

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

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| May 5, 2015 | |

TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

FROM: Jim Hossley, Public Works Director *JH*

THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager *rec*

ISSUE: Resolution 15-06 Sewer Fee Adjustment

BACKGROUND:

The City of Coos Bay Budget Committee concluded the FY 2015-2016 budget hearings in April which included a 6.5% increase in sewer user rates. In order to implement the sewer user rate adjustment commencing with the June 2015 billing cycle, Resolution 15-06 will need to be approved. The sewer fee portion on the Coos Bay - North Bend Water Board billing will increase, based upon the rate study average use of 560 cubic feet per household, approximately \$3.63 per month. The revenue will provide funding for sewer line replacements, pump station rehabilitations, storm drain repairs, and the capital improvements at both wastewater treatment plants.

ADVANTAGES:

Approving the resolution at this time will provide the Coos Bay - North Bend Water Board time to change their computer programming and provide a full 12 months of billings at the adjusted rate.

DISADVANTAGES:

None

BUDGET:

The adjustment is projected to provide \$322,790 in additional sewer fee revenue over the budgeted sewer fee revenue for FYE 15.

RELATED CITY GOAL:

To maintain and improve the City's physical infrastructure and provide quality services for current and future citizens

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the Council, adopt Resolution 15-06.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 15-06

CITY OF COOS BAY

Resolution 15-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOS BAY, COOS COUNTY, OREGON SETTING SEWER USER RATES, CHARGES AND FEES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING PROPERLY THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Coos Bay, pursuant to Ordinance No. 132, has the right and authority to set sewer user rates and charges with respect to administering the Wastewater fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the monthly sewage fee to be charged to every sewer user in the City of Coos Bay shall be as follows:

1. For all sewer users who are not customers of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board, the amount of Seventy-Two Dollars and Ninety-Six Cents (\$72.96) per month.
2. For individually metered one-family residential sewer users who are customers of the Coos Bay - North Bend Water Board, the base rate of Eighteen Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$18.86) and Six Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$6.76) per month for each 100 cubic feet of water consumption or fraction thereof, except that during the May through the October billing cycle a flat rate shall be charged or the rate based on actual water consumption, whichever is less.

The flat rate shall be calculated from the average water consumption for the prior six month billing cycle of November through April, except for accounts opened during the April billing cycle.

Accounts that open during the April billing cycle or do not have any prior history, a flat rate of Seventy-Two Dollars and Ninety-Six Cents (\$72.96) per month or the rate based on actual water consumption shall be charged, whichever is less.

3. For multi-family residential sewer users who are customers of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board, the base rate of Eighteen Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$18.86) and Six Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$6.76) per month for each 100 cubic feet of water consumption or fraction thereof.
4. For governmental (schools, city, county, state, and federal) sewer users who are customers of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board, the base rate of Eighteen Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$18.86) and Six Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$6.76) per month for each 100 cubic feet of water consumption or fraction thereof.
5. High strength users, including restaurants; markets with garbage disposal units; bakeries with on-site cleaning facilities; commercial laundries; and other users, as approved by the City of Coos Bay with similar 5-day BOD or suspended solids concentrations; and/or who are customers of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board, as applicable, and discharge waters or waste, the base rate of Eighteen

Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$18.86) and Eight Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$8.38) per month for each 100 cubic feet of water consumption or fraction thereof.

6. Commercial sewer users who are customers of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board, the base rate of Eighteen Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$18.86) and Six Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$6.76) per month for each 100 cubic feet of water consumption or fraction thereof.
7. Customers of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board whose consumption is combined high-strength and commercial sewer use shall be required to meter such uses separately for the purpose of determining rates to be charged to those customers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each user who is required to provide metering of their wastewater discharged to Coos Bay's sewer system for treatment if their wastewater flows are different from water metered to them by the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board or they do not have metered water upon which wastewater flows can be determined. Metered flows of either water or wastewater shall be read by the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board or the City of Coos Bay. Metering equipment, if installed by the user, shall be available at all times to the City of Coos Bay for inspection, and/or recording of flows.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is established a non-refundable waste discharge permit application fee in the amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and no cents (\$1,727.00). The application fee shall be credited against the annual discharge permit fee. The waste discharge permit shall be issued for one year periods, and the fee for the first year shall be One Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and no cents (\$1,555.00). Annual renewal of the permit is required, and the permit renewal fee shall be One Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and no cents (\$1,555.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for those properties being developed that cannot be served by a City sewer at the time of development but have been granted permission to install a septic tank, owner shall be obligated to enter an agreement with the City assuring that said property shall not attempt to remonstrate a sewer improvement when the construction of a sewer within said district becomes necessary.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon this 5th day of May 2015 and will be effective with the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board June 2015 billing cycle for each customer and July 1, 2015 for sewer users who are not customers of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board.

Crystal Shoji, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susanne Baker, City Recorder