

City of St. Helens  
**ORDINANCE NO. 3275**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ST. HELENS MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE  
13 RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF EQUIVALENT DWELLING  
UNITS FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, staff has reviewed the current St. Helens Municipal Code and determined that changes need to be made to help clarify administrative processes related to utility billing and rates; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 13.20.020 defines the Drainage Residential Unit (DRU) for stormwater service, but no such definition exists in Title 13 of the St. Helens Municipal Code for water and wastewater utilities services.

**WHEREAS**, staff finds it is necessary and appropriate to define Equivalent Dwelling Units of demand for water and wastewater utilities services in Chapter 13.02.010 in Title 13 Public Services of the St. Helens Municipal Code; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ST. HELENS ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Chapter 13.02.010 (4) be added to Title 13:

“Water Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)” means for domestic water service, one EDU shall be equivalent to a ¾-inch meter and is considered to be equivalent to 1,000 cubic feet (cf) of water per month for planning purposes.

**Section 2.** Chapter 13.02.010 (5) be added to Title 13:

“Wastewater Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)” means for wastewater service, one EDU shall be 550 cubic feet (cf) per month of residential strength wastewater defined as having a maximum concentration of 220 milligrams per liter (mg/l) biochemical oxygen demand (BOD5) and 220 milligrams per liter (mg/l) total suspended solids (TSS).

**Section 3.** All defined terms in Chapter 13.02.010 will be renumbered and reordered alphabetically with the inclusion of the newly defined EDUs for water and wastewater utilities services.

Read the first time: December 1, 2021  
Read the second time: December 15, 2021

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

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Rick Scholl, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathy Payne, City Recorder