

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1422

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE CITY UTILITY RATE SCHEDULE TO INCREASE THE KING COUNTY SEWER PASS-THROUGH CHARGE EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

WHEREAS, the City Sewer Utility charges all customers a monthly rate to cover the cost of providing sewer services; and

WHEREAS, the City's monthly sewer rates include both a City sewer charge and a King County charge for wastewater collection, transmission, and treatment at King County treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, the King County portion of the City's monthly sewer charge is a pass-through rate established by King County based on the County's costs of operations and the number of customers served by the City; and

WHEREAS, the County has increased its sewer pass-through rate by \$2.04 per month, from \$45.33 to \$47.37 per month per equivalent residential unit (ERU), through the end of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City is responsible for collecting the King County sewer charge from Black Diamond customers and passing the revenues on to King County for continued sewer operations; and

WHEREAS, the City's Utility Rate Schedule was last amended in December 2019, via Resolution No. 19-1329, and now needs to be updated to reflect the increased King County Sewer charge;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Black Diamond Utility Rate Schedule is hereby amended to reflect an increase in the King County Sewer rate by \$2.04 per month, from \$45.33 to \$47.37 per ERU, as shown on the attachment hereto. This rate increase is effective June 1, 2021.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 20TH DAY OF MAY, 2021.

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND:



Carol Benson, Mayor

Attest:



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk



CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND UTILITY RATES & INFORMATION 2021

The City of Black Diamond services water, sewer, and stormwater utilities. Water meters are read approximately 1 week prior to the end of each month. Bills containing water, sewer, and stormwater charges are combined and sent out on the first day of the following month.

Water

For Single Family Residential Customers, the water rate is determined by the size of the water meter plus water consumption. Water consumption is measured in volume based on one hundred cubic feet.

Meter size	Base Monthly Charge	Lifeline Discount
5/8" and 3/4"	\$35.63	50% = (\$17.82)
1"	\$45.05	50% = (\$22.53)
1 1/2"	\$48.59	
2"	\$84.80	
3"	\$102.89	
4"	\$193.22	
6"	\$499.96	

*For Multiple Residential Customers, such as manufactured home parks, apartments or other multi-family residential structures connected to a single meter, as well Commercial Customers with multiple units with a single water meter, each permitted unit will be charged a base monthly charge. Along with this monthly charge, each unit will receive a full water consumption allotment.

Water Consumption	Rate per 100 cu. ft.	Lifeline Discount per cu. Ft.
0 – 600	\$2.76	50% = (\$1.38)
601 – 1,200	\$3.17	50% = (\$1.59)
Over 1,200	\$3.65	50% = (\$1.83)

2021 Utility Rates (Base Bill, No Consumption):			
		(2020 rate comparison)	
Water:	\$ 35.63	\$ 35.63	\$ 0.00
City Sewer:	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
King Co. Sewer:	\$ 47.37	\$ 45.33	\$ 2.04
Stormwater:	\$ 19.50	\$ 19.50	\$ 0.00
Total:	\$127.50	\$125.46	\$ 2.04

Black Diamond Sewer

Sanitary Sewer Utility operates and maintains the City's sewer collection lines and pump stations.

Sewer Type	Base Monthly Charge	Lifeline Discount
Residential Sewer	\$25.00	50% = (\$12.50)
Commercial Sewer	\$25.00	(No Discount)

*For Multiple Residential Customers, such as manufactured home parks, apartments or other multi-family residential structures connected to a single meter, each permitted unit will be charged a base monthly charge. Commercial Customers will receive an additional \$11.50 per unit charge for multiple units attached to a single meter.

King County Sewer (Metro)

King County charges each agency a monthly amount for providing wastewater treatment. That amount is based on King County's monthly sewer rate and the number of customers served by the local agency. In turn, the local agencies pass along those charges to the residences, businesses and industries in their wastewater collection system.

Sewer Type	Monthly Charge	Lifeline Discount
King County	\$47.37	(No Discount)

*King County applies an additional \$47.37 flat charge to Residential customers for each additional dwelling unit, such as a mobile home or apartment unit.
*King County applies an additional consumption charge to Commercial customers for all usage exceeding 750 cubic feet at \$7.74 per 100 cu. ft.

Stormwater

Stormwater rate will be billed monthly to each parcel of improved property within the City. The rate is based on service charges for the stormwater and surface water management utility. Some properties are billed directly through King County; while others are billed through the City of Black Diamond. If you do not see "Stormwater" on your utility bill, the charge is included in your property tax from King County, shown as "Surface Water".

	Monthly charge	Lifeline Discount
Single Family Residential Customers are 1 ERU	\$19.50 per ERU	50% = (\$9.75) per ERU
Multiple Residential Customers up to 4 ERUs	\$19.50 per ERU	50% = (\$9.75) per ERU*
Commercial and Multiple Residential Customers (above 4 ERUs) number of ERUs are based on actual impervious surface - (exempting gravel)		

*Lifeline Discounts for Multiple Residential Customers will be calculated on a case by case basis.

Other Charges

- Account Setup Fee: \$5.00
- Delinquency Notice: \$10.00
- Shut Off Notice plus Fee: \$45
- NSF Check Penalty: \$35.00

Payments

The City of Black Diamond accepts the following payment methods:

- Cash is only accepted in person at City Hall.
- Checks and money orders are accepted in person, by mail or by our drop box.
- Debit/Credit Cards & ACH/EFT payments are accepted (in person* excluding Visa), by phone at (844) 286-1781 or online at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us.**
** For Utility Bills, there is third party convenience fee of \$2.95 with a maximum transaction amount of \$200.00 that will be charged for all debit/credit card transactions, or a \$0.95 flat fee for ACH/EFT (Automated Clearing House/Electronic Funds Transfer) payments.

After Hours Drop Box

You can make your payment after hours in our drop box located at the City of Black Diamond, 24301 Roberts Drive, in front of the Community Development building. Payments placed in the drop box will be posted the next business day. Please **DO NOT** place cash in the drop box.