

**CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 979 – SEWER RATES**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING NORTH BONNEVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 13 BY AMENDING
SECTION 13.12.135; AND REPEALING CHAPTER 13.16.**

Whereas, the City of North Bonneville must maintain a positive balance in its utility accounts, and;

Whereas, the City of North Bonneville has not regularly updated its sewer rates to keep pace with inflation and other costs, and;

Whereas, the City of North Bonneville’s sewer fund currently receives substantially less revenue than it expends for sewer services, and;

Whereas, the new rate structure will benefit those who conserve water and subsequently produce less waste water, and;

Whereas, monthly billing may assist customers to budget for their utility payments,
NOW, THEREFORE;

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE, WASHINGTON, DO
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Amending Chapter 13.12.135 Rate Schedule

Section 13.12.135 “Rate Schedule” is repealed in its entirety and shall be replaced by the following language:

The new section shall read:

13.12.135 Rate Schedule.

A. Base Rate.

The base rate for all customers shall be \$20.00 multiplied by the number of units served, except for those discussed in subparagraphs 1 and 2, below.

- 1) The base rate for a lodging facility shall be \$10.00 per unit.
- 2) There shall be no base rate for RV Parks that are not connected to the city’s water system.

B. Consumption Charge.

In addition to the base rate, each customer shall pay \$3.37 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption, payable in increments of 100 cubic feet or any portion thereof. Water consumption will be determined each year by averaging the customer’s water meter readings during the months of November through February of the winter. This average shall then be applied to each customer’s monthly bill until it is next updated. Average consumption shall be re-computed in March of each year.

1) Customers without previous history upon which to calculate an average consumption shall be charged according to the city-wide average consumption for their type of use (i.e. single family, multi-family, commercial) as of the preceding calculation.

2) For the purpose of calculation, customers who do not occupy their homes for any period in excess of one month between November 1st and March 1st shall be charged according to the city-wide average consumption for their type of use (i.e. single family, multi-family, commercial) as of the preceding calculation. If such residents notify the city of their absence, they shall be charged only the base rate during those complete months they are absent.

C. RV Parks.

RV Parks that are not connected to the city's water system shall provide a monthly accounting of the number of spaces available, occupied, and both occupied and lived in. To be counted as a lived in space, an occupied space must only have been lived in 1 day during a given month. Such RV parks shall be charged \$30.00 for each space both occupied and lived in, the base rate of \$20 for each space occupied and not lived in, and \$8.04 per month for unoccupied spaces.

D. Annual Increase

On March 1st of each year, this rate shall increase according to the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as of August of the previous year, rounded to the nearest penny.

Section 2. Removing Chapter 13.16 Low Income Senior Water/Sewer Provisions

Chapter 13.16, Low Income Senior Sewer Provisions, is removed in its entirety.

Section 3. Severability.

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date and Publication.

A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This Ordinance shall take effect on April 1, 2011.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 22, 2011.

Don Stevens, Mayor

ATTEST:

John Spencer, City Clerk

Published:

Effective Date: