

CITY OF GARIBALDI

ORDINANCE NO. 243

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GARIBALDI SEWER  
ORDINANCE.

SECTIONS

- 1 Sewer Ordinance Amended
- 2 Effective Date

THE CITY OF GARIBALDI ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. SEWER ORDINANCE AMENDED:** Ordinance 33 (enacted 3/13/50) is hereby amended by inserting the following Article subsequent to Article VII (Penalties), and renumbering Articles VIII, IX, and X to be Articles IX, X, and XI, respectively.

“ARTICLE VIII.

Rates for Use of the Public Sewer System

*Section 801.* Each residential dwelling unit (EDU) will pay the equivalent of one monthly sewer bill. For the purposes of this Ordinance, a duplex shall be billed as having two dwelling units, and a manufactured dwelling court shall be billed as having the same number of dwelling units as the number of homes. The residential billing will be a flat rate equivalent to the base rate as defined in Section 802.

*Section 802.* Each non-residential customer will pay a minimum (base) rate associated with each 4,000 gallons of monthly metered water usage, plus an overage rate, equivalent to the same cost per gallon in the base rate, for water usage over 4,000 gallons. A non-residential customer using less than 4,000 gallons of water will be charged the base rate. The 4,000 gallon figure is based upon average water usage per residential dwelling unit.

*Section 803.* Residences with a home occupation as defined by the Garibaldi Zoning Ordinance, as amended, shall be charged only the residential rate.

*Section 804.* Combined residential-commercial customers, whose businesses do not meet the definition of home occupation as defined by the Garibaldi Zoning Ordinance, as amended, will be charged both the commercial rate based on metered water usage, and the minimum residential rate for each dwelling unit, *provided that*

such a customer may, at the customer's option, elect to have separate water meters for the commercial and residential segments of the operation, *provided further* that the customer shall pay all costs of installing the separate meter, including but not limited to labor, equipment and materials, but *not* including a systems development charge as defined by Ordinance 183, as amended.

*Section 805.* Every premises with a sewer connection, including government offices, shall be billed for sewer service every month, whether or not the premises is occupied.

*Section 807.* The intent of sewer rates and rate structures is to generate sufficient revenues to meet expenses, including but not limited to operations and maintenance costs, debt service, and reserves for replacement of plant and equipment over time. Consistent with that intent, the Council shall by resolution implement rates for sewer service. The City Administrator shall annually review rates for sewer service, and recommend adjustments if and as necessary to generate sufficient revenues to meet expenses, pursuant to this Ordinance. Adjustments to rates for sewer service shall, to the extent possible, be based on the most recent sewer rate study adopted by the City Council.


*Section 808.* It is the intent of the city to administer the sewer system and water system, to the maximum extent practicable, as a combined Utility System, operating, to the maximum extent practicable, under the same rules and regulations. Accordingly, the City will require a deposit for sewer service calculated in the same fashion as the deposit for water service; will require that water and sewer service at the same premises be billed to the same, rather than separate, customers; will consider unpaid sewer bills delinquent at the same time and pursuant to the same regulations as unpaid water bills; will assess interest, late charges, and collection charges on unpaid sewer bills at the same rates as on unpaid water bills; may terminate City water service to a customer's premises for failure to pay the sewer charges, and may refuse to re- connect water service until all outstanding charges for sewer service, as well as water, have been paid."

***Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE:*** It is hereby adjudged and decreed that this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, safety and general welfare of the people of Garibaldi, and therefore an emergency is declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED by the Common Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Garibaldi, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2000.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Recorder

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