

ORDINANCE NO. 1257

CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SEWER AND WATER RATES, AMENDING SECTION 13.16.060, REPEALING SECTION 13.32.030, ADDING A NEW SECTION 13.32.030 OF THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING A SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, it is necessary in order to promote the health and safety of the customers of the City's water system and the well being of our community that sufficient water be available for use, and

WHEREAS, both water rights and the production of water in the state are limited making conservation of water resources an important policy and practice to be supported by the City as a water purveyor, and

WHEREAS, a water rate structure which emphasizes conservation by establishing a tiered rate structure will aid in this cause, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the basic service sewer charge for Lacey sewer customers by \$0.25 each year for the years 2006 through 2008 to provide for the payment of expenses of such system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1: Section 13.16.060 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Service charge--Designated. The "basic sewer service charge" of Lacey shall be \$40.00 ~~\$39.25~~ per month per equivalent residential unit for all utility billings rendered during the calendar year 2006 ~~2003~~; \$40.25 ~~\$39.50~~ per month per equivalent residential unit for all utility billings

rendered during the calendar year ~~2007~~ 2004; and ~~\$40.50~~ \$39.75 per month per equivalent residential unit for all utility billings rendered during the calendar year ~~2008~~ 2005.

Section 2: Section 13.32.030 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 3: There is hereby added a new Section 13.32.030 to the Lacey Municipal Code to read as follows:

Service charge--Metered. Water service charges for metered connections to the City water system shall be determined and the revenues received therefrom utilized as follows:

A. The customers of the water system shall be divided into two groups. Group 1 shall consist of single family residences, duplex residences and irrigation accounts. Group 2 shall consist of multi-family residential structures, mobile home parks and commercial buildings.

B. The monthly base rate and monthly consumption rate for each 100 cubic feet of water consumed by Group 1 customers during the years 2006 through 2008 shall be as follows:

In-City Rates

	2006 Rates	2007 Rates	2008 Rates
Base	\$8.41	\$8.75	\$9.10
Quantity:			
0 - 600 cf	\$0.7000	\$0.7280	\$0.7571
601 - 1200 cf	\$1.6431	\$1.7088	\$1.7772
1201 - 2400 cf	\$1.6431	\$2.1840	\$2.2714
2400+ cf	\$1.6431	\$2.1840	\$3.0330

Out-of-City Rates

	2006 Rates	2007 Rates	2008 Rates
Base	\$10.93	\$10.94	\$10.92
Quantity:			
0 - 600 cf	\$0.9100	\$0.9100	\$0.9085
601 - 1200 cf	\$2.1360	\$2.1360	\$2.1326
1201 -2400 cf	\$2.1360	\$2.7300	\$2.7256
2400+ cf	\$2.1360	\$2.7300	\$3.6396

C. The monthly base rate and monthly consumption rate for each 100 cubic feet of water consumed by Group 2 customers during the years 2006 through 2008 shall be as follows:

In-City Rates

	2006 Rates	2007 Rates	2008 Rates
Base	\$8.41	\$8.75	\$9.10
Quantity:			
0 - 600 cf	\$0.7000	\$0.7280	\$0.7571
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D. Irrigation accounts shall be those accounts developed from the use of water for irrigation through a meter or meters separate from the metering of other water use upon such property. Group 2 customers who connect to the water system after passage of this ordinance will be required to use a separate meter or meters for irrigation purposes and the water usage through such separate meter or meters shall be considered as an irrigation account. If such a new Group 2 customer is assuming an existing Group 2 account, the requirement to install a separate meter or meters for irrigation purposes shall not apply.

E. Publicly owned recreation property such as city or county parks and school district playfields shall be billed pursuant to the schedule for Group 2 customers. Provided, however, that to qualify for such billing, the facility must first receive an irrigation audit by the City Water Department and demonstrate that a good faith effort is being made to remedy deficiencies and conserve water.

F. An amount equal to 12.6% of the revenues received from service charges as set forth herein shall be set aside by the City separately for the purpose of accumulating a depreciation reserve for the replacement of equipment and plant in place of the water system. The balance of the income received from said charges shall be used for maintenance and operation, construction and debt service requirements of said system.

Section 4: The Summary attached hereto is hereby approved for publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, this

15th day of December, 2005.

CITY COUNCIL

By Wig Robertson
Mayor

Attest:

Charlotte M Taylor
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
City Attorney

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Monday

SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION

ORDINANCE 1257


CITY OF LACEY

The City Council of the City of Lacey, Washington, passed on December 15, 2005, Ordinance No. 1257, entitled "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SEWER AND WATER RATES, AMENDING SECTION 13.16.060, REPEALING SECTION 13.32.030, ADDING A NEW SECTION 13.32.030 OF THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING A SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION."

The main points of the Ordinance are described as follows:

1. The basic sewer service charge for Lacey is increased by \$0.25 for each of the years 2006 through 2008.
2. The Ordinance sets new rates for customers of the City's water system for the years 2006 through 2008.
3. Customers are divided into two groups with Group 1 consisting of single family and duplex residences, and irrigation accounts and Group 2 consisting of multi-family residential structures, mobile home parks and commercial customers.
4. For Group 1 customers, the Ordinance sets a base charge and a 4 level system of rates per cubic foot. The billings will be at 2 levels in 2006, 3 levels in 2007 and 4 levels in 2008. For Group 2 customers, the billing will be in 2 levels effective for 2006, 2007 and 2008.
5. The base rate and the cubic foot rate consists basically of a 6% increase for 2006 and a 4% increase for the years 2007 and 2008. Also, the Out-of-City rate differential is decreased each year between the years 2006 and 2008.
6. The Ordinance approves this Summary for Publication.

A copy of the full text of this Ordinance will be mailed without charge to any person requesting the same from the City of Lacey.


Charlotte M. Taylor, MMC City Clerk

Published: Monday, December 19, 2005.