

ORDINANCE BILL NO. 32 FOR 1983

ORDINANCE NO. 914

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 645 FIXING RATES AND SEWER USER CHARGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

THE CITY OF SWEET HOME DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Article VIII, Section 1 of Ordinance No. 645 is hereby amended to read as follows, to-wit:

Article VIII

Section 1. The monthly rate of charge for the use of sewage works of Sweet Home, effective the first billing after January 1, 1984, shall be:

- I. Residential I sewer user classification which includes single-family dwellings shall be charged at the minimum rate of eight dollars (\$8.00) per month per single family living unit.
- II. Residential II sewer user classification which includes apartments, trailer courts with single metered connections, or any other unit comprised of two (2) or more living units, and Commercial I sewer user classification, which includes those users discharging wastewater having a strength of 0 to 1000 milligrams per litre shall be charged at the rate of eighty-five cents (\$.85) per 100 cubic feet of water used for the first 10,000 cubic feet used, and sixty-four cents (\$.64) per 100 cubic feet used thereafter per regular billing period. As used in this ordinance, "Strength" is defined as B.O.D. or T.S.S. concentration, whichever is higher. The following typical commercial users shall be included in commercial I classifications.

Car Wash	Medical & Dental Clinics
Dry Cleaners	Offices
Laundromats	Photo Finishing
Animal Clinics	Printers
Barber Shop & Beauty Salons	Service Stations & Bulk
Bars and Taverns	Fuel & Oil Distributors
Car Lots and Dealers	Motels & Hotels
Cold Storage & Warehouses	Garages
Department & Retail Stores	Commercial Laundries
Fruit & Produce	Institutions
Airports	Schools
Food Markets	Mortuaries
Hospitals	Soft drink companies
Churches	Restaurants (drive-in
Restaurants (sit down)	
Theaters	

III. Commercial II sewer user classification, which includes those users discharging wastewater having a strength of 1,000 to 1,500 milligrams per litre shall be charged at the rate of one and 39/100ths dollars (\$1.39) per 100 cubic feet of water used for the first 10,000 cubic feet used, and eighty-five cents (\$.85) per 100 cubic feet used thereafter per regular billing period. The following commercial users shall be included in the commercial II classification.

Baker, Wholesale
(mixed products)

Dairy Processing
Fish and Poultry Processing

- IV. Commercial III sewer user classification, which includes septage hauled by septic tank pumpers, shall be charged at a rate of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per 1,000 gallons of waste sludge into City's sanitary sewer system. Recreational vehicle sewage tank discharge receptacles will be charged at the rate of one hundred and ten dollars (\$110.00) per month of operational use.
- V. Industrial sewer user classification, per restrictions and industrial waste rate principles, Ordinance #709 adopted October 11, 1977.
- VI. All classifications will be charged at the minimum rate of eight dollars (\$8.00) per month when the usage in the respective classification falls below this rate.
- VII. Charges to commercial or industrial establishments not specifically listed herein or which fall within two or more classifications shall be assessed on each user's contribution to the total wastewater loading of the sewage treatment works, as determined by the Director of Public Works. Factors to be considered are sewage strength, volume, and delivery flow rate characteristics, to insure a proportional distribution of costs to each user. The basis of the user's service charges shall be water consumption less irrigation and other uses which do not contribute to the wastewater loading at the sewage treatment works.
- VIII. Consumed water shall be measured by the City of Sweet Home water meters. If the meter is not functioning, charges shall be based on previous average use. Exclusion from the basic charges shall be water consumed that is not discharged into the City sewer system, the volume of which shall be metered or determined by a written report from a professional engineer.
- IX. Sewer charges for property served with water from other than the City of Sweet Home water system shall be determined from water meters or sewer meters installed and maintained by the City of Sweet Home at the users expense. Where this is impractical, sewer charge may be determined by using unit flows from other comparable sewer class users with metered flows.


X. Appeals. Those users classified as Residential II, Commercial I or II who disagree with the classification as established by this ordinance or by the City of Sweet Home shall serve written notice upon the City requesting that the sewer service charges be adjusted because the metered flow of water contains non-sewer flows that should be excluded from the billing rate, or to request a change of classification because of the sewage strength. The Director of Public Works shall initiate a procedure to determine the amount of non-sewer flow or the strength of sewage discharged by a commercial establishment. Users requesting a change shall be responsible for all costs incurred, which may include, but not limited to the following: testing service, professional engineering or scientific services, excavation costs, labor costs, and administrative costs.

Section 2. It is hereby adjudged and declared that existing conditions are such that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the mayor.

PASSED by the City Council and approved by the Mayor this 24th day of January, 1984.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Manager - Exoficio City Recorder