

**CITY OF SULTAN
WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 1342-21**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULTAN, WASHINGTON,
REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1277-17; ADOPTING SEWER RATES
FOR 2018 to 2022; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Sultan sanitary sewer utility provides reliable, sanitary and efficient wastewater collection and conveyance; and

WHEREAS, the sewer utility is an enterprise fund and all enterprise funds are required to collect sufficient revenues to cover expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council provides utility management that is fiscally responsible, and, to that end, has completed an update to the General Sewer Plan and conducted a rate study based upon the revised plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wants to ensure the sewer utility collects sufficient revenues to cover expenses until a rate study can be conducted based on the updated General Sewer Plan; and

WHEREAS, over the last several months of the COVID-19 pandemic, residents and businesses have struggled with their utility payments, many of them asking for assistance through a variety of public programs; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington has placed additional restrictions on businesses and gatherings, severely impacting the economy of Sultan and the State; and

WHEREAS, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 1277-17, which established sewer rates through the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sultan each year increases the utility rates to meet with the inflationary increases in the services the City provides; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that these increases during a pandemic are a challenge for many residents and business; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor declared a state of emergency on March 26, 2020 due to the outbreak of Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, under the authority of RCW 38.52.070(2) issued Executive Order 01-2020, postponing the rate increase scheduled for December 1, 2020 for a sixty day period; and

WHEREAS, the City Council discussed the issue at a workshop and has determined it is in the best interests of the residents and businesses of Sultan delay the annual rate increase until June 2021 (effective for the July 1, 2021 billing);

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULTAN, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Repealing Ordinance 1277-17. City of Sultan Ordinance No. 1277-17 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Adopting Sewer Rates. Establishment of fees and charges for sewer service as follows:

Sewer rates are hereby established for the following categories of service beginning on the effective dates as indicated as follows:

Monthly Sewer Rates	2018		2019		2020		June 1, 2021		January 1, 2022	
	Base	Volume	Base	Volume	Base	Volume	Base	Volume	Base	Volume
Sewer Rates Inside City Boundaries	Rate	per CCF	Rate	per CCF	Rate	per CCF	Rate	per CCF	Rate	per CCF
Single Family Residence (incl duplex)	\$77.45		\$80.55		\$83.77		\$87.12		\$90.60	
Low income Senior	\$38.72		\$40.27		\$41.88		\$43.56		\$45.30	
Multifamily	\$77.45		\$80.55		\$83.77		\$87.12		\$90.60	
Mobil Home Park	\$77.45		\$80.55		\$83.77		\$87.12		\$90.60	
Commercial connections by meter size										
3/4" meter	\$77.45	\$3.28	\$80.55	\$3.41	\$83.77	\$3.54	\$87.12	\$3.69	\$90.60	\$3.83
1" meter	\$107.18	\$3.28	\$111.47	\$3.41	\$115.93	\$3.54	\$120.57	\$3.69	\$125.39	\$3.83
1.5" meter	\$136.92	\$3.28	\$142.39	\$3.41	\$148.09	\$3.54	\$154.01	\$3.69	\$160.17	\$3.83
2" meter	\$217.85	\$3.28	\$226.56	\$3.41	\$235.63	\$3.54	\$245.05	\$3.69	\$254.85	\$3.83
3" meter	\$830.13	\$3.28	\$863.33	\$3.41	\$897.87	\$3.54	\$933.78	\$3.69	\$971.13	\$3.83
4" meter	\$1,043.76	\$3.28	\$1,085.52	\$3.41	\$1,128.94	\$3.54	\$1,174.09	\$3.69	\$1,221.06	\$3.83
6" meter	\$1,564.08	\$3.28	\$1,626.64	\$3.41	\$1,691.71	\$3.54	\$1,759.37	\$3.69	\$1,829.75	\$3.83
8" meter	\$2,158.73	\$3.28	\$2,245.08	\$3.41	\$2,334.88	\$3.54	\$2,428.28	\$3.69	\$2,525.41	\$3.83
Volume Rate - 100 ccf > 600 ccf allowance										

Rate equals monthly base rate plus for commercial - a volume rate for each additional 100 cubic feet.

"Monthly base rate" is the rate tabulated in the sewer rate schedule.

"Volume rate for each additional 100 cubic feet" refers to the rate for each additional 100 cubic feet or fraction thereof of water usage over the first 600 cubic feet for the customer's unit.

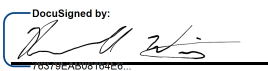
All rates are per dwelling or commercial until. An accessory dwelling unit is considered a dwelling unit.

Section 3. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City and shall take effect five days after publication.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON 11th DAY OF February 2021.


CITY OF SULTAN

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Russell Wiita, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Tami Pevey City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Hillary Evans, City Attorney

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