RESOLUTION NO. 14 FOR 2012

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING WASTEWATER USER RATES.

WHEREAS, the Sweet Home City Council has provided that Wastewater User Rates should be established by resolution, in accordance with Ordinance No. 1127 and 1175,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL that effective July 16, 2012, the wastewater user fees shall be as follows:

For purposes of this resolution, the City Council shall annually review Wastewater Rates before May of each year and set the new monthly rate for bills sent out each July.

User Rates: (Ccf=100 cubic feet)
For each metered residential and commercial user, the monthly sewer Customer Charge is **$28.00.**

Residential Sewer Customers without water meters shall pay a flat rate monthly Customer Charge of **$43.32** based upon a citywide 600/cf average. This charge includes the "I&I" and Commodity Charge. However, any sewer customer without a water meter may, at their own expense and effort, install a City Approved water meter on their water source according to any/all applicable City, County and/or State requirements in order to pay the corresponding sewer use and commodity charge associated with their actual consumption as according to this resolution.

Therefore, **$43.32** shall be considered one (1) ERU, a duplex shall be two (2) ERU's, a triplex shall be three (3) ERUs, and a four-plex shall be four (4) ERUs, etc.

Any non-metered structure that is not a residence(s) shall be considered to be a Commercial or Industrial customer and charged a flat rate based upon the following formula:

Customer Charge + (commodity charge x citywide average) = Monthly Charge

Commodity charges follow in the Resolution and shall be based upon the Classification Chart. Citywide Average shall be **600/cf**.

Commodity Charge:
Each metered Residential user, who exceeds a monthly use of 400/cf, is charged a Commodity Charge of **$7.66**/Ccf.

Each metered Commercial & Industrial users, shall be charged a Commodity Charge according to the following "Strength Category" classification:

Strength Category – **Low** (<275 mg/1):
Volume Charge $5.16/Ccf + BOD Loading Charge $1.01/Ccf + SS Loading $0.70/Ccf = **$6.87**/Ccf

Strength Category – **Medium** (275mg/1 – 450mg/1):
Volume Charge $5.16/Ccf + BOD Loading Charge $1.66/Ccf + SS Loading $1.15/Ccf = **$7.97**/Ccf

Strength Category – **High / Industrial** (over 450mg/1(750mg/1 average):
Volume Charge $5.16/Ccf + BOD Loading Charge $2.76/Ccf + SS Loading $1.92/Ccf = **$9.84**/Ccf

Summer Irrigation:
The monthly residential sewer charge for the billing cycles of May through October shall be based on the customer's average monthly water consumption for the prior winter month bills from November through April. Because non-metered residential sewer customers are already charged on an average, no additional allowance for summer irrigation will be granted on these accounts.

I/I Charge:
All wastewater users inside City limits shall be charged an "I&I" Charge per sewer connection of **$0.00**.

Outside City Limit Rates:
Customers outside the City limits shall be charged one and one-half (1.5 Xs) for sewer charges, "I&I" and Commodity Charges.

Misc. Fees:
Vacation sewer on or off verification fee for sewer accounts only is $16 per visit.

Deposit:
An additional $50.00 deposit will be required for each new water/sewer account and shall be administered in conjunction with Section 6 or Ordinance No. 1174 (Water Ordinance) or as updated.

Refunds:
Refunds will not be made for amounts less than $10.00

It has been determined that this rate is classified as not being subject to Oregon Constitution, Article XI, Section 11b limitations.

This resolution supersedes all prior resolutions on wastewater rates.

PASSED by the Sweet Home City Council and approved by the Mayor this 10th day of July 2012.

Mayor

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder