

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2024**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BURLINGTON TO INCREASE THE SANITARY SEWER GENERAL FACILITY CHARGES (GFC)**

WHEREAS, Washington State RCW 35.92.025 authorizes cities to impose a connection charge (called a General Facilities Charge (GFC) by the City of Burlington) on new customers connecting to the sanitary sewer system as a condition of service or when increasing the capacity of an existing system.

WHEREAS, the existing GFC used by the City of Burlington is outdated, and must be re-computed to satisfy the provisions of RCE 35.92.025.

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington contracted with Gray & Osborne, Inc. 2023 to update the Wastewater Comprehensive Plan. KLJ Financial Consulting (subcontractor to Gray & Osborne) prepared the financial program and chapter for inclusion in the plan and updated the general facilities charges (GFC); and

WHEREAS, the plan reflects current sewer infrastructure investment, planned capital expenditures, projected system capacity, and customer base; and

WHEREAS, the resulting GFC is stable over time and not highly sensitive to population forecasting assumptions; and

WHEREAS, the City Has chosen to phase-in to the full GFC over a period of three years; and

WHEREAS, a system-wide GFC applies to both inside the City/UGA and the Western Service Area (WSA) since there is no material difference assumed in the wastewater flow characteristics between the two service areas:

WHEREAS, the Burlington Municipal Code titles 3 and 13 direct that sewer rates should be set by resolution of the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

- Resolution 02-2023 shall be amended to exclude Table 1.6 Sanitary Sewer Connections (Exhibit A)
- A new rate schedule is established as shown herein (See Exhibit B):

INTRODUCED and PASSED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Burlington this 8th day of February, 2024.

CITY OF BURLINGTON



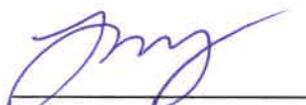
Steve Sexton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joe Stewart, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Leif Johnson, City Attorney

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Exhibit A

Resolution 02-2023

DELETE TABLE 1.6

Table 1.6 Sanitary Sewer Connections

Notes:

1. See Chapter 13.04 BMC for additional fees and fee information. Only bulk water and sewer inspection fees are included in this table. Other connection fees are set by Chapter 13.04 BMC. Sewer rates are addressed in Chapter 13.04 BMC and 13.08 BMC.
2. No connection charge for accessory dwelling units authorized under Title 17 BMC within the City of Burlington.

Within Municipal Boundaries or Burlington Urban Growth Area

Single Family-Duplex-Triplex (per unit)	\$3,819
Over 3 units (per unit)	\$3,054
Plumbing Fixture – Light Commercial/Industrial	\$35
Bulk Water – low strength	$\frac{\$ 3,130.00}{138 \text{ gal/day}} = \$28.67/\text{gallon/day}$
B.O.D. Connection fee for commercial kitchens # seats x .2 lbs BOD/seats/day = lbs. BOD/day x \$2057.00/lbs BOD/day = x 25% credit for maintained grease interceptors	<<< See formula
Sewer Inspection / Permit Fee applies to all permits	\$244 non-refundable

Outside City Limits or Burlington Urban Growth Area

Single Family (per unit)	\$5,496
Over 3 units (per unit)	\$4397
Plumbing Fixture - Light Commercial/Industrial	\$276
Bulk Water – low strength	$\frac{\$4,505.00}{138 \text{ gal/day}} = \$39.83/\text{gallon/day}$
Sewer Inspection / Permit Fee applies to all permits issued	\$244 non-refundable

13.04.265 Pretreatment charges and fees.

- A. Five-year permit for a categorical user or a significant industrial user shall be \$3,220.
- B. Five-year discharge authorization shall be \$1,464.
- C. One-year discharge authorization - \$732
- D. Discharge authorization - \$366 for a one-time batch discharge.
- E. Permit transfer fee - \$732.
- F. Permit modification fee - \$732.
- G. Monitoring Fees - \$805 per visit
- K. Industrial Flow surcharge \$0.27 per 1,000 gallons based on gallons of industrial waste flow

EXHIBIT B

All rate increases shall be calculated based on the rates established on January 1, 2024 (Year 1), as shown hereinafter.

Schedule of GFCs (3-Year Phase-in)

System-Wide (Inside City/UGA and WSA)		Year 1
Residential (per unit)		
1-3 Units		\$ 4,067
Over 3 units (70% of 1-3 unit)		\$ 2,847
Commercial/Industrial	(per fixture unit)	\$ 203
Process Wastewater Discharge	\$4,067	\$ 32.15
	126.5 gal/day	

[1] One ERU = 20 fixture units or 126.5 gallons per day.

System-Wide (Inside City/UGA and WSA)		Year 2
Residential (per unit)		
1-3 Units		\$ 5,004
Over 3 units (70% of 1-3 unit)		\$ 3,503
Commercial/Industrial	(per fixture unit)	\$ 250
Process Wastewater Discharge	\$5,004	\$ 39.56
	126.5 gal/day	

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System-Wide (Inside City/UGA and WSA)		Year 3
Residential (per unit)		
1-3 Units		\$ 5,943
Over 3 units (70% of 1-3 unit)		\$ 4,160
Commercial/Industrial	(per fixture unit)	\$ 297
Process Wastewater Discharge	\$5,943	\$ 46.98
	126.5 gal/day	

[1] One ERU = 20 fixture units or 126.5 gallons per day.

Note: ERU is Equivalent Residential Unit