.24.010D OF THE OLYMPIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, the City’s utilities are managed with a goal of resource sustainability in order to maintain, rebuild, expand systems, and prepare for revenue variability; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to meet the goals and polices for utility fiscal management set forth in the Comprehensive Plan and utility master plans; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to promote rate equity through cost recovery by customer class, and to smooth out rate spikes over a period of up to six years, the time period for which the CFP is developed; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Storm and Surface Water Utility and the Wastewater Utility are managed to maintain minimum operating expense reserves of ten (10) percent, and the Drinking Water Utility is managed to maintain minimum operating expense reserves of twenty five (25) percent; and

WHEREAS, in order to incorporate the foregoing principles into Water Utility, City Storm and Surface Water Utility, City Wastewater collection and LOTT Cleanwater Alliance wastewater (LOTT) treatment rates, the City Council received recommendations from the Utility Advisory Committee, held hearings, and reviewed the utility rates set forth in this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement for Sewer Treatment, the LOTT Board of Directors is empowered to “impose, alter, regulate, and control rates, charges, and assessments;” and the LOTT Board of Directors held a public hearing and approved certain rate increases, which the City Council must annually adopt; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the provision for discontinuing water service and charges for such requests must be clarified;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of OMC Subsection 4.24.010A. Subsection 4.24.010A of the Olympia Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

04.24.010 - Computation and assessment of charges

The rates set forth below do not reflect any possible surcharges or discounts provided to a parcel of property or customer under any provision of city ordinances or taxes assessed directly upon customers for which the city acts as collection agent.

A. DRINKING-WATER

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| 1. | Occupant turning on water after shutoff | \$10.00 | OMC 13.04.360 |
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| 2. | Delinquency notification penalty | \$10.00 | OMC 13.04.430 |
| 3. | Service disconnected/water reconnect for nonpayment penalty | \$25.00 | OMC 13.04.430 |
| 4. | Water for commercial construction purposes | \$50.00 per month plus consumption charge | OMC 13.04.410 |
| 5. | Water for residential building construction purposes | Flat fee of \$50.00 paid along with building permit fee | OMC 13.04.410 |
| 6. | Non-emergency after-hours water service turn on/shut off | \$110.00 | OMC 13.04.340 |
| 7. | Water General Facility Charges, assessed and payable as provided in OMC 13.04.375: | | OMC 13.04.375 |

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>AWWA Capacity Factor</u>	<u>GFC</u>
3/4"	1.00	\$ <u>3,0893,209</u>
1"	1.67	<u>5,1595,360</u>
1 1/2"	3.33	<u>10,28710,688</u>
2"	5.33	<u>16,46617,108</u>
3"	10.67	<u>32,96234,248</u>
4"	16.33	<u>50,44752,414</u>
6"	33.33	<u>102,964106,980</u>
8"	53.33	<u>164,749171,174</u>
10"	76.67	<u>236,852246,089</u>
12"	100.00	<u>308,924320,972</u>

This charge shall be assessed in addition to any other charges or assessments levied under this chapter.

8. Water Meter Rates—Inside City Limits:

a. **Schedule I: Monthly Charges.**

The following is the monthly charge based upon meter size for all consumers. Monthly charges for meter sizes not listed in the schedule shall correspond to the next larger meter size listed.

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Ready to Serve Charge</u>	<u>OMC 13.04.380</u>
3/4-inch	\$8.05-9.20+ consumption charge	
1-inch	10.71-12.24+ consumption charge	
1 1/2-inch	17.37-19.85+ consumption charge	
2-inch	25.36-28.97+ consumption charge	
3-inch	46.67-53.31+ consumption charge	
4-inch	70.64-80.70+ consumption charge	

6-inch	137.22 <u>156.76</u> + consumption charge
8-inch	217.12 <u>248.04</u> + consumption charge
10-inch	310.34 <u>354.53</u> + consumption charge
12-inch	403.55 <u>461.02</u> + consumption charge

(1) Residential and nonresidential premises that are vacant shall be subject to payment of the full Water ready-to-serve charge. This fee will be charged even if the water is turned off.

Consumption charge per 100 cubic feet:

	<u>Block 1</u>	<u>Block 2</u>	<u>Block 3</u>	<u>Block 4</u>
Residential (Single Family and Duplex Residential)	\$ 1.48 <u>1.51</u>	\$ 2.15 <u>2.29</u>	\$4.01	\$5.27
Nonresidential (Multi-family and Commercial)	\$ 1.67 <u>1.87</u>	\$3.14	--	--
Irrigation	\$ 1.67 <u>1.87</u>	\$ 5.49 <u>5.82</u>	--	--

Blocks Definition:	<u>Block 1</u>	<u>Block 2</u>	<u>Block 3</u>	<u>Block 4</u>
Single Family and Duplex (1) Residential	0-400cf/unit	401-900cf/unit	901-1,400cf/unit	1,401+ cf unit
Nonresidential (2)	Nov-June Usage	July-Oct Usage	--	
Irrigation	Nov-June Usage	July-Oct Usage		

(1) Single family accounts with or without accessory dwelling units shall be charged as one single family account.

(2) If nonresidential block usage cannot administratively be prorated between blocks, usage shall then be billed at the block rate in which the meter reading period ends.

b. **Wholesale consumers:**
See OMC 13.04.380B.

c. **State buildings with sprinkler systems or fire service connections:**
See OMC 13.04.380C.

d. **Hydrants and fire protection:**

The rates for fire hydrants, including test water and water used to extinguish fires, shall be deemed service charges and for any one (1) year, or fractional part thereof, as follows:

Fire hydrants \$~~154.62~~135.22 per year

Automatic sprinkler systems or special fire service connections with the city water distribution system will be charged the monthly ready-to-serve charge based on pipe size in Section 1.6.a.

9. Reclaimed Water Rates: 70% of the then-applicable irrigation rate under OMC 4.24.010A.7.

Section 2. Subsection 4.24.010B of the Olympia Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. WASTE WATER (SEWER)

LOTT joint facilities \$~~33.00~~33.99 OMC 13.08.190

Nonresidential accounts shall be billed one (1) ERU minimum per month. ERU charges in excess of one (1) ERU shall be billed at the rate of \$~~3.67~~3.78 per 100 cf. for LOTT joint facilities.

Local collection system per ERU \$18.54 per ERU OMC 13.08.190

Nonresidential accounts shall be billed one (1) ERU minimum per month. ERU charges in excess of one (1) ERU shall be billed at the rate of \$2.65 per 100 cf. for local collection system.

Waste Water (Sewer) general facility charge, assessed and payable as provided in OMC 13.08.205: \$~~3,078.45~~3,198.51per ERU OMC 13.08.205

Waste Water (Sewer) general facility charge for properties on combined stormwater and sewer systems, assessed and payable as provided in OMC 13.08.205: \$~~1,325.83~~1,377.54per ERU

~~2012-2013~~ LOTT capacity development charge \$ ~~4,519.20~~4,718.88per ERU OMC 13.08.210

~~Beginning in 2010, the LOTT capacity development charge shall be increased annually by \$214.10, effective January 1 of each year.~~

Reconnection charge \$26.78 OMC 13.08.230

Tapping fee \$107.10

Section 3. Amendment of OMC Subsection 4.24.010D. Subsection 4.24.010D of the Olympia Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

D. STORM AND SURFACE WATER

At the time of issuance of a building/engineering permit, per OMC 13.16.080, a storm and surface water GFC shall be assessed at the rate of: \$ ~~962.00~~999.52/Impervious Unit (2,528 sq. ft.) plus ~~1.80~~1.87 per average daily vehicle trip based on the Institute of Traffic Engineers' *Trip Generation Manual*.

1. Storm drainage service charges:

- a. Residential Parcel. All parcels in the city shall be subject to a monthly charge for storm drainage service in accordance with the following schedule:

Single-family parcels with or without accessory dwelling units (Regardless of date approved)	\$ 10.58 <u>11.21</u> /utility account
Plats approved after 1990 with signed maintenance agreement	9.46 <u>10.03</u> /utility account
Duplex parcels (Regardless of date approved)	10.58 <u>11.21</u> /unit (\$ 21.16 <u>22.42</u> when billed as a single account)

- b. Nonresidential Parcel. A charge per utility account will be established at the time of issuance of a clearing, filling, excavating or grading permit and assessed monthly as follows:

Administrative fee	\$ 10.36 <u>10.98</u> plus:
For parcels developed after January 1990 (Category I)	3.90 <u>4.13</u> per billing unit or
For parcels developed between January 1980 and January 1990 (Category II)	8.14 <u>8.63</u> per billing unit or
For parcels developed before January 1980 (Category II)	10.26 <u>10.88</u> per billing unit

- c. For developed parcels without structural impervious areas, the following construction phase charge shall be assessed at the time of issuance of a clearing, filling, excavating or grading permit:

Single-family and duplex zoned	\$ <u>4.45</u> 4.72 per parcel x total number of parcels identified in preliminary plat x 24 months
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d. Undeveloped parcels. No charge.

2. **State highway charge:**

Monthly fee for state highway rights-of-way	30% of the storm drainage service charges
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3. **Other roadway charges:**

Monthly fee for roadway rights-of-way, other than state highways within the city boundary	30% of the storm drainage service charges
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Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are declared separate and severable. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance or application of the provision to other persons or circumstances, shall be unaffected.

Section 5. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2013.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED:

APPROVED:

PUBLISHED: