

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE SITKA GENERAL CODE TO INCREASE WATER RATES AT SECTIONS 15.04.100 ENTITLED "SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE", 15.04.320 ENTITLED "RATES AND FEES" SECTIONS 15.05.240A ENTITLED "SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE", 15.05.620 ENTITLED "RATES AND FEES" AND TO INCREASE WASTEWATER RATES

1. CLASSIFICATION. This ordinance is of a permanent nature and is intended to become a part of the Sitka General Code.

2. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and application to any person or circumstance shall not be affected.

3. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to increase user fees for water and wastewater service; and, to increase the connection charges for connecting a structure to the Municipal water and wastewater systems.

4. ENACTMENT, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that SGC Sections: 15.04.100A, 15.04.320, 15.05.240A, 15.05.0620, and are amended to read as follows (new language underlined; deleted language stricken):

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15.04.100 Service Connection Charge.

A. At the time the applicant files for a connection permit where no service previously existed; or, if the applicant is filing for a change in service connection, or size, or to serve a new structure, the applicant shall submit with the application the service connection charge of ~~six hundred ninety~~ seven hundred twenty five dollars. This charge is to cover the costs to the CBS of locating the stub-out from the sewer main (if available), inspection of the sewer service line, administrative costs, and permit fees. Upon approval of the connection, the property owner may proceed in accordance with the provisions in Section 15.04.130.

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15.04.320 Rates and Fees.

A. Base rate: ~~fifty dollars and fifty nine~~ fifty three dollars and seven cents per unit per month.

UNIT DESCRIPTION	UNIT
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Residential/Dwelling Unit <sup>(1)</sup>		1.0 <sup>(2)</sup>
Commercial (General, Miscellaneous) <sup>(3)</sup>		1.0
Clubs and lodges without bar or restaurant		
Garages, service stations		
Offices including medical (10 or less employees)		
Shops and stores without food processing		
<b>Commercial Specifics<sup>(3)</sup> (1 Minimum) Plus</b>	<b>Per Each</b>	
Bar, lounge, restaurant, snack bar	seat or stool	0.05
Barber, beauty shop (one station = 1.0)	station	0.6
Bowling alley	lane	1.0
Church	10 seats	0.1
Office/office space	over 10 employees	0.2
Hospital	bed	0.8
Meat market		3.0
Supermarket, grocery store with food process		8.0
Rest home	bed	0.2
Hotel, motel <sup>(4)</sup>	bed or room	0.3
Dormitory, boardinghouse <sup>(4)</sup>	bed or room	0.3
RV park <sup>(4)(6)</sup>	RV space	0.3
Bed and breakfast <sup>(4)</sup>	bed or room	0.15
Commercial laundry	wet machine	8.0
Launderette	wet machine	1.0
Schools, college, day care <sup>(5)</sup>	10 students	0.4
Theater	10 seats	0.2
Car wash (no minimum)	stall	2.0

## Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> Including apartments and trailers, per each. (Apartments shall be assessed as if on a separate meter.)

<sup>(2)</sup> Base rate.

<sup>(3)</sup> Business in homes shall be assessed for the additional appropriate commercial rate.

(4) Hotel, motel, B&B may count rooms only. Dormitory or boardinghouse must count beds or rooms. RV parks count RV spaces with utility hookups. (Vacation rates do not apply.)

(5) Approximate enrollment—may be reviewed annually.

(6) RV parks have all mobile units able to be underway on the road with a minimal amount of time and not require special permits to drive on the road. Underway can be under its own power, pulled by a vehicle or in the bed of a pickup. Rental rates are based on the day and utilities are included.

B. Sewer Service in Conjunction with Metered Water.

1. General Sewer Service in Conjunction with Metered Water. Minimum charge: One times the unmetered sewer base rate plus ~~two dollars and seventy three~~ two dollars eighty six cents per one thousand metered gallons.

2. Gary Paxton Industrial Park. Treated wastewater, metered: ~~one hundred dollars~~ one hundred four dollars and ninety cents per month minimum.

a. Treated wastewater, metered: ~~two dollars and ninety nine cents~~ three dollars and fourteen cents per one thousand gallons water use.

C. Connection Fee. ~~Six hundred ninety dollars~~ seven hundred twenty five dollars per connection.

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**15.05.240. Service Connection Charge.**

A. At the time the applicant files for a connection permit where no service previously existed; or, if the applicant is filing for a change in service location, or size, or to serve a new structure, the applicant shall submit with this application the service connection charge of ~~six hundred and ninety~~ seven hundred twenty five dollars. This charge is to cover permit fees, inspection, and administrative costs.

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**15.05.620 Rates and fees.**

A. Unmetered Water. Base rate: ~~thirty five dollars and forty two cents~~ thirty eight dollars and ninety six cents per unit.

UNIT DESCRIPTION	UNIT
Residential/Dwelling Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	1.0 <sup>(2)</sup>
Commercial (General, Miscellaneous) <sup>(3)</sup>	1.0
Clubs and lodges without bar or restaurant	

UNIT DESCRIPTION	UNIT	
Garages, service stations		
Offices including medical (10 or less employees)		
Shops and stores without food processing		
<b>Commercial Specifics<sup>(3)</sup> (1 Minimum) Plus</b>	<b>Per Each</b>	
Bar, lounge, restaurant, snack bar	seat or stool	0.05
Barber, beauty shop (one station = 1.0)	station	0.6
Bowling alley	lane	1.0
Church	10 seats	0.1
Office/office space	over 10 employees	0.2
Hospital	bed	0.8
Meat market		3.0
Supermarket, grocery store with food process		8.0
Rest home	bed	0.2
Hotel, motel <sup>(4)</sup>	bed or room	0.3
Dormitory, boardinghouse <sup>(4)</sup>	bed or room	0.3
RV park <sup>(4)(6)</sup>	RV space	0.3
Bed and breakfast <sup>(4)</sup>	bed or room	0.15
Commercial laundry	wet machine	8.0
Launderette	wet machine	1.0
Schools, college, day care <sup>(5)</sup>	10 students	0.4
Theater	10 seats	0.2
Car wash (no minimum)	stall	2.0

Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup>Including apartments and trailers, per each. (Apartments shall be assessed as if on a separate meter.)

<sup>(2)</sup> Base rate.

<sup>(3)</sup> Business in homes shall be assessed for the additional appropriate commercial rate.

<sup>(4)</sup> Hotel, motel, B&B may count rooms only. Dormitory or boardinghouse must count beds or rooms. RV parks count RV spaces with utility hookups. (Vacation rates do not apply.)

<sup>(5)</sup> Approximate enrollment—may be reviewed annually.

<sup>(6)</sup> RV parks have all mobile units able to be underway on the road with a minimal amount of time and not require special permits to drive on the road. Underway can be under its own power, pulled by a vehicle or in the bed of a pickup. Rental rates are based on the day and utilities are included.

**B. Metered Water Service.**

**1. General Metered Water Service**

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Allowance (GAL)</b>	<b>Minimum Charge</b>
Up to 1"	15,000	<del>\$50.50</del> <u>\$55.55</u>
2"	50,000	<del>\$110.75</del> <u>\$121.83</u>
3"	100,000	<del>\$166.12</del> <u>\$182.73</u>
4"	250,000	<del>\$332.24</del> <u>\$365.46</u>
6" and above	500,000	<del>\$664.47</del> <u>\$730.92</u>

All over allowance charged at minimum charge plus ~~one dollar ten cents~~ one dollar twenty one cents per one thousand gallons. The over allowance charged at minimum charge plus ~~fifty one cents~~ fifty-six cents per one thousand gallons will apply to major fish processing plants (Seafood Producers Cooperative, Sitka Sound Seafoods, Inc., aka North Pacific Seafoods, and Stikine Holdings, LLC, aka Silver Bay Seafoods).

**2. Gary Paxton Industrial Park.**

a. Metered water: ~~one hundred ten dollars and seventy five cents~~ one hundred twenty one dollars and eighty three cents per month minimum.

i. Treated water: ~~two dollars and twenty two cents~~ two dollars and forty four cents per one thousand gallons.

ii. Treated water, fish processing use: ~~one dollar and sixty seven cents~~ one dollar and eighty four cents per one thousand gallons.

C. Curb Stop/Service Valve Operation Fee. Except for the initial turn-on that occurs when property is first connected to the municipal water system, each customer or applicant for service shall pay a fee of ~~fifty~~ fifty five dollars for turning on or turning off the water service to the property. The fee shall be paid for each turn-on and turn-off whether at the customer's or applicant's request or due to nonpayment for water services. The water service to a property may not be turned on unless all water system fees associated with the property have been paid in full.

E. Connection Fee. ~~Six hundred ninety dollars~~ seven hundred twenty five dollars per connection.

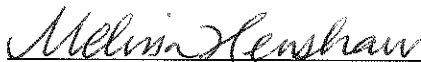
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**5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2015.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 9th day of June, 2015.

  
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Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Melissa Henshaw  
Acting Municipal Clerk