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ORDINANCE NO. 60 - SEWER FEES

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE INTENTION OF SOUTH SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT OF KLAMATH COUNTY, OREGON, TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR SEWER SERVICE, AND PENALTIES FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENT OF FEES AND TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

SOUTH SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

Increase in Sewer Fees Assessed by the South Suburban Sanitary District

Section 1: In the next 5-10 years, the District will be facing a capital burden of a multi-million-dollar treatment facility expansion and the ongoing strategic repair/maintenance of the wastewater collection system infrastructure. It is the desire of the Board of Directors to continue to minimize the future long-term financing costs to the District ratepayers by increasing capital reserves.

Section 2: On July 1, 2022 there shall be a 7.4% increase on all sewer fees, based on the December 2021 Western Consumer Price Index (CPI) B/C. Thereafter, all sewer fees shall be adjusted per the previous December Western Consumer Price Index (CPI) B/C at the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1st).

ARTICLE II

Service Fees Assessed by the District for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Section 1: The following base rate fees for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 are located in Table 1:

Table 1. Sewer Service (Base) Rates

Connection Type	FY 2022-2023	
	Annual	Quarterly
Dumping Stations per unit	\$443.92	\$110.98
Hotel/Motel per unit	\$221.96	\$55.49
Industrial/Commercial Base	\$443.92	\$110.98
Mobile Homes per unit	\$443.92	\$110.98
Multi-Family per unit	\$443.92	\$110.98
Non-Residential Building per unit	\$443.92	\$110.98
Recreational Vehicles in Trailer Parks per unit	\$221.96	\$55.49
Residential – Single Family	\$443.92	\$110.98

Section 2: Residential sewer fees are due regardless of the occupancy status of the residence.

Section 3: In addition to the base sewer fee, a water use fee shall be computed on the basis of water consumption for users **other than residential units** (Non-Residential) as illustrated in Table 2:

Table 2. Non-Residential Water Use Fees 2022-2023

First 24,000 CF ¹ /Year	Per 100 CF after 24,000CF/Year
\$0	\$2.15

¹24,000 Cubic Feet = 179,520 Gallons

A non-residential building shall be charged the minimum base sewer fee for each individual occupant regardless of the specific number or location of plumbing facilities. Water usage for each occupant shall be based on water usage for the building divided by the number of occupants. At minimum, a building shall be charged (1) base sewer fee. An occupant is generally defined as a separate business or office space.

For any non-residential building, the water volume used for the calculation of fees shall be reduced by the water volume that can be proven to not enter the District sewer system. Examples would be any water used that meets Oregon Department of Environmental Quality criteria for the direct discharge to the storm drain system or water that is used for irrigation. Flow measuring shall be required in all cases in order to provide the District with evidence that water is not entering the District sewer system.

Section 4: Any user who **discharges industrial wastewater** shall be charged an initial increase of 7.4%, after which annual increases shall be per the previous December Western Consumer Price Index (CPI) B/C on a basis relating to the existing charges for industrial wastewater previously computed by the District. In general, industrial wastewater is defined as being of significant volume or pollutant concentration over typical domestic or commercial wastewater levels and is typically generated by industry. Industrial users shall be charged according to water volume consumption as set out in Section 3 of this Article, plus a pollutant related fee to defray costs arising from any particular waste that may cause increased treatment and/or conveyance costs.

Section 5: Quarterly service fees charged by the district shall be due in advance for each full quarter of service provided. Such charge shall be billed by the district on a quarterly or annual basis and shall be paid at the place designated on such billing. Payments made for a full year in advance shall receive a discount equal to 4% of the total annual service fee. No discount shall be allowed for advance payments of less than one fiscal year.

Section 6: A 15% discount of the total annual residential sewer service fee shall be applied to those senior citizens that meet all of the following criteria:

- a) Are 65 years of age or older within the fiscal year in which the discount is applied for
- b) Are listed as the owner of their residence
- c) Must occupy their residence for the entire fiscal year (July 1 through June 30)
- d) Have completed a Senior Citizen Sewer Discount application

Section 7: Delinquent sewer service fees, connection fees and construction fees which are not paid by the delinquent date as shown on the district billing form shall be subject to a penalty of 6% of the delinquent amount, or \$3.00, whichever is greater. In the event that sewer service fees, connection fees or construction fees remain unpaid after the delinquent date as shown on the district billing form, such delinquent accounts may be certified to the Klamath County Tax Assessor for collection (ORS 454.225).

Section 8: There shall be imposed a penalty upon all delinquent accounts for sewer service fees, System Development fees and construction fees in an additional amount of 18% of the delinquent fees on all accounts which are not paid in full by June 30th. These accounts will be scheduled to be certified to the Tax Assessor of Klamath County, Oregon, for collection by this office. Such penalties shall be a lien upon the property served. Penalties imposed by this Section shall be in addition to any interest or penalty provided under the provisions of Section 7 of this Article.

ARTICLE III

MISCELLANEOUS SEWER FEES

Section 1: On July 1, 2022 there shall be a 7.4% increase on **Sewer Reconnection** fees. Thereafter, all Sewer Reconnection fees shall be adjusted per the previous December Western Consumer Price Index (CPI) B/C per annum at the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1st).

Section 2: **Sewer Disconnection** fee rates shall be evaluated annually based on the current estimated cost to the District and shall be increased, if applicable, at the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1st).

Section 3: **Plan Review** fee rates shall be charged at the current actual cost to the District.

Section 4: **Construction or other reimbursable expenses** involving **District labor** or **Equipment** shall be charged at the current actual cost to the District time spent by the employee(s) or equipment providing the service.

Fee Type	FY 2022-2023
Employee / Equipment Charge Out	Actual Employee/Equipment Cost to the District
Plan Review Fee	Actual Employee Cost to the District
Sewer Disconnection Fee	\$249.17
Sewer Reconnection Fee	\$11.95/month the service remains disconnected

ARTICLE IV

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1: Provisions detailed in this ordinance cannot be modified in any way except by the adoption of another ordinance.

Section 2: Any change to fees, fee structures or formulas, whether temporary or permanent, are modifications to this ordinance, and can only be enacted by adopting a new ordinance.

Section 3: All articles, sections, paragraphs, sentences, phrases and words of this ordinance are severable, and if any such article, section, paragraph, sentence, phrase or word is found to be invalid or unconstitutional by

judgment or decree of any court or competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not invalidate any other or remaining article, section, paragraph, sentence, phrase or word of this ordinance.

Section 4: Ordinance No. 58 – Sewer Fees, shall be repealed in its entirety.

Section 5: This Ordinance No. 60 shall be in effect until repealed.

Adopted this 15th day of March, 2022; shall take effect on the 90th day after the date of its adoption

ATTEST:

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District Manager & Secretary to the Board

Mike Koger Director

Copies of this Ordinance can be
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