

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE SITKA GENERAL CODE TO INCREASE RATES AT CHAPTER 15.04 "SEWER SYSTEM" SECTIONS 15.04.100 ENTITLED "SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE", 15.04.320 ENTITLED "RATES AND FEES"; AND CHAPTER 15.05 "WATER SYSTEM" SECTIONS 15.05.240A ENTITLED "SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE", 15.05.620 ENTITLED "RATES AND FEES"; AND CHAPTER 15.06 "SOLID WASTE SYSTEM AND REFUSE COLLECTION" SECTIONS 15.06.020 ENTITLED "SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL POLICY AND RATES", 15.06.030 ENTITLED "RECEPTACLES AVAILABLE", 15.06.035 ENTITLED "RATES FOR TREATMENT AND COLLECTION", 15.06.045 ENTITLED "SPECIAL REFUSE AND TREATMENT CHARGES"

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 service, wastewater service, and solid waste collection and disposal 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, 15.05.620, 15.06.020, 15.06.030, 15.06.035, and 15.06.045 are amended to read as follows (new language underlined; deleted language stricken):

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Chapter 15.04

SEWER SYSTEM

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 seven hundred ~~thirty~~ forty 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 three~~ six dollars and ~~sixty one~~ cents per unit per month.
- 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 plus ~~two three~~ dollars eighty nine ~~two~~ cents per one thousand metered gallons.
 - 2. Gary Paxton Industrial Park. Treated wastewater, metered: minimum charge of one hundred ~~five ten~~ dollars and ninety five ~~seventy two~~ cents per month.
 - a. Treated wastewater, metered: three dollars and ~~seventeen~~ thirty one cents per one thousand gallons water use.
- C. Connection Fee. Seven hundred ~~thirty forty~~ dollars per connection.

**Chapter 15.05
WATER SYSTEM**

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 seven hundred ~~thirty forty~~ dollars. This charge is to cover permit fees, inspection, and administrative costs.

15.05.620 Rates and fees.

- A. Unmetered Water. Base rate: ~~thirty nine~~ forty dollars and ~~thirty five~~ fifty three cents per unit.
- B. Metered Water Service.
 - 1. General Metered Water Service

Meter Size	Allowance (GAL)	Minimum Charge
Up to 1"	15,000	\$56.11 <u>\$57.79</u>
2"	50,000	\$123.05 <u>\$126.74</u>
3"	100,000	\$184.56 <u>\$190.10</u>
4"	250,000	\$369.11 <u>\$380.18</u>

6" and above	500,000	\$738.23 <u>\$760.38</u>
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All over allowance charged at minimum charge plus one dollar ~~twenty-two~~ six cents per one thousand gallons. The over allowance charged at minimum charge plus ~~fifty-seven-fifty-nine~~ 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 twenty three dollars and five cents~~ one hundred twenty six dollars and seventy four cents per month minimum.

i. Treated water: ~~two dollars and forty six cents~~ two dollars and fifty three cents per one thousand gallons.

ii. Treated water, fish processing use: ~~one dollar and eighty six cents~~ one dollar and ninety two cents per one thousand gallons.

iii. Raw water for heating: ~~Seventy-eight~~ eighty cents per one thousand gallons.

iv. Raw water for industrial processing: One dollar and ~~eleven~~ fourteen cents per one thousand gallons.

v. Raw water for water bottling at Gary Paxton industrial park: in container sizes of five gallons or less: ~~One dollar and ninety six~~ two dollars and two 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 five~~ eight dollars and ~~fifty~~ five cents 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. ~~Seven hundred thirty dollars~~ Seven hundred forty dollars per connection.

Chapter 15.06

SOLID WASTE TREATMENT AND REFUSE COLLECTION

15.06.020 Solid waste disposal policy and rates.

A. In order to promote public health and reduce littering and illegal dumping, every residential unit, business, and live aboard vessel within one mile of the Sitka road system shall be required to pay a waste disposal fee as set by the assembly. There are no exceptions to paying a waste fee under these classifications regardless of the amount of waste generated and/or disposed. Failure to pay any amount of user and/or utility fees owed to the city and borough shall be grounds for disconnection of any or all services and utilities such as electrical service as provided for in Section 15.01.030.

B. Customers shall be permitted to dispose of acceptable waste in collection contractor-provided receptacles. "Acceptable waste" means all putrescible and nonputrescible waste including, but not limited to: garbage; refuse; ashes; paper and cardboard; and approved special waste. "Special waste" means any waste material which, because of its physical characteristics, chemical make-up, or biological nature, requires either special handling procedures and permitting, or poses an unusual threat to human health, equipment, property, or the environment. Customers shall not be permitted to dispose of unacceptable and/or special waste in collection contractor-provided receptacles. "Unacceptable waste" means waste that may not be disposed of at the disposal site under federal, state or local law, regulation, rule, code, permit or permit condition. Special waste shall be disposed of according to subsection (C)(10) of this section or at bi-annual city-sponsored collection events.

C. Fees and Policies Applicable to Specific Solid Waste Categories.

1. Junk automobiles and small trucks (three-quarter ton or smaller) may be delivered to Gary Paxton industrial park (GPIP) scrap yard at a rate of three cents per pound.
2. Trucks larger than three-quarter ton, larger vehicles, heavy equipment, and old trailers shall be billed at a rate of six cents per pound.
3. Scrap metals shall be billed at a rate of ~~six~~ eight cents per pound.
4. Fuel tanks must be cleaned and cut into pieces less than five feet by twelve feet (if over five hundred gallons) prior to delivery to the GPIP scrap yard.
5. Freezers, refrigerators, and air conditioning units shall be billed at a rate of twenty dollars each.

6. All other appliances or white goods besides freezers, refrigerators, and air conditioning units shall be billed at a rate of six cents per pound.
7. Recyclables including mixed paper, cardboard, and newsprint that are delivered to the GPIIP scrap yard shall be billed at a rate of four cents per pound.
8. Tires off of large trucks and heavy equipment may be delivered to the transfer station or GPIIP scrap yard and shall be billed at a rate of twenty-five six dollars each.
9. No construction and demolition debris shall be disposed of at any Sitka landfill unless otherwise authorized by the director of public works.
10. Household hazardous or special waste may be disposed of during normal business hours at the GPIIP scrap yard. Commercially generated household hazardous waste will not be accepted at any time.
11. Concrete and asphalt disposal shall be billed at a rate of twelve dollars per cubic yard.
12. Concrete and asphalt disposal is by appointment only with the public works superintendent.
13. Asbestos disposal shall be billed at a rate of fifty-five dollars per cubic yard.
14. Asbestos disposal is by appointment only with the public works superintendent.

15.06.030 Receptacles Available. The refuse collection contractor will provide three sizes for refuse collection:

- A. A ~~thirty-two~~ forty-eight gallon container;
- B. A ~~ninety-six~~ gallon container; and,
- C. A three-hundred-fifty gallon container.

15.06.035 Rates for treatment and collection.

- A. The following rates are effective on the day after the day a solid waste user fee ordinance containing such fees is passed:

32 48-gallon container	\$30.32 <u>\$ 30.95</u> per month
90 96-gallon container	\$50.94 <u>\$51.99</u> per month
350-gallon container	\$206.18 <u>\$210.45</u> per month

B. These rates are for one container that the refuse collection contractor picks up once a week. For customers that fall into one of the following three categories, the rates for treatment and collection will be:

For those customers in apartment complexes or other unique situations identified on the list maintained by the finance director	\$46.09 <u>\$47.04</u> per month
For those customers living within the harbor system	\$46.09 <u>\$47.04</u> per month
For those customers living on an island other than Baranof or connected by bridge to Baranof who do not receive any service from the refuse collection contractor	\$23.04 <u>\$23.52</u> per month


15.06.045 Special refuse and treatment charges.

Customers requesting special refuse collection which is over and above the normal quantity and which cannot be collected during the normal schedule may call the collection contractor for a special collection. The collection contractor shall be obligated to collect this refuse as requested. It shall be the responsibility of the collection contractor to notify the customer of all charges prior to collection. All billing and collection for this service shall be administered by the ~~refuse collection contractor~~ CBS from documentation provided by the contractor.

The customer is not obligated to utilize the refuse collection contractor for special request refuse collection. The customer may elect to haul the material to the transfer station. Customers may take up to two hundred pounds per month to the transfer station. All quantities shall be billed at a rate equivalent to the current disposal contract rate of eight cents per pound.

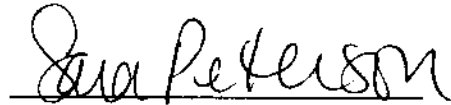
5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective on the day after the date of its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 11th day of July 2017.



Matthew Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, CMC
Municipal Clerk

1st reading 6/27
2nd reading 7/11