



# KING COUNTY

## Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

### Ordinance

**Proposed No.** 2025-0129.1

**Sponsors**

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to rates and charges for sewage  
2 treatment and disposal; and amending Ordinance 12353,  
3 Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.670.100, Ordinance  
4 18745, Section 2, as amended, and Ordinance 11398,  
5 Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.84.055.

6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 SECTION 1. Ordinance 12353, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.670.100  
8 are hereby amended to read as follows:

9 A. Having determined the monetary requirements for the disposal of sewage, the  
10 council hereby adopts a ~~((2025))~~ 2026 sewer rate of ~~((fifty-eight))~~ sixty-two dollars and  
11 ~~((twenty-eight))~~ sixty-six cents per residential customer equivalent per month. Once a  
12 sewer rate ordinance becomes effective, the clerk of the council is directed to deliver a  
13 copy of that ordinance to each agency having an agreement for sewage disposal with King  
14 County.

15 B. The King County council approves the application of Statement No. 62 of the  
16 Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB-62) as it pertains to regulatory assets  
17 and liabilities to treat pollution remediation obligations and RainWise Program  
18 expenditures and strategic planning costs as regulatory assets, recovered ratably over the  
19 life of the underlying financing, and to establish a rate stabilization reserve for the  
20 purpose of leveling rates between years.

21 C. As required for GASB-62 application, amounts are to be placed in the rate  
22 stabilization reserve from operating revenues and removed from the calculation of debt  
23 service coverage. The reserve balance shall be an amount at least sufficient to maintain a  
24 level sewer rate between ~~((2025))~~ 2026 and ~~((2026))~~ 2027, and shall be used solely for  
25 the purposes of: maintaining the level sewer rate in ~~((2026))~~ 2027; and if additional  
26 reserve balance is available, moderating future rate increases beyond ~~((2026))~~ 2027. The  
27 estimated amount of the reserve, as shown in the financial forecast, Attachment A to  
28 ~~((Ordinance 19447))~~ this ordinance, shall be revised in accordance with the ~~((2025~~  
29 ~~Annual Budget))~~ 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance and financial plan. If the reserve  
30 needs to be reduced to meet debt service coverage requirements for ~~((2024))~~ 2025, the  
31 county executive shall notify the council of the change by providing an updated financial  
32 plan.

33 SECTION 2. Ordinance 18745, Section 2, as amended, is hereby amended to  
34 read as follows:

35 Monetary requirements for the disposal of sewage as defined by contract with the  
36 component sewer agencies for the fiscal year beginning January 1, ~~((2025))~~ 2026, and  
37 ending December 31, ~~((2025))~~ 2026. The council hereby determines the monetary  
38 requirements for the disposal of sewage as follows:

39 Administration, operating, maintenance repair and replacement (net of other  
40 income): ~~((98,885,775))~~ \$123,844,438.

41 Establishment and maintenance of necessary working capital reserves:  
42 ~~((159,207,572))~~ \$107,549,086.

43 Requirements of revenue bond resolutions (not included in above items and net of  
44 interest income): ((~~\$290,381,168~~)) \$360,794,645.

45 TOTAL: ((~~\$548,474,514~~)) \$592,188,168.

46 SECTION 3. Ordinance 11398, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.84.055 are  
47 hereby amended as follows:

48 A. The amount of the metropolitan sewage facility capacity charge adopted by  
49 K.C.C. 28.84.050.O. that is charged monthly for fifteen years per residential customer or  
50 residential customer equivalent shall be:

51 1. Seven dollars for sewer connections occurring between and including January  
52 1, 1994, and December 31, 1997;

53 2. Ten dollars and fifty cents for sewer connections occurring between and  
54 including January 1, 1998, and December 31, 2001;

55 3. Seventeen dollars and twenty cents for sewer connections occurring between  
56 and including January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2002;

57 4. Seventeen dollars and sixty cents for sewer connections occurring between  
58 and including January 1, 2003, and December 31, 2003;

59 5. Eighteen dollars for sewer connections occurring between and including  
60 January 1, 2004, and December 31, 2004;

61 6. Thirty-four dollars and five cents for sewer connections occurring between  
62 and including January 1, 2005, and December 31, 2006;

63 7. Forty-two dollars for sewer connections occurring between and including  
64 January 1, 2007, and December 31, 2007;

65           8. Forty-six dollars and twenty-five cents for sewer connections occurring  
66 between and including January 1, 2008, and December 31, 2008;

67           9. Forty-seven dollars and sixty-four cents for sewer connections occurring  
68 between and including January 1, 2009, and December 31, 2009;

69           10. Forty-nine dollars and seven cents for sewer connections occurring between  
70 and including January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2010;

71           11. Fifty dollars and forty-five cents for sewer connections occurring between  
72 and including January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2011;

73           12. Fifty-one dollars and ninety-five cents for sewer connections occurring  
74 between and including January 1, 2012, and December 31, 2012;

75           13. Fifty-three dollars and fifty cents for sewer connections occurring between  
76 and including January 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013;

77           14. Fifty-five dollars and thirty-five cents for sewer connections occurring  
78 between and including January 1, 2014, and December 31, 2014;

79           15. Fifty-seven dollars for sewer connections occurring between and including  
80 January 1, 2015, and December 31, 2015;

81           16. Fifty-eight dollars and seventy cents for sewer connections occurring  
82 between and including January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2016;

83           17. Sixty dollars and eighty cents for sewer connections occurring between and  
84 including January 1, 2017, and December 31, 2017;

85           18. Sixty-two dollars and sixty cents for sewer connections occurring between  
86 and including January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018;

87           19. Sixty-four dollars and fifty cents for sewer connections occurring between  
88 and including January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019;

89           20. Sixty-six dollars and thirty-five cents for sewer connections occurring  
90 between and including January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020;

91           21. Sixty-eight dollars and thirty-four cents for sewer connections occurring  
92 between and including January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021;

93           22. Seventy dollars and thirty-nine cents for sewer connections occurring  
94 between and including January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022;

95           23. Seventy-two dollars and fifty cents for sewer connections occurring between  
96 and including January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023;

97           24. Seventy-four dollars and twenty-three cents for sewer connections occurring  
98 between and including January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024; ~~((and))~~

99           25. Seventy-six dollars and nine cents for sewer connections occurring between  
100 and including January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025; and

101           26. Seventy-seven dollars and ninety-nine cents for sewer connections occurring  
102 between and including January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026:

103           B.1. In accordance with adopted policy FP-15.3.d. in the Regional Wastewater  
104 Services Plan, K.C.C. 28.86.160.C., it is the council's intent to base the capacity charge  
105 upon the costs, customer growth and related financial assumptions used in the Regional  
106 Wastewater Services Plan.

107           2. In accordance with adopted policy FP- 6 in the Regional Wastewater Services  
108 Plan, K.C.C. 28.86.160.C., the council hereby approves the cash balance and reserves as

109 contained in the attached financial plan for ((2025)) 2026, which is Attachment A to  
110 ((~~Ordinance 19782~~)) this ordinance.

111 3. In accordance with adopted policy FP-15.3.c., King County shall pursue  
112 changes in state legislation to enable the county to require payment of the capacity charge

113 in a single payment, while preserving the option for new ratepayers to finance the  
114 capacity charge.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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Shannon Braddock, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. Wastewater Treatment Division Financial Plan