

PETERSBURG BOROUGH
ORDINANCE #2022-06
AN ORDINANCE UPDATING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 14.08 OF
THE MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED “SEWER UTILITY”

Whereas, the rates for the Borough Sewer Utility have not been updated since 2018, and increases are needed to keep up with increased costs and expenses to the Borough, and

Whereas, the language of several other sections of Chapter 14.08 are also in need of update.

Therefore, the Petersburg Borough Ordains, Sections 14.08.050, 14.08.070, 14.08.130, and 14.08.320 of Chapter 14.08 the Petersburg Municipal Code, entitled Sewer Utility, are hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Classification: This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall be codified in the Petersburg Municipal Code.

Section 2. Purpose: The purpose of this ordinance is to update the rates for sewer utility service set out in Section 14.08.320, and to update the language of several other sections of Chapter 14.08.

Section 3. Substantive Provisions: Sections 14.08.050, 14.08.070, 14.08.130, and 14.08.320 of the Petersburg Borough Municipal Code are hereby amended as follows. The language proposed for addition is in red and underlined, and the language proposed for deletion is in blue and struck through. The table containing the new proposed commodity charge rate schedule in Section .320(A) is highlighted in blue, with the old table in pink and struck through:

Sections:

14.08.050 Private sewage disposal—Owner to operate and maintain.

14.08.070 Service outside Service Area 1 or municipal boundaries.

14.08.130 Substances prohibited in sewers designated.

14.08.320 Sewer collection rates.

14.08.050 Private sewage disposal—Owner to operate and maintain.

The property owner shall operate and maintain private sewage disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times, at no expense to the borough. Septic tanks shall be pumped a minimum of every 2 years.

14.08.070 Service outside Service Area 1 or municipal boundaries.

- A. The borough assembly may authorize the construction of sewer trunk lines outside Service Area 1 or the municipal boundaries. Applications for construction must be made in writing to the assembly by the person or persons interested in receiving service.
- B. Sewer trunk lines constructed outside Service Area 1 or municipal limits are subject to the provisions of chapter 14.18.

- C. Rates and fees charged for sewer services, including vector service and pumping of portable toilets shall be twice the Service Area 1 rate. outside of Service Area 1 shall be subject to a surcharge of \$150.

14.08.130 Substances prohibited in sewers designated.

Except as provided in this chapter, no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following discharge waters or wastes to any public sewer:

- A. Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than 150 degrees Fahrenheit;
- B. Any water or waste which may contain more than 100 parts per million, by weight, of fat, oil or grease;
- C. Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil or other flammable or other explosive liquid, solid or gas;
- D. Any garbage that has not been properly shredded;
- E. Any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, paunch manure, "flushable" wipes, or any other fibrous, solid or viscous substance capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works;
- F. Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 5.5 or higher than 9.0 or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment and personnel of the sewage works;
- G. Any waters or wastes containing a toxic or poisonous substance in sufficient quantity to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, or constitute a hazard in the receiving waters of the sewage treatment plant;
- H. Any waters or wastes containing suspended solids of such character and quantity that unusual attention or expense is required to handle such materials at the sewage treatment plant;
- I. Any noxious or malodorous gas or substance capable of creating a public nuisance.

14.08.320 Sewer collection rates.

- A. The sewer utility rate shall apply to the owner of all houses, buildings or other structures designed or used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purpose provided that the public sewer is within 150 feet of the property line. The rate for the sewer utility shall be a minimum based on a unit fee predicated on the size of the water service, plus a water commodity charge as follows. In the event municipal water service is not connected, the monthly minimum for five-eighths inch service shall apply unless it is apparent to the borough that a larger amount of water is being used on the premises.

Sewer-Condos		<u>279.19</u> <u>363.58</u>	<u>291.76</u> <u>374.49</u>	<u>304.88</u> <u>385.72</u>	<u>318.60</u> <u>397.29</u>	<u>332.94</u> <u>409.21</u>	<u>347.92</u>	<u>363.58</u>
Sewer 3xBase +Conspt		<u>93.06</u> <u>121.19</u>	<u>97.25</u> <u>124.83</u>	<u>101.63</u> <u>128.57</u>	<u>106.20</u> <u>132.43</u>	<u>110.98</u> <u>136.40</u>	<u>115.97</u>	<u>121.19</u>
AK State Housing Apartments	<u>5/8</u> <u>"3/4"</u>	<u>186.13</u> <u>242.39</u>	<u>194.50</u> <u>249.66</u>	<u>203.26</u> <u>257.15</u>	<u>212.40</u> <u>264.87</u>	<u>221.96</u> <u>272.81</u>	<u>231.95</u>	<u>242.39</u>
Commercial Swr Base		<u>69.50</u> <u>90.51</u>	<u>72.63</u> <u>93.23</u>	<u>75.90</u> <u>96.02</u>	<u>79.31</u> <u>98.90</u>	<u>82.88</u> <u>101.87</u>	<u>86.61</u>	<u>90.51</u>
Half Chg Senior Cit	<u>5/8</u> <u>"3/4"</u>	<u>15.52</u> <u>20.21</u>	<u>16.21</u> <u>20.82</u>	<u>16.94</u> <u>21.44</u>	<u>17.71</u> <u>22.08</u>	<u>18.50</u> <u>22.75</u>	<u>19.34</u>	<u>20.21</u>

Sewer Utility Commodity Charge Rate Schedule

		<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u> <u>3% inc.</u>	<u>FY2024</u> <u>3% inc.</u>	<u>FY2025</u> <u>3% inc.</u>	<u>FY2026</u> <u>3% inc.</u>
<u>Service Description</u>	<u>Size of Water Meter</u>	<u>\$/Kgal</u>	<u>\$/Kgal</u>	<u>\$/Kgal</u>	<u>\$/Kgal</u>	<u>\$/Kgal</u>
<u>All service levels</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>1.02</u>	<u>1.05</u>	<u>1.08</u>	<u>1.11</u>	<u>1.15</u>

Sewer Utility Commodity Charge Rate Schedule

		<u>8/01/2012</u>	<u>7/1/2013</u> <u>4.5% inc.</u>	<u>7/1/2014</u> <u>4.5% inc.</u>	<u>7/1/2015</u> <u>4.5% inc.</u>	<u>7/1/2016</u> <u>4.5% inc.</u>	<u>7/1/2017</u> <u>4.5% inc.</u>	<u>7/1/2018</u> <u>4.5% inc.</u>
<u>Service Description</u>	<u>Size of Water Meter</u>	<u>\$/Kgal</u>	<u>\$/Kgal</u>	<u>\$/Kgal</u>	<u>\$/Kgal</u>	<u>\$/Kgal</u>	<u>\$/Kgal</u>	<u>\$/Kgal</u>
<u>All-service levels</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>0.78</u>	<u>0.82</u>	<u>0.86</u>	<u>0.90</u>	<u>0.94</u>	<u>0.98</u>	<u>1.02</u>

The commodity charge is billed from the rate schedule as presented in this chapter, for each unit. A unit shall be each separate residence, house, trailer, apartment, commercial or industrial premises, public restroom or any structure designed or used for dwelling or business purposes.

B. Fees for sewer services and administration shall be as follows:

Connect/reconnect fee. If water valve seals have been used to disconnect a private water system and facilitate the disconnection of sewer service, a \$30.00 fee shall be assessed when service is reconnected. When borough water service is being connected or reconnected, the connect fee for the water utility shall be billed but no connection fee for sewer shall apply.

Disconnect fee. In the event borough water service is disconnected to a unit, sewer service charges may be discontinued. If a unit is not served by borough water service, disconnection of the unit's water supply and installation of a borough valve seal on an accessible water control valve will meet the requirements for discontinuation of sewer charges. The borough shall bill the property owner the actual cost to discontinue the service. If borough seals are tampered with or broken before being removed by the borough in preparation to reconnect services, the property owner will be backbilled for all waived charges during the disconnection period.

Charges for Service. If Borough staff responds to a call for service and the cause of the problem is found to be located on private property, the property owner is responsible for all labor and equipment costs for repair of service.

New service fee:	
Four- or six-inch sewer line	\$150.00
Eight-inch and larger sewer line	\$250.00
New service line installation:	Actual cost
Private sewage disposal:	\$4.00 per 100 gallons of liquid waste delivered to the wastewater treatment plant
	\$50.00 per 55 gallon volume of waste containing at least ten percent solids by weight
<u>Vactor Service:</u>	<u>Vactor service will be billed at actual costs for equipment and labor-\$750 per load flat fee for septic tanks, outhouse or vault toilet pumping.</u>
<u>Portable toilet service:</u>	<u>\$300 flat fee for pumping of temporary, rented or privately-owned portable toilets.</u>
<u>Marine pumping:</u> (Vessel pumps to Borough tanker)	<u>\$800 flat fee per load. Responsibility for wastewater spills lies solely with vessel owner during pumping.</u>
<u>Camera Inspection Equipment</u>	<u>An equipment fee of \$40 per hour is charged for pipeline inspection services on private sewer lines, with a 1 hour minimum. Actual personnel costs are charged in addition to the equipment fee.</u>
<u>Sewer Cleaning Equipment</u>	<u>An equipment fee of \$40 per hour is charged for clearing of blockages on private property, with a 1 hour minimum. Actual personnel costs are charged in addition to the equipment fee.</u>

- C. Nonresident rates and fees. Charges for all sewer services and fees for users outside Service Area 1 or the municipal limits shall be twice the Service Area 1 rate.
- D. Sewer rates and fees shall be reviewed annually by the sewer utility and finance departments and a recommendation made to the borough manager for the increase or decrease of rates as needed for the sound financial management of the sewer utility. The borough manager shall review the findings and present the recommendation to the borough assembly.
- E. Interest shall accrue on past due accounts: Maximum rate allowable by state law.

Section 4. Severability: If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 5. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage.

Passed and approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this 18th day of May, 2022.

Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra K. Thompson, Clerk

Adopted:
Noticed:
Effective: