

**CITY OF PACIFIC
WASHINGTON**

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-2065

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC, WASHINGTON,
RELATING TO UTILITY RATES, AMENDING SECTION 14.48.015, OF
THE PACIFIC MUNICIPAL CODE AND INCREASING THE RATES
FOR SEWER FOR BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL
USES OF PROPERTY TO COVER INCREASES IN OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE COSTS DUE TO KING COUNTY RATE INCREASE,
SUCH RATES TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023**

WHEREAS, the City operates and maintains a wastewater collection system, which conveys wastewater to King County for treatment; and

WHEREAS, King County recently adopted a substantial increase in the sewer rates that impact the City's sewer rates for both residential and non-residential uses of property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on September 26, 2022, on the proposed rate increase, for the presentation of information by the City's consultant, the acceptance of public testimony on such rate increases and discussion by the City Council of the need for rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered this Ordinance at a regular meeting on October 10 and 24, 2022; Now, Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE PACIFIC CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 14.48.015 of the Pacific Municipal Code, as last amended in Ordinance 2021-2048, is hereby amended to increase rates for sewer service as follows:

14.48.015 Rates Designated

2023

A. Single Family Residential: Single-Family Residences, Manufactured Homes, Mobile Homes:

~~\$96.53 94.67~~ for each residential unit (\$52.11 ~~50.26~~ Metro Charge and ~~\$44.42~~ City of Pacific charge)

B. Non-Residential and Multiple Residential Uses:

Charges will be based on water usage as determined by water meter readings with a basic unit price of ~~\$96.53 94.67~~ charged for the first 700 cubic feet of water consumption. Fractions of cubic feet over 700 cubic feet will be charged at ~~\$15.32 15.20~~ per 100 cubic feet. A minimum ~~\$96.53 94.67~~ will be charged for non-residential and multi-family residential use (duplexes, apartments, mobile home parks, etc.).

C. Reduced Rates for Low Income Senior Citizens and/or Low Income Disabled Customers. Any full-time occupant responsible for the payment of a monthly sewer charge shall be granted a 15 percent discount from the otherwise applicable rate if the person is at least 62 years of age, and/or is 18 years of age or older and has been awarded

in writing a 50 percent or higher disability rating from any state of Washington and/or federal agency/program, and meets the low-income guidelines as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for taxable household income and has properly filled out an application as required requesting such reduction. Staff is directed to establish and implement a review/re-application process to ensure the integrity of those accounts receiving the discount.

2024

A. Single Family Residential: Single-Family Residences, Manufactured Homes, Mobile Homes:

~~\$101.75 97.99~~ for each residential unit (\$55.11 ~~51.26~~ Metro Charge and ~~\$46.64~~ City of Pacific charge)

B. Non-Residential and Multiple Residential Uses:

Charges will be based on water usage as determined by water meter readings with a basic unit price of ~~\$101.75 97.99~~ charged for the first 700 cubic feet of water consumption. Fractions of cubic feet over 700 cubic feet will be charged at ~~\$16.15 15.96~~ per 100 cubic feet. A minimum ~~\$101.75 97.99~~ will be charged for non-residential and multi-family residential use (duplexes, apartments, mobile home parks, etc.).

C. Reduced Rates for Low Income Senior Citizens and/or Low Income Disabled Customers. Any full-time occupant responsible for the payment of a monthly sewer charge shall be granted a 15 percent discount from the otherwise applicable rate if the person is at least 62 years of age, and/or is 18 years of age or older and has been awarded in writing a 50 percent or higher disability rating from any state of Washington and/or federal agency/program, and meets the low-income guidelines as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for taxable household income and has properly filled out an application as required requesting such reduction. Staff is directed to establish and implement a review/re-application process to ensure the integrity of those accounts receiving the discount.

2025

A. Single Family Residential: Single-Family Residences, Manufactured Homes, Mobile Homes:

~~\$107.25 101.25~~ for each residential unit (\$58.28 ~~52.29~~ Metro Charge and ~~\$48.97~~ City of Pacific charge)

B. Non-Residential and Multiple Residential Uses:

Charges will be based on water usage as determined by water meter readings with a basic unit price of ~~\$107.25 101.25~~ charged for the first 700 cubic feet of water consumption. Fractions of cubic feet over 700 cubic feet will be charged at ~~\$17.02 16.76~~ per 100 cubic feet. A minimum ~~\$107.25 101.25~~ will be charged for non-residential and multi-family residential use (duplexes, apartments, mobile home parks, etc.).

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2026

A. Single Family Residential: Single-Family Residences, Manufactured Homes, Mobile Homes:

~~\$113.16~~ ~~104.75~~ for each residential unit (\$61.64 ~~53.33~~ Metro Charge and ~~\$51.42~~ ~~48.97~~ City of Pacific charge)

B. Non-Residential and Multiple Residential Uses:

Charges will be based on water usage as determined by water meter readings with a basic unit price of ~~\$113.16~~ ~~104.75~~ charged for the first 700 cubic feet of water consumption. Fractions of cubic feet over 700 cubic feet will be charged at ~~\$17.96~~ ~~17.60~~ per 100 cubic feet. A minimum ~~\$113.16~~ ~~104.75~~ will be charged for non-residential and multi-family residential use (duplexes, apartments, mobile home parks, etc.).

C. Reduced Rates for Low Income Senior Citizens and/or Low Income Disabled Customers. Any full-time occupant responsible for the payment of a monthly sewer charge shall be granted a 15 percent discount from the otherwise applicable rate if the person is at least 62 years of age, and/or is 18 years of age or older and has been awarded in writing a 50 percent or higher disability rating from any state of Washington and/or federal agency/program, and meets the low-income guidelines as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for taxable household income and has properly filled out an application as required requesting such reduction. Staff is directed to establish and implement a review/re-application process to ensure the integrity of those accounts receiving the discount.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

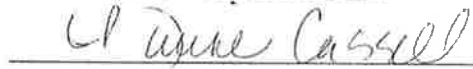
Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force January 1, 2022 which is at least five days after publication of this Ordinance.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING
THEREOF ON THE 24th OF OCTOBER, 2022.**

CITY OF PACIFIC


LEANNE GUIER, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


LAURIE CASSELL, CITY CLERK, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CHARLOTTE ARCHER, CITY ATTORNEY