



CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA BILL # AB23-0070

City of Algona
200 Washington Blvd.
Algona, WA 98001

ITEM INFORMATION			
SUBJECT: Sewer Rates	Agenda Date: April 10th, 2023		
	Department/Committee/Individual	Created	Reviewed
	Mayor		
	City Administrator		X
	City Attorney		X
	City Clerk		X
	Finance Dept		X
	PW/Utilities		X
	Planning Dept		
		Community Services	
Cost Impact:	Police Dept		
Fund Source:	Finance Committee		X
Timeline: 1st review – 3/13/23	Planning Commission		
2 nd review – 3/27/23	Civil Service Committee		
3 rd review – 4/10/23			
Staff Contact: Jessica Griess, City Clerk; Tara Dunford, CPA			
Attachments: Ordinance 1218-23			
SUMMARY STATEMENT:			
<p>At the February Finance Committee, Tara Dunford, CPA, provided a financial analysis on the current sewer rates and a potential rate increase. The committee determined it would be appropriate to take an increase of 7.5% to council for approval, to cover the 5.75% King Co increase plus a little extra to go towards doing a system assessment. Russ is working on getting quotes on a system assessment. Once we know the approximate dollar amount of that, we can do a budget amendment and potentially get that work done this year, which will then lead into being able to do a sewer rate study and establish a good methodology for rates going forward.</p> <p>This is the third review of the proposed sewer rate increase. Attached is the Ordinance reflecting the 7.5% increase. The effective date is pending the Council's decision on when the new rates should start. Staff recommends June 1st to allow time to notify residents via monthly bill, newsletter, and social media.</p>			
COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:			
The Finance Committee recommends moving forward with presenting Council with a 7.5% increase to cover the 5.75% King Co increase plus a little extra to go towards doing a system assessment.			
RECOMMENDED ACTION:			
Make a motion to approve Ordinance 1218-23 with the effective date of _____.			
RECORD OF COUNCIL ACTION			
<i>Meeting Date:</i>	<i>Action:</i>	<i>Vote:</i>	

CITY OF ALGONA, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 1218-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALGONA, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.50 AMC FEE SCHEDULE; UPDATING AND INCREASING THE CITY'S RATES FOR SANITARY SEWER SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Algona operates a sanitary sewer utility, and has adopted rates for sewer service that are codified at Chapter 2.50 AMC; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City's contract with King County, the City's sewer rates include a component for sewage disposal rates established by King County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to King County Ordinance No. 19447, King County has increased its 2023 sewer rates; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update the sewer rates set forth at Chapter 2.50 AMC in order to reflect the amount of the recent King County rate increase;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALGONA, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. The above recitals are hereby adopted by reference as legislative findings in support of this ordinance.

Section 2. Amendment of AMC 2.50.040. Section 2.50.040 of the Algona Municipal Code is hereby amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

The following monthly rates shall be charged the following classes of users of properties to which sewer service is available:

Class	Monthly Rate
Single-family residences	\$69.78 \$75.01 per mo.

Class	Monthly Rate
Single-family residences, unoccupied with water disconnected	\$ 23.27 \$25.02 per mo.
Multiple-residence buildings	\$ 69.78 \$75.01 per mo. per residential unit
Lots permitted for multi-dwellings on a single service	\$ 69.78 \$75.01 per mo. per residential unit
Business, commercial and industrial units; churches; service organizations; meeting halls; and schools (public and private)	\$ 69.78 \$75.01 per month for the first 750 cubic feet of water used as per meter readings, and \$ 9.23 \$9.92 for each additional 100 cubic feet or fraction thereof

Section 3. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force _____, 2023.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 10TH OF APRIL, 2023.

CITY OF ALGONA

Troy Linnell, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Jessica Griess, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney

Filed with the City Clerk:

Passed by the City Council:

Ordinance No.: 1218-23

Date of Publication: