



Legislation Text

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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

A. Having determined the monetary requirements for the disposal of sewage, the council hereby adopts a ~~((2024))~~ 2025 sewer rate of ~~((fifty-five))~~ fifty-eight dollars and ~~((eleven))~~ twenty-eight cents per residential customer equivalent per month. Once a sewer rate ordinance becomes effective, the clerk of the council is directed to deliver a copy of that ordinance to each agency having an agreement for sewage disposal with King County.

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

C. As required for GASB-62 application, amounts are to be placed in the rate stabilization reserve from operating revenues and removed from the calculation of debt service coverage. The reserve balance shall be an amount at least sufficient to maintain a level sewer rate between ~~((2023))~~ 2025 and ~~((2024))~~ 2026, and shall be

used solely for the purposes of: maintaining the level sewer rate in ~~((2024))~~ 2026; and if additional reserve balance is available, moderating future rate increases beyond ~~((2024))~~ 2026. The estimated amount of the reserve, as shown in the financial forecast, Attachment A to ~~((Ordinance 19447))~~ this ordinance, shall be revised in accordance with the ~~((2023-2024 Biennial Budget))~~ 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance and financial plan. If the reserve needs to be reduced to meet debt service coverage requirements for ~~((2023))~~ 2024, the county executive shall notify the council of the change by providing an updated financial plan.

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

Monetary requirements for the disposal of sewage as defined by contract with the component sewer agencies for the fiscal year beginning January 1, ~~((2024))~~ 2025, and ending December 31, ~~((2024))~~ 2025. The council hereby determines the monetary requirements for the disposal of sewage as follows:

Administration, operating, maintenance repair and replacement (net of other income): ~~(((\$76,762,508))~~ \$98,885,775.

Establishment and maintenance of necessary working capital reserves: ~~(((\$151,283,097))~~ \$159,207,572.

Requirements of revenue bond resolutions (not included in above items and net of interest income): ~~((~~ \$285,003,893)) \$290,381,168.

TOTAL: ~~(((\$513,049,498))~~ \$548,474,514.

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

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

1. Seven dollars for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 1994, and December 31, 1997;
2. Ten dollars and fifty cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 1998, and December 31, 2001;

3. Seventeen dollars and twenty cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2002;
4. Seventeen dollars and sixty cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2003, and December 31, 2003;
5. Eighteen dollars for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2004, and December 31, 2004;
6. Thirty-four dollars and five cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2005, and December 31, 2006;
7. Forty-two dollars for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2007, and December 31, 2007;
8. Forty-six dollars and twenty-five cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2008, and December 31, 2008;
9. Forty-seven dollars and sixty-four cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2009, and December 31, 2009;
10. Forty-nine dollars and seven cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2010;
11. Fifty dollars and forty-five cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2011;
12. Fifty-one dollars and ninety-five cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2012, and December 31, 2012;
13. Fifty-three dollars and fifty cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013;
14. Fifty-five dollars and thirty-five cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2014, and December 31, 2014;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

financial assumptions used in the Regional Wastewater Services Plan.

2. In accordance with adopted policy FP- 6 in the Regional Wastewater Services Plan, K.C.C. 28.86.160.C., the council hereby approves the cash balance and reserves as contained in the attached financial plan for ((2024)) 2025, which is Attachment A to ((~~Ordinance 19447~~)) this ordinance.

3. In accordance with adopted policy FP-15.3.c., King County shall pursue changes in state legislation to enable the county to require payment of the capacity charge in a single payment, while preserving the option for new ratepayers to finance the capacity charge.