

ORDINANCE NO. 1350

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KALAMA INCREASING CHARGES FOR THE BASE METER FEES AND USAGE CHARGES FOR SEWER COLLECTIONS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PROVIDING SEWER SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY BY AMENDING KALAMA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.08.011.

WHEREAS, the City has not increased rates since 2012 and that rate increase was dedicated to cover debt service needs for the costs of the new wastewater treatment facility;

WHEREAS, the City of Kalama finds that current rates are no longer adequate to cover the increasing costs of operating and maintaining the sewer system;

WHEREAS, the City of Kalama finds it necessary to increase the base monthly meter fees and the usage fees in order to meet the needs of the system;

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 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:

Customer Class/Meter	Base Meter Charge		Per 100 Cubic Foot Rate	
Residential - All Meter sizes	\$ 37.50	38.50	5.50	6.00
Multi-Residential - 3/4"	32.50	33.50	5.50	6.00
Multi-Unit 1"	32.50	33.50	5.50	6.00
(charged per unit) 1 2 A	32.50	33.50	5.50	6.00
2"	32.50	33.50	5.50	6.00
3"	32.50	33.50	5.50	6.00
4"	32.50	33.50	5.50	6.00
Commercial 3/4"	43.50	44.50	5.50	6.00
Schools 1"	55.00	56.00	5.50	6.00

	1 2"	125.00	127.50	5.50	6.00
	2"	180.00	183.00	5.50	6.00
	3"	335.00	340.00	5.50	6.00
	4"	500.00	510.00	5.50	6.00
Industrial Schools	3/4"	43.50	44.50	5.50	6.00
	1"	55.00	56.00	5.50	6.00
	1 2"	125.00	127.50	5.50	6.00
	2"	180.00	183.50	5.50	6.00
	3"	335.00	340.00	5.50	6.00
	4"	500.00	510.00	5.50	6.00
	6"	845.00	860.00	5.50	6.00
	10"	1500.00	1525.00	5.50	6.00

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 water 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.

~~D. It is the intent of the Council the added revenue derived from this increase to the sewer rates shall be used to pay off debts incurred by the sewer system and for future improvements.~~

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 ~~inside the city limits and between the June meter reading and the October meter reading for customers outside the city limits~~ 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 six months' average is representative of normal usage. If the six 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 2015.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Kalama at a regular meeting held on the 3rd Day of December, 2014.

Mayor Pete Poulsen

Attest:

Coni McMaster, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Passed: _____

Published: _____

Effective: _____