

**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND  
RESOLUTION NO. 1589**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON  
PROVIDING FOR CLASSIFICATIONS OF USERS AND SETTING BI-MONTHLY  
RATES AND CONNECTION CHARGES FOR SEWERAGE DISPOSAL  
SERVICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 AND THEREAFTER.**

WHEREAS, the City of Mercer Island provides sewer service to customers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mercer Island is authorized to set rates and charges for the Utility under Chapter 15.06.110 of the Mercer Island City Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Classifications of Sewer Users Effective January 1, 2021**

The following classifications of users are hereby adopted by the City for the City sewer system effective January 1, 2021, and thereafter.

- A. Single Family.** "Single Family" shall mean a residential structure or dwelling as defined in the City of Mercer Island Zoning Code, capable of being conveyed by separate title, served by a single domestic water meter.
- B. Low Income.** "Low Income" shall mean a person who shows satisfactory proof that he or she is living in a single family residence, and has a maximum annual income of not more than seventy percent (70%) of the Washington State median income as applicable for the number of individuals in the household as computed annually by the State or City. Applicants shall provide such data as to verify eligibility, upon forms provided by and in the manner determined by the City of Mercer Island.
- C. Multi-Family.** "Multi-Family" shall mean a residential structure or facility designed and/or used to house two or more families living independently of each other, including but not limited to, duplexes, triplexes, apartment buildings and condominiums, but shall not include hotels and motels.
- D. Commercial.** "Commercial" shall mean a structure or facility designed and/or used to conduct business and commerce, including but not limited to, motels, hotels, professional, private schools, industrial, churches and all other commercial/business users.
- E. Public.** "Public" shall mean structures and facilities used by governmental entities including the state, county, City of Mercer Island and other municipal corporations of the state and public schools of the Mercer Island School District.

**Section 2. Sewerage Disposal Services Rates and Charges Effective January 1, 2021**

The bi-monthly rates and charges for sewerage disposal services are set forth below:

Single Family Bimonthly Sewer Rates				
Class	King County Fixed Charge	City Sewer Line Maintenance		
		Fixed Charges		Volume Charge
	King County Sewage Treatment	Billing Cost	Base Charge (For first 600 cf of AVERAGE Winter Water Use <sup>1</sup> )	Per 100 cf of AVERAGE Winter Water Use <sup>1</sup> beyond first 600 cf
Single Family Residential	\$94.74	\$9.84	\$50.40	\$8.40
Low-Income Residential <sup>2</sup>	\$94.74	\$9.84	\$12.60	\$2.10

- A. Average winter water usage is based on the most current 4 months of winter water usage data available in the billing system. Calculation of the winter water average is based on usage as shown on the January and March bills or February and April bills depending on the billing/reading cycle. Calculation of sewer charges using the winter average is in effect for the following 12 months, until the next winter's water consumption data is available.

In the case of single family property, where there is no method of accurately calculating the average winter water usage because no water was used during the winter months, or any part thereof, or because the property is not connected to the sanitary sewer system, or for any other reason approved by the Deputy Finance Director or the Finance Director, the sewer volume charge herein will be the Island-wide bi-monthly average winter water use.

Newly-constructed single family properties shall be charged a sewer volume charge based on the per unit Island-wide average water usage for single family properties. Newly-constructed multi-family and commercial properties shall be charged a sewer volume charge based on their actual water usage.

Multi-Family and Commercial Bimonthly Sewer Rates			
Class	King County Sewage Treatment (Per 100 cf of ACTUAL Water Use <sup>2</sup> )	City Sewer Line Maintenance	
		Billing Cost	Volume Charge Per 100 cf of ACTUAL Water Use
Multi-Family Residential	\$6.32	\$9.84	\$8.40
Commercial / Public	\$6.32	\$9.84	\$8.40

- B. The King County rate for multi-family and commercial is derived by dividing King County's monthly rate (\$47.37) by King County's residential customer equivalency usage value of 750 cubic feet.

### Section 3. Sewer Connection Charges Effective January 1, 2021

The connection charges payable by the property owners for connection to the City of Mercer Island sanitary sewer system shall be as follows:

<b>Connection Charges</b>	
All Classifications of Users	\$2,279 per King County residential customer equivalent (RCE)

Connection charges are studied periodically and adjusted for inflation in years between studies. The inflation factor applied is CPI-W First Half for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue.

All connection charges shall be due and payable at the time the connection service is requested and shall be delinquent if unpaid at the time the connection service is actually made. In the event of delinquency, the connection charges shall be double the amount set forth above.

**Section 4. Effective Date**

This resolution shall take effect and be in force on and after January 1, 2021. Nothing contained herein shall affect the amount of collection of rates, fees, and charges established prior to January 1, 2021.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

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Benson Wong, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah A. Estrada, City Clerk