

Presented by: The Manager  
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## ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2003-43am

### **An Ordinance Increasing the Rates for Water and Sewer Utility Services and Amending Related Definitions in the Water and Sewer Codes.**

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the CBJ Water Utility to provide safe drinking water and fire protection flows for the citizens of the City and Borough of Juneau, and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the CBJ Wastewater Utility to protect the public health and environment by collecting and treating the community's sanitary sewage, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the CBJ Water Utility and the CBJ Wastewater Utility to ensure that the enterprises are managed, operated, and maintained in a stable, sustainable, and financially healthy state, and

WHEREAS, the Water Utility has not had a customer rate increase since 1991, and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough has not collected sufficient service revenues to meet the major deferred maintenance expenses of the Water Utility and the Wastewater Utility, and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough has conducted a comprehensive and independent review of the Water Utility and Wastewater Utility revenue requirements, and developed equitable rate adjustments, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly, after reviewing the findings of the utility rate study, has expressed a preference for "across the board" increases to make up the revenue shortfall.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

**Section 1. Classification.** This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the City and Borough code.

**Section 2. Amendment of Section.** CBJ 75.01.020, Water code definitions, is amended by the addition of the following definitions to be incorporated in alphabetical order:

**Flat residential service** means a customer class for single-family dwellings, and each unit within a mobile home park.

**Metered residential service** means a customer class for single-family dwellings with accessory apartments, duplex dwellings, bed and breakfast businesses, and multi-family residential buildings with three or more dwelling units.

**Flat commercial service** means a customer class for commercial, government, and non-profit business customers that do not utilize water in excess of 4,000 gallons in any month.

**Metered commercial service** means a customer class for commercial, government, or non-profit business customers that utilize water in excess of 4,000 gallons in any month.

**Large commercial service** means a customer class for commercial, government, or non-profit business customers that utilize water in excess of 500,000 gallons in any month.

**Bulk water service** means a customer class for private, commercial, government, and non-profit business customers not permanently connected to the water system that utilize water intermittently. The base rate is the charge for the first 4,000 gallons, or fraction thereof, per purchase. The volume charge is the charge for each 1,000-gallon increment, or fraction thereof, beyond the first 4,000 gallons.

**Section 3. Amendment of Section.** CBJ 75.01.180 Water Rate schedule is amended to read:

75.01.180 Rate schedule.

(a) The schedule of rates charged for water service shall be as follows:

| <b>Water Utility Rate Schedule</b> |                                    |                         |   |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Customer Class</b>              | <b>Monthly Allowance (Gallons)</b> | <b>RATES</b>            |   |
|                                    |                                    | <b>Base (per month)</b> | <b>Volume Charge (per 1000 gallons)</b> |
| Flat Residential                   | –                                  | \$22.61                 | –                                       |
| Metered Residential                | 4,000                              | \$15.47                 | \$2.08                                  |
| Flat Commercial                    | –                                  | \$22.61                 | –                                       |
| Metered Commercial                 | 4,000                              | \$15.47                 | \$2.08                                  |
| Large Commercial                   | 500,000                            | \$297.50                | \$0.60                                  |
| Bulk Water                         | –                                  | \$15.47                 | \$2.08                                  |

(b) General provisions: For any property upon which the water utility has installed more than one meter, each meter shall be read and billed to the owner of the property as if it were a separate service. Metered residential and commercial accounts will be billed at corresponding flat rates until meters are installed. Accounts not fitting the class definitions will be assigned to an appropriate customer class by the Water Utilities Superintendent. Existing residential water exemptions shall remain in effect until meters are installed.

**Section 4. Amendment of Subsection.** CBJ 75.02.020 Sewer code definitions, is amended by the addition of the following definitions to be incorporated in alphabetical order:

**Flat residential service** means a customer class for single-family dwellings, and each unit within a mobile home park unit.

**Metered residential service** means a customer class for single-family dwellings with accessory apartments, duplex dwellings, bed and breakfast businesses, and multi-family residential buildings with three or more dwelling units.

**Flat commercial service** means a customer class for commercial, government, and non-profit business customers that do not utilize water in excess of 4,000 gallons in any month.

**Metered commercial (domestic) service** means a customer class for commercial, government, or non-profit business customers that utilize water in excess of 4,000 gallons in any month; and that have BOD levels less than 300 mg/l, and TSS levels less than 350 mg/l.

**Metered commercial (high)** means a customer class for commercial, government, or non-profit business customers that utilize water in excess of 4,000 gallons in any month; and that have BOD levels in excess of 300 mg/l, or TSS levels in excess of 350 mg/l.

**Septage hauling service** means a customer class for private, commercial, government, or non-profit business customers that deliver septage waste to the sanitary system whose wastewater discharge, which may include, but not be limited to, liquid pumped from on-site sewer treatment system, grease traps, portable toilets, and other organic waste products. Volume charge is the charge for each 1,000-gallon increment, or fraction thereof, delivered.

**Section 5. Amendment of Subsection.** CBJ 75.02.130(a)(4) Waste Water Rate schedule is amended to read:

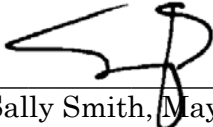
(4) Rate:

Commencing December 1, 2003, customers shall pay for sewer service at the following rates:

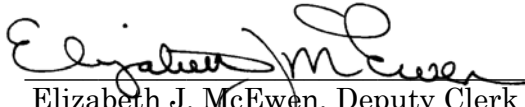
| Waste Water Utility Rate Schedule |                             |                  |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Customer Class                    | Monthly Allowance (Gallons) | RATES            |                                  |
|                                   |                             | Base (per month) | Volume Charge (per 1000 gallons) |
| Flat Residential                  | —                           | \$54.91          | —                                |
| Metered Residential               | 4,000                       | \$54.91          | \$7.30                           |
| Flat Commercial                   | —                           | \$54.91          | —                                |
| Metered Commercial (Domestic)     | 4,000                       | \$54.91          | \$7.30                           |
| Metered Commercial (High)         | 4,000                       | \$54.91          | \$7.30                           |
| Septage Hauling                   | —                           | —                | \$20.85                          |

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective December 1, 2003.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003.

  
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 Sally Smith, Mayor

Attest:

  
 Elizabeth J. McEwen, Deputy Clerk

Vote: Aye - Johnson; Koelsch; Powell; Sanford; Wanamaker; Smith  
 Nay - Anderson; Ridgeway; Wheeler