

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AMENDING TITLE 15 "PUBLIC UTILITIES" OF THE SITKA GENERAL CODE TO INCREASE WATER RATES AT SECTION 15.05.240 "SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE" AND SECTION 15.05.620 "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 amend Chapter 15.05 of the Sitka General Code to increase water service connection and water fees.

4. ENACTMENT. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that Sitka General Code Sections 15.05.240 and 15.05.620 are amended to read as follows (new language underlined; deleted language stricken):

**Title 15
PUBLIC UTILITIES**

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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 ~~forty~~ sixty 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: ~~forty-nine~~ dollars and ~~fifty-three~~ forty-five cents per unit.

UNIT DESCRIPTION	UNIT
Residential/Dwelling Unit ⁽¹⁾	1.0 ⁽²⁾
Commercial (General, Miscellaneous) ⁽³⁾	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		
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

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(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. (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. Metered Water Service.

1. General Metered Water Service

Meter Size	Allowance (GAL)	Minimum Charge
Up to 1"	15,000	\$57.79 <u>\$70.50</u>
2"	50,000	\$126.74 <u>\$154.62</u>
3"	100,000	\$190.10 <u>\$231.92</u>
4"	250,000	\$380.18 <u>\$463.82</u>
6" and above	500,000	\$760.38 <u>\$927.66</u>

All over allowance charged at minimum charge plus ~~one dollar twenty six cents~~ one dollar fifty-four cents per one thousand gallons. The over allowance charged at minimum charge plus ~~fifty nine cents~~ seventy-two 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 six dollars and seventy four cents~~ one hundred fifty-four dollars and sixty-two cents per month minimum.

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

ii. Treated water, fish processing use: ~~one dollar and ninety two cents~~ two dollars and thirty-four cents per one thousand gallons.

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

iv. Raw water for industrial processing: ~~one dollar and fourteen cents~~ one dollar and thirty-nine cents per one thousand gallons.

v. Raw water for water bottling at Gary Paxton industrial park: in container sizes of five gallons or less: two dollars and two 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-eight dollars and five cents~~ fifty-nine dollars and fifty 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.

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

E. Connection Fee. ~~Seven hundred forty dollars~~ Seven hundred sixty dollars per connection.

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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 26th day of June, 2018.

Matthew Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st reading 6/12/18

2nd reading 6/26/18