

CITY of LA GRANDE
RESOLUTION NUMBER 4723
SERIES 2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA GRANDE, OREGON,
ESTABLISHING SEWER CHARGES AND SEWER SERVICE RATES; REPEALING
RESOLUTION NUMBER 4616, SERIES 2011, ALL AMENDING RESOLUTIONS, AND ALL
OTHER RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND
DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, adopted an Ordinance on September 20, 2006, regulating the City Sewer System and providing for various charges in connection therewith; and,

WHEREAS, said Ordinance also provides that current sewer rates and other financial charges related thereto will be set forth by Resolution of the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, passed Resolution Number 4616, Series 2011, on June 15, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, has directed that a financial assistance program be made available to eligible residents of the City of La Grande, Oregon, as described in Section 2. of this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, that Resolution Number 4616, Series 2011, shall be and hereby is repealed and that Section 2., FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, shall be and hereby is adopted as a part of this Resolution establishing various sewer charges and rates.

Section 1. SEWER USER RATES CLASSIFICATIONS

	<u>Milligrams</u>	<u>Liters</u>	<u>Base Rate Inside City Lbs/100 ccf</u>	<u>Franchise Fee</u>	<u>Base Rate with Franchise Fee Lbs/100 ccf</u>	<u>Base Rate Outside City Lbs/100 ccf</u>
Residential I	750	0.0-1.5	\$ 32.26 per month	\$ 2.26	\$ 34.52	\$ 64.52
			\$ 64.52 duplex	\$ 4.52	\$ 69.04	\$ 129.04
Commercial I	0-240	0.0-1.5	\$ 2.69 per 100 cf of water	\$ 0.19	\$ 2.88	\$ 5.38
Commercial II	241-475	1.6-3.0	\$ 3.32 per 100 cf of water	\$ 0.24	\$ 3.56	\$ 6.64
Commercial III	476-725	3.1-4.5	\$ 4.03 per 100 cf of water	\$ 0.29	\$ 4.32	\$ 8.06
Commercial IV	726-950	4.6-6.0	\$ 4.84 per 100 cf of water	\$ 0.34	\$ 5.18	\$ 9.68
Commercial V	951-1200	6.1-7.5*	\$ 5.48 per 100 cf of water	\$ 0.39	\$ 5.87	\$ 10.96
Commercial VI	Septage Haulers		\$ 0.08 per gallon (fee based upon the capacity of the vehicle waste tank, not the actual load volume contained in the tank for each load)			

City users will pay the base rate with a franchise fee schedule.

*All users with a strength of discharge estimated in excess of 7.5 pounds of BOD or total suspended solids per 100 cf shall have per unit charges for discharge strength, based on actual testing of their sewage discharge. For the term of this Resolution, users with discharge strength in excess of 7.5 lb/cf shall pay an added FORTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$ 0.48) per 100 cf of water used for each one (1) pound increment or portion thereof.

Users outside the City of La Grande limits will pay an additional one hundred percent (100%) sewer user rate for residential and classes one (I) through five (V). Class six (VI), Septage Haulers, will pay an additional twenty percent (20%) sewer user rate.

Section 2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Any person residing within the limits of the City of La Grande, Oregon, with sewer service provided by the City of La Grande, Oregon, with an income during the preceding calendar year from all sources of less than the amount determined by the Federal poverty level which represents "Low Income Classification", who applies for reduced sewer service charge for the dwelling unit occupied by them, and whose application is approved, shall receive a twenty percent (20%) discount off the sewer portion of the utility bill. Applications for reduced sewer service charges shall be on forms supplied by the City and filed with or mailed to the City of La Grande Finance Department. All qualifying citizens must submit new applications annually during the months of January and February in order for eligibility to be continued through the next calendar year.

Section 3. COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL CHARGES

Charges to commercial or industrial establishments not specifically listed herein or which fall within two (2) or more classifications shall be assessed on each user's contribution to the total waste water loading of the treatment works, as determined by Engineering Division Staff. Factors to be considered are sewage strength, chemical makeup, impact on treatment systems, and delivery flow rate characteristic to ensure a proportional distribution of costs to each user. The basis of the user's sewer service charges shall be water consumption, less irrigation and other uses which do not contribute to the wastewater loading of the treatment works.

Section 4. CONSUMED WATER

Consumed water shall be measured by City of La Grande, Oregon, water meters. If the meter is not functioning, charges shall be based on previous average use, as determined by Finance Department Staff.

Section 5. SEWER CHARGES

Sewer charges for property served with water from other than the City of La Grande Water System shall be determined from water meters or sewer meters installed and maintained by the City of La Grande at the user's expense. Where this is impractical, sewer charges may be determined by using unit flows from other comparable sewer class users with metered flows.

Section 6. CHARGES TO PERSONS/BUSINESSES

Charges to persons and businesses located in the City of La Grande for sewer service not furnished but which abuts the property line shall be fifty percent (50%) of the monthly charge that would be required for persons or businesses in that classification which are furnished sewer service, unless a waiver is granted, as provided by Ordinance; and, further, provided that the person or business makes written application for the fifty percent (50%) rate to Engineering Division Staff and Engineering Division Staff approves said application, after first determining that there is no sewer hookup.

The reduced rate shall become effective only for the billing periods after the date of the application. Credit for corrections in billing methods shall not exceed twelve (12) months.

Section 7. SANITARY and STORM SEWER TAP CHARGES

All sewer services in the public right-of-way may be installed by the City or by a private contractor approved by the City and requested by the property owner. The City may require property owners to hire a private contractor to install the service to all City and State standards when an emergency exists. These rates apply only to services installed by the City. When a private contractor is engaged, all costs shall be the responsibility of the property owner, including building permit fees and Public Works inspection fees.

Four Inch (4") Sanitary and Storm Sewer Tap Charges Installed by City:

<u>Depth of Sewer Tap at Main</u>	<u>Gravel Street</u>	<u>Paved Street</u>
0 to 8 Feet	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 1,300.00
8 to 12 Feet	\$ 1,585.00	\$ 1,970.00
12 to 16 Feet	\$2,166.00	\$2,492.00
over 16 Feet* [Deposit]	\$2,969.00	\$3,355.00
<u>*Total Cost Minus Deposit</u>		

The charge provides for a maximum of fifty feet (50') of four inch (4") diameter pipe from the property or easement line to the tap at the public sewer. Larger pipe sizes and/or longer lengths shall be charged more, according to the actual cost to the City. Property owners will be charged one-half (1/2) the normal tap charge, if they request sewer service for a previously unserved abutting parcel before construction begins on a local improvement sewer district or sewer extension project which will serve said property.

Inspection Fees for Private Contractors

All taps will be inspected by the City for proper installation and compaction.

Weekdays 7:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.	\$ 61.00
Weekends and After 5:00p.m.	\$ 120.00

Section 8. SEWER MAIN CONNECTION FEES

a. Installation/Extension Fees

Depth of Sewers	Gravel	Paved
0 to 8 Feet	\$ 39.31/foot	\$ 49.00/foot
8 to 12 Feet	\$ 49.00/foot	\$ 62.80/foot
Over 12 Feet* [Deposit]	\$ 72.16/foot	\$ 92.54/foot

*Total cost Minus Deposit

Charges listed are per lineal foot of main.

b. Connection Fees for Property Abutting an Existing Sewer Main

Gravel or Paved: \$ 0.32 Square Foot

c. In an Assessment District

Gravel	Paved
\$ 0.32 Square Foot	\$ 0.39 Square Foot

Charges listed are per square foot of property served by sewer. A sewer main extension is required if an existing main does not abut the property to be served. The total connection fee will be for the main extension or square foot service fee, whichever is greater, except that area beyond one hundred ten feet (110') from the front lot line shall not be considered in computing the amount of square feet to be assessed. Property to be developed and benefited beyond one hundred ten feet (110') shall be charged for the entire property.

Section 9. METERED WATER NOT ENTERING SEWERAGE SYSTEM

a. If a significant amount of metered water does not flow into the sewer, the customer may request the City to install a separate meter to measure that flow. The customer shall pay all costs for installation of said meter. An advance deposit may be required. If the deposit is not sufficient to cover the cost incurred, the City shall bill the user for the balance. If the deposit is more than the costs

incurred, the balance shall be remitted to the user. Reimbursement and appeals shall follow the procedures outlined by Ordinance.

b. If an amount of metered water does not flow into the sewer system, if the commercial customer is eligible for "Flat Sewer Rates", and if the customer completes the process as outlined in Administrative Policy Number 02-93, then one of the following "Flat Sewer Rates" shall be charged.

	<u>Base Rate Inside City</u>	<u>Franchise Fee</u>	<u>Base Rate with Franchise Fee</u>	<u>Base Rate Outside City</u>
Sewer Flat Rate 1	\$ 32.26 per month	\$ 0.26	\$ 34.52	\$ 64.52
Sewer Flat Rate 2	\$ 49.31 per month	\$ 3.46	\$ 52.77	\$ 98.62
Sewer Flat Rate 3	\$ 64.12 per month	\$ 4.49	\$ 68.61	\$ 128.24
Sewer Flat Rate 4	\$ 88.91 per month	\$ 6.23	\$ 95.14	\$ 177.82
Sewer Flat Rate 5	\$ 117.20 per month	\$ 8.21	\$ 125.41	\$ 234.40
Sewer Flat Rate 6	\$ 141.65 per month	\$ 9.92	\$ 151.57	\$ 283.30

City users will pay the base rate with a franchise fee schedule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, that the rates established in this Resolution shall be in effect on all billings after September 1, 2011.

PASSED this Tenth (10th) day of August, 2011, by seven (7)
of seven (7) Councilors present and voting in the affirmative.

Daniel S. Pokorney, Mayor

Mary Ann Miesner, Mayor Pro Tem

Silas Kelty, Councilor

Gary Lillard, Councilor

Kelly McGee, Councilor

Jerry Sebestyen, Councilor

ATTEST -


Alexandra Norgan Lund
City Recorder