

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-1109**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO ADJUSTMENTS TO SEWER CHARGES; AMENDING SECTION 13.24.010 OF THE BLACK DIAMOND MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE SEWER RATE COMMENSURATE WITH THE INCREASE IMPOSED BY KING COUNTY METRO ON ITS CUSTOMERS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW RATE INCREASE ON SEWER CUSTOMERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan King County Council approved a sewer rate increase on June 11, 2018, with Ordinance 18745 for their contracting customers effective January 1, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on November 1, 2018, to receive public input regarding the Metropolitan King County sewer pass-through rate increase; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to meet contract obligations to pay Metropolitan King County for our contracted collection and treatment services, the City needs to increase its pass-through sewer rate by the amount of the Metropolitan King County sewer rate increase to be effective January 1, 2019;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Section 13.24.010 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**13.24.010 Monthly Rates Designated.** Effective January 1, 2019 sewer service charges shall be as follows:

A. General. The sewer service charge shall be the total of the base sewer service charge, the surcharge, and the applicable additional flow and unit charges.

B. Base Sewer Service. The base sewer service charge shall be Twenty-one dollars and seventy-eight cents as of January 1, 2019.

C. Surcharge. There shall be, in addition to the base sewer service charge, a surcharge reflecting the cost of service charged to the City by King County for wastewater transmission, storage and treatment. The surcharge shall be Forty-five dollars and thirty-three cents.

D. Single-family Residential Charge. Residential users served by a single meter to the residence shall be subject to the base sewer service charge plus the surcharge.

E. Lifeline Utility Program. Residential users served by a single meter who have been approved under the lifeline utility program will receive a discount on the city share of the sewer rate base sewer service charge as shown on the City fee schedule.

F. Other users; Additional Flow and Unit Charges. All users other than single-family residential; including but not limited to commercial users, multi-family residences and mobile home parks shall, for each water meter in use, be subject to the base sewer service charge plus the surcharge plus additional flow charges of Seven Dollars and fifty-three cents for each one hundred cubic feet of water consumed each month in excess of seven hundred fifty cubic feet, as measured by such water meter. The user shall, for each water meter in use that serves more than one unit, be subject to an additional unit charge of ten dollars for each additional unit served by that water meter. For purposes of this section, the word "unit" shall be defined as any dwelling unit, home, condominium, mobile home, manufactured home or location at which business is conducted.

G. Irrigation and Landscaping. Any user subject to an additional flow charge may apply to the City for installation of a separate meter to monitor water usage solely for irrigation and landscaping purposes. The individual or entity requesting such a meter shall pay the City for the cost of the meter and cost of installation. Water consumed for these purposes shall be subject to the base sewer service charge and surcharge but shall not be subject to the additional flow charge.

H. Home occupations. For purposes of this chapter, home occupations shall not be considered a second use.

I. Taxes. Federal, state and local taxes, where applicable, shall be added to the sums as set forth above.

J. CPI-U Annual Adjustment. The monthly base sewer service, additional flow and unit charges set forth herein shall be adjusted annually at 12:01 a.m. on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year by the annual percentage of change in the all urban consumer price index ("CPI-U") published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor for the Western Region, using the July index for the year immediately preceding the year of the adjustment.\* In no event shall the monthly charges decrease as a result of the CPI-U adjustment without separate and specific action by the city council. The CPI-U adjustment shall apply to the base sewer service, additional flow and unit charges, as annually adjusted pursuant to this section.

\* NOTE: For example, if the annual percentage increase in the CPI-U for the Western Division for July 2016 was 1.4 percent (the percentage of change in the CPI-U from July of 2015 to June 30, of 2016), the monthly base

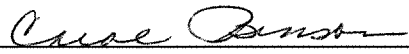
sewer service, additional flow and unit charges for 2017 is increased on January 1, 2017 by 1.4 percent.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall be effective at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2019, which is more than five days after the date of publication. A summary of this Ordinance may be published in lieu of publishing the Ordinance in its entirety.

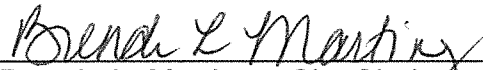
**Section 3.** If any provision of this Ordinance is determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in force and effect.

Introduced the 1st day of November 2018.

Passed by a majority of the City Council at a Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

  
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Mayor Carol Benson

Attest:

  
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Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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David Linehan, City Attorney

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Effective Date: 11/20/2018

**City of Black Diamond  
 Monthly Utility Rates  
 Rate Increase Comparison 2016-2019**

Rate Comparison for 1000 cu ft. Water

	Jan-16	Jan-17	Jan-18	Jan-19	Increase	Ordinance	Percentage
Water	\$64.87	\$64.87	\$64.87	\$64.87	\$0.00	13-1005	0%
Metro Sewer	\$42.03	\$44.22	\$44.22	\$45.33	\$1.11	18-XXXX	2.51%
City Sewer	\$20.23	\$20.51	\$21.02	\$21.78	\$0.76	13-1007	3.60%
Stormwater	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$0.00	13-1008	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$143.13</b>	<b>\$145.60</b>	<b>\$146.11</b>	<b>\$147.98</b>	<b>\$1.87</b>		<b>6.11%</b>
<b>Total monthly</b>	<b>Increase of 06 cents a day</b>						

Monthly Rate Comparison for 1000 cu ft. Lifeline customer

	Jan-16	Jan-17	Jan-18	Jan-19	Increase	Ordinance	Percentage
Water	\$32.43	\$32.43	\$32.43	\$32.43	\$0.00	13-1005	0%
Metro Sewer	\$42.03	\$44.22	\$44.22	\$45.33	\$1.11	18-XXXX	2.51%
City Sewer	\$10.12	\$10.26	\$10.51	\$10.89	\$0.38	13-1007	3.60%
Stormwater	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$0.00	13-1008	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$92.58</b>	<b>\$94.91</b>	<b>\$95.16</b>	<b>\$96.65</b>	<b>\$1.49</b>		<b>6.11%</b>
<b>Total monthly</b>	<b>Increase of .05 cents a day</b>						

mm/Oct 2018