

ORDINANCE BILL NO. 21 FOR 1981

ORDINANCE NO. 842

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 shall be:

- I. Residential I sewer user classification which includes single-family dwellings and duplexes shall be charged at the minimum rate of six and 25/100ths dollars (\$6.25) 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 three (3) or more living units shall be charged at the rate of eighty cents (\$0.80) per 100 cubic foot of water used per month.
- III. Commercial I sewer user classification, which includes those users discharging wastewater having a strength of 0 to 400 milligrams per litre shall be charged at the rate of eighty (\$0.80) per 100 cubic feet of water used per month. 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  
Dry Cleaners  
Laundromats  
Animal Clinics  
Barber Shop & Beauty Salons  
Bars and Taverns  
Car Lots and Dealers  
Cold Storage & Warehouses  
Department & Retail Stores  
Fruit & Produce

Medical & Dental Clinics  
Offices  
Photo Finishing  
Printers  
Service Stations &  
Bulk Fuel & Oil Distributors  
Motels & Hotels  
Garages

- IV. Commercial II sewer user classification, which includes those users discharging wastewater having a strength of 400 to 1000 milligrams per litre shall be charged at the rate of 98/100ths dollars (\$0.98) per 100 cubic feet of water used per month. The following commercial users shall be included in the commercial II classification:

Airports  
Food Markets  
Hospitals  
Churches  
Restaurants (sit down)  
Theaters

Commercial Laundries  
Institutions  
Schools  
Mortuaries  
Soft drink companies  
Restaurants (drive-in)

- V. Commercial III 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 58/100ths dollars (\$1.58) per 100 cubic feet of water used per month. The following commercial users shall be included in the commercial III classification.

Baker, Wholesale  
(mixed products)

Dairy Processing  
Fish and Poultry Processing

• VI. Commercial IV sewer user classification, which includes 'septage' hauled by septic tank pumpers, shall be charged at a rate of twenty five (\$25.00) 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 eighty dollars (\$80.00) per month of operational use.

VII. Industrial sewer user classification, per restrictions and industrial waste reate principles, Ordinance #709 adopted October 11, 1977.

VIII. All classifications will be charged at the minimum rate of six dollars and 25/100ths (\$.25) per month when the usage in the respective classification falls below this rate.

IX. 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 sewer service charges shall be water consumption less irrigation and other uses which do not contribute to the wastewater loading at the sewage treatment works.

X. 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.

XI. 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.

XII. Appeals. Those users classified as Residential II, Commercial I, II or III 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 on this 11th day August, 1981.

ATTEST:

Max L. Thompson  
City Manager--Ex-officio City Recorder

Robert D. Starbough  
Mayor