



ORDINANCE NO. 28762

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to sewerage; establishing a schedule of rates and fees
2 charged or assessed by the City of Tacoma pursuant to Tacoma Municipal
3 Code Subchapters 12.08B, "Use of Sanitary Sewer," and 12.08D,
4 "Stormwater Management," which schedule incorporates the current rates
5 and fees as approved by the City Council in December 2020 and
6 January 2021; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date
7 of July 1, 2021.

8 WHEREAS the City is authorized, pursuant to RCW 35.21.210 and
9 Chapter 35.67 RCW, to establish, construct, operate, and maintain a municipal
10 stormwater system and municipal wastewater system to manage, regulate, and
11 control them, and to fix, alter, regulate, and control the rates and fees charged or
12 assessed for their use, and

13 WHEREAS the municipal stormwater and wastewater systems are managed,
14 operated, and maintained as separate municipal utilities by the City through its
15 Environmental Services ("ES") Department, pursuant to Chapter 12.08 of the
16 Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"), for the benefit of the public health, safety and
17 welfare, and

18 WHEREAS TMC Chapter 12.08 establishes the rates and fees charged or
19 assessed by the municipal stormwater utility and municipal wastewater utility, and

20 WHEREAS the rates and fees charged or assessed are set forth in multiple
21 sections of TMC Chapter 12.08, making it difficult for the public to easily find and
22 identify rates and fees charged and assessed and making amendment of such
23 rates and fees cumbersome and inefficient, and

24 WHEREAS, contemporaneous with consideration of this ordinance, the City
25 Council will consider an ordinance amending, reenacting, and recodifying Chapter
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1 12.08 of the Tacoma Municipal Code as Subchapter 12.08A, "General
2 Administration"; Subchapter 12.08B, "Use of Sanitary Sewer"; Subchapter 12.08C,
3 "Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program"; and Subchapter 12.08D,
4 "Stormwater Management," and providing that all rates and fees shall be
5 established by separate ordinance or resolution of the City Council, and

6 WHEREAS the ES Department has recommended that if the City Council
7 enacts said ordinance, it contemporaneously enact this ordinance to consolidate
8 and fix all rates and fees charged or assessed, billed, and collected pursuant to
9 newly adopted TMC Subchapters 12.08B and 12.08D as the official schedule of the
10 stormwater utility and wastewater utility service rates and fees, and
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12 WHEREAS adoption of this ordinance will not result in an increase to the
13 rates and fees currently set forth in TMC Chapter 12.08, and

14 WHEREAS the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the public
15 health, safety, and welfare to adopt this ordinance; Now, Therefore,
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17 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

18 Section 1. That the City Council does hereby establish the official schedule
19 of all rates and fees charged or assessed, billed, and collected pursuant to
20 Subchapters 12.08B and 12.08D of the Tacoma Municipal Code as set forth in the
21 attached Exhibits "A" and "B."
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23 Section 2. That this ordinance, as now or as may hereafter be amended,
24 shall be known and referred to as the "Official Schedule of Stormwater Utility and
25 Wastewater Utility Service Rates and Fees" and any future amendments may be
26 made by reference thereto.



1 Section 3. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is
2 authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including, but not
3 limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance
4 numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

5 Section 4. That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of
6 this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision
7 of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of
8 the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it
9 would have passed this ordinance and each and every section, subsection,
10 sentence, clause, or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard
11 to whether any portion of the ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or
12 unconstitutional.
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14 Section 5. That this ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2021.
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16 Passed _____
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19 Mayor

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23 City Clerk

24 Approved as to form:
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Chief Deputy City Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"
(TMC 12.08B – USE OF SANITARY SEWER)

Wastewater Rate and Fee Table								
TMC Reference Section	Type of Rate or Fee	Frequency or Measure	Fee and Rate		Effective Date	Fee and Rate		Effective Date
12.08B.210	Residential Fixed Fee	per month, per single-family residence		\$27.32	January 1, 2021		\$27.73	January 1, 2022
12.08B.210	Residential Flow Rate	per month, per ccf		\$5.15	January 1, 2021		\$5.23	January 1, 2022
12.08B.210.D	Low Income Residential Rate and Fee Reduction	per month	35 percent reduction		January 1, 2021			
12.08B.220.C	Outside City Residential Fixed Fee	per month, per ccf	110 percent	\$30.05	January 1, 2021	110 percent	\$30.50	January 1, 2022
12.08B.220.C	Outside City Residential Flow Rate	per month, per ccf	110 percent	\$5.66	January 1, 2021	110 percent	\$5.75	January 1, 2022
12.08B.220.B	Outside City Connection Fee (Fixed Fee portion only – Connection charge in lieu of assessment also applies per TMC 12.08B.220.D)	Per connection		\$1,250.00	January 1, 2021			
12.08B.220.D	Outside City Connection Charge-in-lieu-of-Assessment	per Assessable Unit of Frontage		\$55.00	January 1, 2021			
12.08B.220.J	Contributing Jurisdiction Rate	per month		Rate calculated by control authority in accordance with TMC 12.08B.220.J				

Wastewater Rate and Fee Table

TMC Reference Section	Type of Rate or Fee	Frequency or Measure	Fee and Rate		Effective Date	Fee and Rate		Effective Date
12.08B.230.B.1	Connection Fee (Fixed Fee portion only – Connection charge in lieu of assessment also applies per TMC 12.08B.230)	per connection		\$1,250.00	January 1, 2021			
12.08B.230	Connection Charge-in-lieu-of-Assessment	per connection		Rate calculated by control authority in accordance with TMC 12.08B.230	January 2, 2021			
12.08B.250.A	Special Approved Discharge Annual Fixed Administration Fee	per permit, per 365 days		\$650	January 1, 2021		\$	
12.08B.250.B	Special Approved Discharge Rate	per sampling event, per ccf	FL = Flow rate	\$5.01	January 1, 2021	FL = Flow rate	\$5.17	January 1, 2022
		per mg/l, per ccf,	X = TSS	\$0.007363		X = TSS	\$0.007510	
		per mg/l, per ccf	Y = BOD	\$0.007363		Y = BOD	\$0.007510	
12.08B.270.B	Holding Tank Waste Discharge Rate	per 100 gallons discharged	From Within the City	\$15.26	January 1, 2021	From Within the City	\$16.79	
			From Outside the City	\$15.26	January 1, 2021	From Outside the City	\$16.79	
12.08B.280	TAGRO	per product or service		Established by Director based on Market Conditions				

Wastewater Rate and Fee Table

TMC Reference Section	Type of Rate or Fee	Frequency or Measure	Fee and Rate		Effective Date	Fee and Rate		Effective Date
12.08B.290	Pilot Rate Program for Commercial/ Industrial Users			Established by Control Authority in accordance with TMC 12.08B.290				
12.08B.320 12.08B.330	Commercial and/or Industrial User Fixed Fee	per month	MF = Monthly fixed fee	\$13.39	January 1, 2021	MF = Monthly fixed fee	\$13.80	January 1, 2022
12.08B.320	Monitored Commercial and/or Industrial User Rate	per sampling event, per ccf	FL = Flow rate	\$5.01	January 1, 2021	FL = Flow rate	\$5.17	January 1, 2022
		per mg/l, per ccf	X = TSS	\$0.007363		X = TSS	\$0.007510	
		per mg/l, per ccf	Y = BOD	\$0.007363		Y = BOD	\$0.007510	
12.08B.330	Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit Fee	annual		\$700.00	January 1, 1997		\$	
12.08B.330	Industrial Wastewater Zero-Discharge Permit Fee	annual		\$480.00	January 1, 1997		\$	
12.08B.330	Commercial and/or Industrial User Flow Rate	per month, per ccf	Category 1	\$7.24	January 1, 2021	Category 1	\$7.46	January 1, 2022
			Category 2	\$7.53		Category 2	\$7.76	
			Category 3	\$9.48		Category 3	\$9.77	
			Category 4	\$11.13		Category 4	\$11.47	
			Category 5	\$11.31		Category 5	\$11.65	
			Category 6	\$12.96		Category 6	\$13.35	
			Category 7	\$14.65		Category 7	\$15.09	
			Category 8	\$15.15		Category 8	\$15.61	

EXHIBIT “B”
(TMC 12.08D – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT)

STORMWATER RATE AND FEE TABLE								
TMC Reference Section	Type of Rate or Fee	Frequency or Measure	Fee and Rate		Effective Date	Fee and Rate	Effective Date	
12.08D.140.A	Special Approved Stormwater Discharge Permit Application Fee (to Stormwater System)	At time of application for each discharge location	\$500.00		January 1, 2021			
12.08D.140.A	Special Approved Stormwater Discharge Permit Quantity Rate (to Stormwater System)	Per gallon discharged	\$0.0022914		January 1, 2021	\$0.0023372	January 1, 2022	
12.08D.210	Stormwater Fixed Fee	Per Month, per parcel	\$8.61		January 1, 2021	\$9.00	January 1, 2022	
12.08D.210	Stormwater Rate – All parcels except Waterfront/Direct discharge	Per Month, per 500 square foot of parcel area	Undeveloped – First Acre or Less	\$0.2951	January 1, 2021	Undeveloped – First Acre or Less	\$0.2981	January 1, 2022
			Undeveloped – Area in Excess of One Acre	\$0.0621		Undeveloped – Area in Excess of One Acre	\$0.0628	
			Light	\$0.9418		Light	\$0.9513	
			Moderate	\$1.3015		Moderate	\$1.3146	
			Heavy	\$1.9013		Heavy	\$1.9204	
			Very Heavy	\$2.5469		Very Heavy	\$2.5724	
			Open Space with forested land cover	NA		Open Space with forested land cover	NA	

STORMWATER RATE AND FEE TABLE

TMC Reference Section	Type of Rate or Fee	Frequency or Measure	Fee and Rate		Effective Date	Fee and Rate		Effective Date
12.08D.210	Stormwater Rate – Waterfront/Direct discharge parcels	Per Month, per 500 square foot of parcel area	Undeveloped – First Acre or Less	\$0.1508	January 1, 2021	Undeveloped – First Acre or Less	\$0.1524	January 1, 2022
			Undeveloped – Area in Excess of One Acre	\$0.0621		Undeveloped – Area in Excess of One Acre	\$0.0628	
			Light	\$0.4818		Light	\$0.4876	
			Moderate	\$0.6760		Moderate	\$0.6828	
			Heavy	\$0.9668		Heavy	\$0.9765	
			Very Heavy	\$1.2948		Very Heavy	\$1.3078	
			Open Space with forested land cover	NA		Open Space with forested land cover	NA	
			12.08D.210	Low-income senior and low-income disabled percentage reduction		Percentage Reduction of Stormwater Fixed Fee and Stormwater Rate	35%	
12.08A.260.A&C	System Development Charge	Per square foot of surface area to be mitigated	Established by separate ordinance based on the location of the benefited parcel and the regional stormwater facility					
12.08A.260.A&E	Maintenance Surcharge	Per square foot of surface area to be mitigated	Established by separate ordinance based on the location of the benefited parcel and the regional stormwater facility					