

ORDINANCE NO. 1447

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KALAMA SETTING RATES FOR SEWER SERVICES FOR THE 2021 INCREASING RATES 4% TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PROVIDING SEWER SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY BY AMENDING KALAMA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.08.011.

WHEREAS, the City of Kalama contracted for a Sewer Rate Study in 2020 which has recommended that rates be increased to meet the needs of the system for operations and maintenance as well as for the future improvements to maintain the system and improve the system to meet future growth;

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that current pandemic restrictions have affected employment, income and the economy and as such the recommendations in the Rate Study could place a burden on the citizenry;

WHEREAS, the City Council still finds it necessary to increase the rates charged to the customers in order to meet the needs of the system in an amount less than recommended in the Rate study;

NOW THEREFORE the City Council of the City of Kalama do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Kalama Municipal code section 12.08.011 is amended to read as follows:

12.08.011 Monthly rates and charges for sanitary sewer collection and treatment service.

A. The monthly rates and charges for sanitary sewer collections and treatment services shall be based on the customer classification, size of water meter, number of units served at a location and the consumption rate per one hundred cubic feet of water provided for each respective location to all users within the city limits are fixed as follows:

1) The volume charge or per 100 Cubic Foot rate for all users:

	2020	2021
Rate per 100 cubic feet	\$ 8.70	\$ 8.96

2) Base rates based on meter classification and size are as follows:

	2020	2021
Residential All Users	\$55.95	\$58.19
Multi-User - All Meters Charged Per Unit	\$48.70	\$50.65

Comm/Ind/School-3/4	\$66.00	\$68.64
Comm/Ind/School-1	\$82.00	\$85.28
Comm/Ind/School-1.5	\$186.00	\$193.44
Comm/Ind/School-2	\$270.00	\$280.80
Comm/Ind/School-3	\$495.00	\$514.80
Comm/Ind/School-4	\$750.00	\$780.00
Comm/Ind/School-6	\$1,100.00	\$1,144.00
Comm/Ind/School-10	\$2,220.00	\$2,308.80

B. All charges for sewer services provided to residential, multi-family residential, commercial, and industrial customers outside the Kalama City limits shall be set at the same rate as sewer services within the Kalama City limits.

C. The base meter fee for sewer service provided to all manufactured home parks or housing developments with multi-family units serviced through a master meter shall be computed at single or multi-unit dwellings rates set in this section with the meter fee computed as if each individual unit were metered separately. Any location with multiple units shall be computed at the rate set in this section multiplied by the number of units served. A unit is described as each separate living, business, rental unit or other type of building space or premises served with water and sewer facilities; provided, however, in the case of a school, a unit shall constitute each separate building with sewer and water facilities.

SECTION 2: Kalama Municipal Code section 12.08.12 – Summer Sewer Rate

12.08.012 - Summer sewer rate—Established.

A. A summer sewer rate is established for domestic sewer users for the months between the May meter reading and the September meter reading for all customers as follows:

B. There shall be no charge for any usage in excess of ten percent of the average of the previous eight months' metered usage, if the previous eight months' average is representative of normal usage. If the eight months' metered average is not representative of normal usage for the customer, the city clerk is authorized to calculate a representative usage using the customer's past billing history or the records of other representative customers.

SECTION 3: Acts consistent with this ordinance, but taken prior to its effective date, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 4: Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

SECTION 5: The provisions within this ordinance shall become effective commencing with bills issued for readings taken in January of each year.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Kalama at a regular meeting held on the 3rd Day of December, 2020.

Mayor Mike Reuter

Attest:

Coni McMaster, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Passed: _____

Published: _____

Effective: _____