

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AMENDING TITLE 15 "PUBLIC UTILITIES" OF THE SITKA GENERAL CODE TO INCREASE WASTEWATER TREATMENT RATES AT SECTION 15.04.100 "SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE" AND SECTION 15.04.320 "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 15.04 of the Sitka General Code to increase wastewater service connection and wastewater treatment fees.

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

**Title 15
PUBLIC UTILITIES**

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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 ~~forty~~ sixty 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.

B. The connection of a sewer service line to a sanitary sewer main located in the state highway right-of-way may be subject to state utility permit fees. Said fees shall be paid by the property owner.

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15.04.320 Rates and fees.

A. Base rate: ~~fifty-six dollars and one cent~~ fifty-nine dollars and nine 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⁾	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 plus three dollars and ~~two~~ nineteen cents per one thousand metered gallons.

Note: Special provisions may be made for facilities such as fish processors, which do not discharge all wastewater into the municipal sewer system. These facilities may be assessed on their equivalent employee loads, such as with offices, dormitories, etc.

a. The charge for any establishment not herein designated will be either:

i. As metered if a meter has been installed; or

ii. The minimum charge as outlined for sewer service, if a meter has not been installed; or

iii. As determined administratively by the public works director.

b. A commercial enterprise consisting of more than one facility shall be charged the sum of the applicable rates for each facility.

c. Partial charges for services are prorated based on a thirty-day month.

2. Gary Paxton Industrial Park. Treated wastewater, metered: minimum charge of ~~one hundred ten dollars and seventy-two cents~~ one hundred sixteen dollars and eighty-one cents per month.

a. Treated wastewater, metered: three dollars and ~~thirty-one~~ forty-nine cents per one thousand gallons water use.

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

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5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective 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.

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ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st reading 6/12/18
2nd reading 6/26/18

Matthew Hunter, Mayor