

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE August 4, 2015	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors
FROM: Susanne Baker, Finance Director
Through: Rodger Craddock, City Manager
ISSUE: Adjusting Sewer Fees

BACKGROUND:

On July 21, 2015 the City Council directed staff to remove the fraction thereof method of rounding up in the calculation of sewer fees from the current sewer fee resolution and to instead base sewer fee calculations upon actual water consumption. At the July 21st Council meeting the Coos Bay - North Bend Water Board indicated they would be able to make this change effective with the October 2015 billing cycle. The sewer fee monthly revenue will be monitored and the impact available for future consideration.

ADVANTAGES:

The resolution contains the changes as directed by the City Council.

DISADVANTAGES:

None other than the anticipated reduction in sewer fee revenue.

BUDGET:

Adoption of Resolution 15-15 will likely reduce sewer fee revenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff proposes the Council adopt Resolution 15-15 Adjusting Sewer User Rates, Charges and Fees and other Matters Relating Properly Thereto.

CITY OF COOS BAY

Resolution 15-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOS BAY, COOS COUNTY, OREGON ADJUSTING SEWER USER RATES, CHARGES AND FEES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING PROPERLY THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Coos Bay, pursuant to Ordinance No. 132, has the right and authority to set sewer user rates and charges with respect to administering the Wastewater fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coos Bay City Council at the July 21, 2015 meeting directed the use of a fraction thereof method of rounding up be removed from the sewer fee calculations and to base sewer fees upon the actual water consumption; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the monthly sewage fee to be charged to every sewer user in the City of Coos Bay shall be as follows:

1. For all sewer users who are not customers of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board, the amount of \$72.96 per month.
2. For individually metered one-family residential sewer users who are customers of the Coos Bay - North Bend Water Board, the base rate of \$18.86 and \$6.76 per month for each 100 cubic feet of water consumption based on actual water consumption, except during the May through the October billing cycle a flat rate shall be charged or the rate based on actual water consumption, whichever is less.

The flat rate shall be calculated from the average water consumption for the prior six month billing cycle of November through April, except for accounts opened during the April billing cycle.

Accounts opened during the April billing cycle or do not have any prior history, a flat rate of \$72.96 per month or the rate based on actual water consumption shall be charged, whichever is less.

3. For multi-family residential sewer users who are customers of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board, the base rate of \$18.86 per unit and \$6.76 per month for each 100 cubic feet of water consumption based on actual water consumption.
4. For governmental (schools, city, county, state, and federal) sewer users who are customers of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board, the base rate of \$18.86 and \$6.76 per month for each 100 cubic feet of water consumption based on actual water consumption.
5. High strength users, including restaurants; markets with garbage disposal units; bakeries with on-site cleaning facilities; commercial laundries; and other users, as approved by the City of Coos Bay with similar 5-day BOD or suspended solids concentrations; and/or who are customers of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board, as applicable, and discharge waters or waste, the base rate of \$18.86 and \$8.38 per month for each 100 cubic feet of water consumption based on actual water consumption.

6. Commercial sewer users who are customers of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board, the base rate of \$18.86 and \$6.76 per month for each 100 cubic feet of water consumption based on actual water consumption.
7. Customers of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board whose consumption is combined high-strength and commercial sewer use shall be required to meter such uses separately for the purpose of determining rates to be charged to those customers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, each user who is required to provide metering of their wastewater discharged to Coos Bay's sewer system for treatment if their wastewater flows are different from water metered to them by the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board or they do not have metered water upon which wastewater flows can be determined. Metered flows of either water or wastewater shall be read by the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board or the City of Coos Bay. Metering equipment, if installed by the user, shall be available at all times to the City of Coos Bay for inspection, and/or recording of flows.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, there is established a non-refundable waste discharge permit application fee in the amount of \$1,727. The application fee shall be credited against the annual discharge permit fee. The waste discharge permit shall be issued for one year periods, and the fee for the first year shall be \$1,555. Annual renewal of the permit is required, and the permit renewal fee shall be \$1,555.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, for those properties being developed that cannot be served by a City sewer at the time of development but have been granted permission to install a septic tank, owner shall be obligated to enter an agreement with the City assuring that said property shall not attempt to remonstrate a sewer improvement when the construction of a sewer within said district becomes necessary.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon this 4th day of August 2015 and will be effective with the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board October 2015 billing cycle for each customer.

Crystal Shoji, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susanne Baker, City Recorder