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ORDINANCE NO. 1286

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO SEWER SERVICE CHARGES, AMENDING SECTION 13.16.050 OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADJUSTMENTS IN RESPONSE TO INCREASES IN METRO CHARGES.

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WHEREAS, Section 13.16.050 of the Redmond Municipal Code governing sewer rates provides that charges to the City by Metro shall be passed through to City utility customers on the basis of the charge on file with the City and in effect at the date of furnishing service, and

WHEREAS, the City bills for sewer service one to two months or more after the service is provided, and on the other hand, Metro bills the City prospectively for service it provides, with the result that when Metro increases its charges there is a shortfall in City revenues generated by sewer service charges for a period of two to three months until billings for service provided after the effective date of the increase are collected, and

WHEREAS, City sewer service customers should be billed on a basis which results in revenues to the City which, at a minimum, meet the expenses of providing such sewer service, now, therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 13.16.050 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.16.050 Sewer rates--Classification of users.  
For the furnishing of service to the users of the city's sanitary sewerage system, the following monthly rates based upon chargeable water consumption are established:

(a) Inside City Rates.

(1) Residential. A flat rate monthly charge per living unit consisting of five dollars and twenty-four cents city charge and the monthly Metro charge in effect on the date which appears on the City Utility billing statement.

(2) Commercial. 0-900 cubic feet -- a minimum monthly charge consisting of five dollars and twenty-four cents city charge and the monthly Metro charge in effect on the date which appears on the City Utility billing statement.

Over 900 cubic feet -- the minimum monthly charge for 0-900 cubic feet established above plus fifty-eight cents for each 100 cubic feet or any portion thereof over 900 cubic feet city charge and plus one-ninth of the monthly Metro charge in effect on the date which appears on the City Utility billing statement for each 100 cubic feet or any portion thereof over 900 cubic feet for Metro charge.

(b) Outside City Rates. Outside the corporate limits of the city, the above rates shall apply, plus a surcharge of twenty-five percent thereof.

(c) Metro Only Charge. In addition to the rates established for the furnishing of service to the users of the sanitary sewerage system of the city, there is established and each user shall pay a monthly rate or charge to be known as the "Metro Only Charge" for commercial customers who have Metro service only.

Commercial customers -- Metro only.

0-900 cubic feet -- the minimum monthly charge for 0-900 cubic feet established above plus one-ninth of the said charge for each 100 cubic feet or any portion thereof over 900 cubic feet.

(d) Definitions. For the purpose of this section, "residential customer" means a single-family residence billed by the city for sewerage charges and "commercial customer" means all users other than residential customers. Persons paying a monthly guaranty or surcharge payment for properties not presently connected to or using the sanitary sewerage system of the city pursuant to revenue bond financing by the city shall not be deemed users for the purposes of this section.

(e) Chargeable Water. The sewer and/or Metro only charge for all other than residential customers will be measured by the water consumed on the premises whatever the source of such water, and the same will be metered either by a public utility meter or one installed and maintained by the owner of the premises at his own expense and approved by the city. Where the use of water is such that a portion of all the water used does not flow into the city sewerage system, but is lost by evaporation, irrigation, sprinkling or is used in manufacturing or in a manufactured product and the person in control provides proof of this fact and installs a meter or other measuring device approved by the city to measure the amount of water so used and so lost, this water may be deducted from the actual water consumption used in calculating the sewer and/or Metro charge.

(f) The current monthly Metro charges for the classifications described in this section, and the effective dates thereof, shall be kept on file in the office of the city clerk and made available for public inspection.

Section 2. This ordinance, being an administrative action, is not subject to referendum and shall take effect five (5) days after its publication, or publication of a summary thereof, in the City's official newspaper.

APPROVED:

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