

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-25

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", CHAPTER 15.05 "WATER SYSTEM" SECTIONS 15.05.240A ENTITLED "SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE", AND 15.05.620 ENTITLED "RATES AND FEES"

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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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 ~~twenty five~~ thirty 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 dollars and ~~seven~~ sixty cents per unit per month.

UNIT DESCRIPTION		UNIT
Residential/Dwelling Unit ⁽¹⁾		1.0 ⁽²⁾
Commercial (General, Miscellaneous) ⁽³⁾		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		
Commercial Specifics⁽³⁾ (1 Minimum) Plus	Per Each	
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 ⁽⁴⁾	bed or room	0.3
Dormitory, boardinghouse ⁽⁴⁾	bed or room	0.3
RV park ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁶⁾	RV space	0.3
Bed and breakfast ⁽⁴⁾	bed or room	0.15
Commercial laundry	wet machine	8.0
Launderette	wet machine	1.0
Schools, college, day care ⁽⁵⁾	10 students	0.4
Theater	10 seats	0.2
Car wash (no minimum)	stall	2.0

Notes:

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

- (2) Base rate.
- (3) 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.
- (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 ~~eighty-six~~ nine cents per one thousand metered gallons.

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

- a. Treated wastewater, metered: three dollars and ~~fourteen~~ seventeen cents per one thousand gallons water use.

C. Connection Fee. Seven hundred ~~twenty-five~~ thirty dollars per connection.

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**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 ~~twenty-five~~ thirty 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 ~~eight~~ nine dollars and ninety ~~six~~ thirty five cents per unit.

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Residential/Dwelling Unit ⁽¹⁾	1.0 ⁽²⁾	
Commercial (General, Miscellaneous) ⁽³⁾	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		
Commercial Specifics⁽³⁾ (1 Minimum) Plus	Per Each	
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 ⁽⁴⁾	bed or room	0.3
Dormitory, boardinghouse ⁽⁴⁾	bed or room	0.3
RV park ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁶⁾	RV space	0.3
Bed and breakfast ⁽⁴⁾	bed or room	0.15
Commercial laundry	wet machine	8.0
Launderette	wet machine	1.0
Schools, college, day care ⁽⁵⁾	10 students	0.4
Theater	10 seats	0.2

UNIT DESCRIPTION		UNIT
Car wash (no minimum)	stall	2.0

Notes:

- (1) Including apartments and trailers, per each. (Apartments shall be assessed as if on a separate meter.)
- (2) Base rate.
- (3) 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.
- (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. Metered Water Service.

1. General Metered Water Service

Meter Size	Allowance (GAL)	Minimum Charge
Up to 1"	15,000	\$55.55 <u>\$56.11</u>
2"	50,000	\$121.83 <u>\$123.05</u>
3"	100,000	\$182.73 <u>\$184.56</u>
4"	250,000	\$365.46 <u>\$369.11</u>
6" and above	500,000	\$730.92 <u>\$738.23</u>

All over allowance charged at minimum charge plus one dollar ~~twenty-one~~ two cents per one thousand gallons. The over allowance charged at minimum charge plus ~~fifty-six cents~~ fifty-seven 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-one dollars and eighty-three cents~~ one hundred twenty three dollars and five cents per month minimum.

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

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

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

iv. Raw water for industrial processing: One dollar and ~~ten~~ eleven 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-~~four~~ six cents per one thousand gallons.

vi. Raw water for bottling at Gary Paxton industrial park in container sizes greater than five gallons: one cent per gallon.

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~~ fifty-five dollars and fifty-five cents 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.

D. Fire Hydrant Use Fee. Provided in Section 15.05.590.

E. Connection Fee. ~~Seven hundred twenty five dollars~~ Seven hundred thirty dollars per connection.

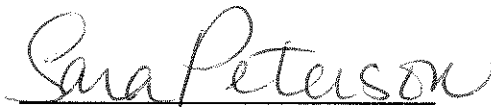
5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective on the day after the date of its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 9th day of August, 2016.



Matthew Hunter, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, CMC
Municipal Clerk

1st reading 7/26/16

2nd reading 8/9/16