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ORDINANCE NO. M- 4315

AN ORDINANCE related to the water, sewer and surface water utility user rates, amending Vancouver Municipal Code Sections 14.04.210, 14.04.230, and 14.09.060; providing for a savings clause, and providing for an effective date.

WHEREAS, utility revenue must be established at a level sufficient to properly maintain infrastructure and provide for necessary capital development; and

WHEREAS, utility rates must be established at a level sufficient to cover the costs of all operations, including maintenance, depreciation, capital, and debt service requirements, reserves, and any other necessary costs; and

WHEREAS, the City’s utilities and Council has determined to amend the user charge schedules for such systems to cover such costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

**SECTION 1.** Vancouver Municipal Code Section 14.04.210 as last amended by Ordinance M-4239, Section 10 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 14.04.210 Water service--User charges.**

A. Base charge, all customer classes.

1. For all water customers, each customer shall pay a monthly base charge as follows:

Effective January 1, 2018

<u>Meter Size</u>		<u>Base Charge</u>	
		<u>Inside City Limits</u>	<u>Outside City Limits</u>
a. 5/8 x 3/4 inch and under	per month	7.86	11.81
		14.0	

b. 3/4 inch	per month	10.43	15.63
e. 1 inch	per month	15.93	23.89
d. 1-1/2 inch	per month	29.61	44.42
e. 2 inch	per month	45.89	68.84
f. 3 inch	per month	84.13	126.19
g. 4 inch	per month	138.61	207.93
h. 6 inch	per month	275.05	412.59
i. 8 inch	per month	438.73	658.09
j. 10 inch	per month	656.83	985.24
k. 12 inch	per month	1,276.28	1,914.40

Effective January 1, 2019

<u>Meter Size</u>		<u>Base Charge</u>	<u>Base Charge</u>
		<u>Inside City Limits</u>	<u>Outside City Limits</u>
a. 5/8 x 3/4 inch and under	per month	8.53	12.79
b. 3/4 inch	per month	11.31	16.97
e. 1 inch	per month	17.28	25.92
d. 1-1/2 inch	per month	32.12	48.18
e. 2 inch	per month	49.78	74.67
f. 3 inch	per month	91.26	136.88
g. 4 inch	per month	150.35	225.53
h. 6 inch	per month	298.35	447.52
i. 8 inch	per month	475.89	713.84
j. 10 inch	per month	712.46	1068.70
k. 12 inch	per month	—1384.38	2076.57

Effective January 1, 2020

<u>Meter Size</u>		<u>Base Charge</u>	<u>Base Charge</u>
		<u>Inside City Limits</u>	<u>Outside City Limits</u>
a. 5/8 x 3/4 inch and under	per month	9.15	13.73
b. 3/4 inch	per month	12.15	18.22

c. 1 inch	per month	18.55	27.83
d. 1-1/2 inch	per month	34.48	51.72
e. 2 inch	per month	53.44	80.16
f. 3 inch	per month	97.97	146.96
g. 4 inch	per month	161.42	242.12
h. 6 inch	per month	320.31	480.46
i. 8 inch	per month	510.92	766.37
j. 10 inch	per month	764.90	1147.35
k. 12 inch	per month	1486.27	2229.41

Effective January 1, 2021

<u>Meter Size</u>		<u>Base Charge</u> <u>Inside City Limits</u>	<u>Base Charge</u> <u>Outside City</u> <u>Limits</u>
<u>a. 5/8 x 3/4 inch and under</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>9.61</u>	<u>14.42</u>
<u>b. 3/4 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>12.75</u>	<u>19.13</u>
<u>c. 1 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>19.48</u>	<u>29.22</u>
<u>d. 1-1/2 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>36.21</u>	<u>54.31</u>
<u>e. 2 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>56.11</u>	<u>84.17</u>
<u>f. 3 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>102.87</u>	<u>154.31</u>
<u>g. 4 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>169.49</u>	<u>254.23</u>
<u>h. 6 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>336.32</u>	<u>504.48</u>
<u>i. 8 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>536.46</u>	<u>804.69</u>
<u>j. 10 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>803.15</u>	<u>1,204.72</u>
<u>k. 12 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>1,560.58</u>	<u>2,340.88</u>

Effective January 1, 2022

<u>Meter Size</u>		<u>Base Charge</u> <u>Inside City Limits</u>	<u>Base Charge</u> <u>Outside City</u> <u>Limits</u>
<u>a. 5/8 x 3/4 inch and under</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>10.09</u>	<u>15.14</u>

<u>b. 3/4 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>13.39</u>	<u>20.09</u>
<u>c. 1 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>20.45</u>	<u>30.68</u>
<u>d. 1-1/2 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>38.02</u>	<u>57.02</u>
<u>e. 2 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>58.92</u>	<u>88.38</u>
<u>f. 3 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>108.01</u>	<u>162.02</u>
<u>g. 4 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>177.96</u>	<u>266.94</u>
<u>h. 6 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>353.14</u>	<u>529.70</u>
<u>i. 8 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>563.28</u>	<u>844.93</u>
<u>j. 10 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>843.30</u>	<u>1,264.95</u>
<u>k. 12 inch</u>	<u>per month</u>	<u>1,638.61</u>	<u>2,457.92</u>

2. The monthly base charge set in (1) does not include any charge for consumption of water.

3. The monthly base charge for any single family residential customer shall not exceed the charge set in (b) above.

B. Volume Charge (uniform volume).

1. In addition to the monthly base charge in subsection A(1), each customer shall pay the following additional charge on his/her bill, based upon the amount of water consumed per each billing period:

Effective January 1, 2018

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Inside City Limits</b>	<b>Outside City Limits</b>
Single Family:	2.22/CCF	3.33/CCF
Multi-Family:	1.91/CCF	2.88/CCF
Non-Profit Shelters:	0.49/CCF	0.76/CCF
Commercial <sup>+</sup> and Industrial <sup>+</sup> :	1.91/CCF	2.88/CCF
Government <sup>+</sup> :	1.70/CCF	2.56/CCF

Effective January 1, 2019

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Inside City Limits</b>	<b>Outside City Limits</b>
Single Family:	2.41/CCF	3.61/CCF
Multi-Family:	2.07/CCF	3.11/CCF
Non-Profit Shelters:	0.53/CCF	0.80/CCF

Commercial <sup>1</sup> and Industrial <sup>1</sup> :	2.07/CCF	3.11/CCF
Government <sup>1</sup> :	1.84/CCF	2.77/CCF

Effective January 1, 2020

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Inside City Limits</b>	<b>Outside City Limits</b>
Single Family:	2.59/CCF	3.88/CCF
Multi-Family:	2.22/CCF	3.34/CCF
Non-Profit Shelters:	0.57/CCF	0.86/CCF
Commercial <sup>1</sup> and Industrial <sup>1</sup> :	2.22/CCF	3.34/CCF
Government <sup>1</sup> :	1.98/CCF	2.97/CCF

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<b><u>Customer Class</u></b>	<b><u>Inside City Limits</u></b>	<b><u>Outside City Limits</u></b>
<u>Single Family:</u>	<u>2.71/CCF</u>	<u>4.07/CCF</u>
<u>Multi-Family:</u>	<u>2.34/CCF</u>	<u>3.50/CCF</u>
<u>Non-Profit Shelters:</u>	<u>0.60/CCF</u>	<u>0.90/CCF</u>
<u>Commercial<sup>1</sup> and Industrial<sup>1</sup>:</u>	<u>2.34/CCF</u>	<u>3.50/CCF</u>
<u>Government<sup>1</sup>:</u>	<u>2.08/CCF</u>	<u>3.12/CCF</u>

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<b><u>Customer Class</u></b>	<b><u>Inside City Limits</u></b>	<b><u>Outside City Limits</u></b>
<u>Single Family:</u>	<u>2.85/CCF</u>	<u>4.28/CCF</u>
<u>Multi-Family:</u>	<u>2.45/CCF</u>	<u>3.68/CCF</u>
<u>Non-Profit Shelters:</u>	<u>0.63/CCF</u>	<u>0.94/CCF</u>
<u>Commercial<sup>1</sup> and Industrial<sup>1</sup>:</u>	<u>2.45/CCF</u>	<u>3.68/CCF</u>
<u>Government<sup>1</sup>:</u>	<u>2.18/CCF</u>	<u>3.27/CCF</u>

Note <sup>1</sup>: As this use is classified under Vancouver Municipal Code Title 20

2. All volume charges are computed per hundred cubic feet (CCF).

3. "Single family customer" class shall include single dwelling unit with one meter, mobile homes either

on individual lots or in mobile home parks. This definition is for utility billing purposes only.

4. "Multi-family customer" class shall apply to customers with two or more living units per meter. This definition is for utility billing purposes only.

5. "Non-profit Shelter" For the purpose of applying the rates as set forth in subsection B(1) above, the term non-profit shelters shall be defined to mean a facility operated by a non-profit organization that provides clients with on site food, beds or shelter for free or at significantly below market rates.

C. Charges for Cutting Off and Restoring Service.

1. Service cut off.

a. Cutting off service for non payment. There shall be a forty dollar (\$40) charge to cut off service for nonpayment. There shall be no additional charge for restoring service after such cut-off.

b. Emergencies - cut off. No cut-off charge shall be made if service is cut off to meet an actual emergency.

c. Customer request. No cut-off charge shall be made if service is cut off at customer's request for the first such request.

2. Starting or Restoring Service.

a. For starting or restoring service at the customer's request, the charge shall be no charge for the first such request during regular working hours, and a fee of fifty dollars for each such request outside of regular office hours.

b. Altered service. If the meter or service has been altered without the written authorization of the Director Public Works or designee, the charge shall be fifteen dollars additional to all other charges in this section.

c. Multiple cut off/restoration requests. For customers who require more than one trip to the service address to cut off or restore service at their request, there shall be a fee of twenty-five dollars per each additional trip during office hours.

D. Testing Meters - Customer's Request. Schedule of meter test charges for test of a meter at the request of a customer where meter is found not defective:

1 inch and under	\$50.00
1-1/2 inch	\$60.00
2 inch	\$60.00
3 inch	\$80.00
4 inches or more	At Cost
Meter Resets	\$50.00

Meters tested and found to be defective will be replaced at no cost to the customer for testing or for

replacement.

E. Testing Meters - Other Than at Customer's Request. The city reserves the right to test meters at any time. No charge will be made to the customer for meters tested pursuant to this subsection.

F. Temporary Water Use from Hydrant fees shall be set by the Director pursuant to VMC 14.04.100.L.

**SECTION 2.** Vancouver Municipal Code Section 14.04.230 as last amended by Ordinance M-4239, Section 11 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 14.04.230 Sanitary sewer service--User charges.**

A. Monthly User Charges.

1. Residential customers. Each residential customer shall pay a monthly user charge as follows:

Effective January 1, 2018

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Inside City Limits</b>	<b>Outside City Limits</b>
a. Single Family Residential	\$51.80 per mo. or \$5.18 CCF	\$77.80 per mo. or \$7.78 per CCF
b. Multi Family Residential	\$41.44 per mo. or \$5.18 per CCF	\$62.24 per mo. or \$7.78 per CCF
e. Non-Profit Shelter	\$1.40 per CCF	\$2.10 per CCF

Effective January 1, 2019

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Inside City Limits</b>	<b>Outside City Limits</b>
a. Single Family Residential	\$55.12 per mo. or \$5.51 CCF	\$82.67 per mo. or \$8.27 per CCF
b. Multi Family Residential	\$44.09 per mo. or \$5.51 per CCF	\$66.14 per mo. or \$8.27 per CCF
e. Non-Profit Shelter	\$1.49 per CCF	\$2.23 per CCF

Effective January 1, 2020

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Inside City Limits</b>	<b>Outside City Limits</b>
a. Single-Family Residential	\$58.04 per mo. or \$5.80 CCF	\$87.06 per mo. or \$8.71 per CCF

b. Multi-Family Residential	\$46.43 per mo. or \$5.80 per CCF	\$69.65 per mo. or \$8.71 per CCF
c. Non-Profit Shelter	\$1.57 per CCF	\$2.35 per CCF

Effective January 1, 2021

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Inside City Limits</u>	<u>Outside City Limits</u>
<u>a. Single-Family Residential</u>	<u>\$59.78 per mo. or \$5.98 per CCF</u>	<u>\$89.67 per mo. or \$8.97 per CCF</u>
<u>b. Multi-Family Residential</u>	<u>\$47.83 per mo. or \$5.98 per CCF</u>	<u>\$71.74 per mo. or \$8.97 per CCF</u>
<u>c. Non-Profit Shelter</u>	<u>\$1.62 per CCF</u>	<u>\$2.42 per CCF</u>

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<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Inside City Limits</u>	<u>Outside City Limits</u>
<u>a. Single-Family Residential</u>	<u>\$61.58 per mo. or \$6.16 per CCF</u>	<u>\$92.36 per mo. or \$9.24 per CCF</u>
<u>b. Multi-Family Residential</u>	<u>\$49.26 per mo. or \$6.16 per CCF</u>	<u>\$73.89 per mo. or \$9.24 per CCF</u>
<u>c. Non-Profit Shelter</u>	<u>\$1.66 per CCF</u>	<u>\$2.50 per CCF</u>

2. Sewer charges for each single-family or multifamily residential customer shall be based upon that customer's water usage, either in the previous November/January billing period or in the previous December/February billing period provided each customer, other than qualifying low-income seniors as defined in subsection 2(E), is subject to a minimum volume charge of 3 CCF per month.

A. Single-family or multi-family residential customers who have "a complete two-month water consumption history" in either of the two billing periods specified above, shall be charged the applicable inside city or outside city rate per CCF for sewer as set forth in section 1 above. For new accounts in which the two month water consumption history has not been established, an interim rate may be established by the Director of Public Works in accordance with department policies. The Director of Public Works shall approve a written policy for



the setting of this interim rate that will include, but not be limited to, how the interim rate is calculated.

B. The applicable inside city or outside city flat rate set forth in section 1 above shall be used as the monthly sewer billing rate for any customer for whom for any reason the provisions of this subsection cannot be used.

C. The Utilities Division shall develop written rules consistent with this subsection and this ordinance for the fair and efficient administration of such sewer rate.

D. For the purpose of applying the rates as set forth in subsection A(1)(c) above, the term non-profit shelters shall be defined to mean a facility operated by a non-profit organization that provides clients with on site food, beds or shelter for free or at significantly below market rates.

E. For the purpose of applying the low income senior minimum sewer flow waiver as set forth in subsection A(2) above, applicants shall meet the following:

1. Applications shall be obtained from and filed with the Public Works director, or his or her designee. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the Public Works director, and shall contain the information necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualification for the low income senior minimum sewer flow waiver.

- a. Submission of an application for a utility discount shall constitute a verification by the applicant that all information provided in such application is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

b. Once approved by the department, the application shall become effective the next billing cycle after approval of the application.

c. Each application is effective for 12 months commencing the first month the reduced rate becomes effective for the applicant. It shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant to re-apply for successive 12-month periods of eligibility.

d. The rate reduction shall only apply to utility charges for service to a residence. The residence for which the rate reduction is requested must be the applicant's principal place of residence.

e. The applicant must be the head of the household for the residence for which the rate reduction is requested.

f. The utility account must be in the applicant's name or the name of the applicant's spouse.

2. For purposes of this section, the term low income senior shall be defined as follows:

a. Be 62 years of age or older at all times during any period for which a minimum sewer flow waiver is requested; and

b. Have been a sewer customer of the city at all times during any period for which a minimum sewer flow waiver is requested; and

c. Have an income during the calendar year or portion thereof for which a minimum sewer flow waiver is requested, from all sources whatsoever, either (1) not exceeding two hundred (200) percent of the

Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of any size as published by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or (2) not exceeding the income qualification for low-income seniors set forth in RCW 84.36.381(5)(a), whichever is greater.

3. Commercial, industrial, electronics and government customers. Each such customer shall pay a monthly user charge per hundred cubic feet (CCF) as follows; provided, each such customer is subject to a minimum user charge equal to the applicable inside or outside city flat monthly rate for one single-family service set forth in subsection A.1. above:

Effective January 1, 2018:

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Inside City Limits</b>	<b>Outside City Limits</b>
a. Commercial	\$6.07 per CCF	\$9.11 per CCF
b. Government	\$3.71 per CCF	\$5.55 per CCF
e. Industrial	\$6.28 per CCF	\$6.52 per CCF
d. Electronics	\$4.62 per CCF <sup>11</sup>	\$4.79 per CCF <sup>12</sup>

Notes for Electronic Customer Class—Effective January 1, 2018—December 31, 2018:

<sup>11</sup> For monthly average flows above 2.88 million gallons per day, the rate shall be \$3.71 per CCF.

<sup>12</sup> For monthly average flows above 2.88 million gallons per day, the rate shall be \$3.82 per CCF. Effective

January 1, 2019:

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Inside City Limits</b>	<b>Outside City Limits</b>
a. Commercial	\$6.46 per CCF	\$9.69 per CCF
b. Government	\$3.95 per CCF	\$5.92 per CCF
e. Industrial	\$6.68 per CCF	\$10.02 per CCF

d. Electronics	\$4.92 per CCF <sup>13</sup>	\$7.37 per CCF <sup>14</sup>
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Notes for Electronic Customer Class – Effective January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019:

~~<sup>13</sup> For monthly average flows above 2.88 million gallons per day, the rate shall be \$3.93 per CCF.~~

~~<sup>14</sup> For monthly average flows above 2.88 million gallons per day, the rate shall be \$5.90 per CCF.~~

Effective January 1, 2020:

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Inside City Limits</b>	<b>Outside City Limits</b>
a. Commercial	\$6.80 per CCF	\$10.20 per CCF
b. Government	\$4.16 per CCF	\$6.24 per CCF
c. Industrial	\$7.04 per CCF	\$10.56 per CCF
d. Electronics	\$5.18 per CCF <sup>15</sup>	\$7.77 per CCF <sup>16</sup>

Notes for Electronic Customer Class - Effective January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020:

<sup>15</sup> For monthly average flows above 2.88 million gallons per day, the rate shall be \$4.14 per CCF.

<sup>16</sup> For monthly average flows above 2.88 million gallons per day, the rate shall be \$6.21 per CCF.

Effective January 1, 2021:

<b><u>Customer Class</u></b>	<b><u>Inside City Limits</u></b>	<b><u>Outside City Limits</u></b>
<u>a. Commercial</u>	<u>\$7.01 per CCF</u>	<u>\$10.51 per CCF</u>
<u>b. Government</u>	<u>\$4.28 per CCF</u>	<u>\$6.42 per CCF</u>
<u>c. Industrial</u>	<u>\$7.25 per CCF</u>	<u>\$10.87 per CCF</u>
<u>d. Electronics</u>	<u>\$5.33 per CCF<sup>17</sup></u>	<u>\$8.00 per CCF<sup>18</sup></u>

Notes for Electronic Customer Class - Effective January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021:

~~<sup>17</sup> For monthly average flows above 2.88 million gallons per day, the rate shall be \$4.27 per CCF.~~

~~<sup>18</sup> For monthly average flows above 2.88 million gallons per day, the rate shall be \$6.40 per CCF.~~

Effective January 1, 2022:

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Inside City Limits</u>	<u>Outside City Limits</u>
<u>a. Commercial</u>	<u>\$7.22 per CCF</u>	<u>\$10.82 per CCF</u>
<u>b. Government</u>	<u>\$4.41 per CCF</u>	<u>\$6.62 per CCF</u>
<u>c. Industrial</u>	<u>\$7.47 per CCF</u>	<u>\$11.20 per CCF</u>
<u>d. Electronics</u>	<u>\$5.49 per CCF<sup>19</sup></u>	<u>\$8.24 per CCF<sup>20</sup></u>

Notes for Electronic Customer Class - Effective January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022:

<sup>19</sup> For monthly average flows above 2.88 million gallons per day, the rate shall be \$4.39 per CCF.

<sup>20</sup> For monthly average flows above 2.88 million gallons per day, the rate shall be \$6.59 per CCF.

4. The rate for discharging septage at the City's Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) as provided for in VMC 5.72 effective January 1, 2013, shall be \$125.00 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons, or fraction thereof discharged in to POTW. If required, there shall also be added to such charge a tipping fee as determined by the Clark County Public Health District to support the Department's Septic System Preventive Maintenance Program.

5. INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMER is defined as an industrial user of the public sewer system who:

a. Has a discharge flow of ten thousand gallons or processed wastewater or more per average work day; or

b. Has a concentration of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and suspended solids (SS) in excess of two hundred milligrams per liter per average work day; or

c. Is found by the city, State Department or Ecology or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to have

potential for a significant impact on the wastewater treatment system.

6. ELECTRONICS USER is defined as an industrial user of the public sewer system who:

a. Has a discharge flow of five hundred thousand gallons or more per average work day; and

b. Has a concentration of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and suspended solids (SS) less than two hundred milligrams per liter per average work day.

B. Liquids Not Originating From City Water System.

Any person discharging into the city sanitary sewerage system sewage which has in it liquids which did not originate from the city water system shall meter or measure by some method approved by the Director of Public Works all water used in the premises, whether the water is obtained from the municipal water supply system or from wells, private water systems or other sources.

C. Used Water Not Flowing Into Sewer System.

Where the user of water is such that a portion of all of the water used does not flow into a city sewer but is lost by evaporation or is used in manufacture or processes such as ice, beverages, foods or the like and the person in control provides proof of this fact and installs a meter or other measuring device approved by the Director of Public Works to measure the amount of water so used or lost, no charge shall be made for sewerage because of water so used or lost.

D. Computation of Utility Rates.

For the purpose of computing water and sewer bills, all residences, regardless of number of units, shall be deemed residential, and each unit therein shall be deemed a residence. All other uses shall be deemed

commercial, industrial or government.

**SECTION 3.** Vancouver Municipal Code Section 14.09.060 as last amended by Ordinance M-4239, Section 12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 14.09.060 Rates for storm and surface water management.**

A. Because all real property in the city contributes stormwater runoff to and/or benefits from the city's stormwater system, the owners thereof shall pay monthly charges as set forth in this section. Monthly charges will have two components as follows:

1. Operation and Maintenance. To provide for administrative and field operations, billing, accounting, and for the maintenance, repair and upgrade of existing stormwater facilities.

2. Capital Expenditures. To provide for basin-wide and system master planning and subsequent capital improvement projects as identified in the stormwater capital plan.

B. The water and sewer utility is authorized to establish charges for the use and discharge to the city's stormwater system. Such charges shall be based on the cost of providing stormwater service to all properties within the city and may be different for properties receiving different classes of service. Monthly charges shall be established as follows:

Effective January 1, 2018

<b>Single Family</b>	<b>Multi-Family</b>	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Industrial</b>
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\$10.13 per month	\$10.13 per 2,500 sq. ft. hard surface per month (\$10.13 minimum)	\$10.13 per 2,500 sq. ft. hard surface per month (\$10.13 minimum)	\$10.13 per 2,500 sq. ft. hard surface per month (\$10.13 minimum)
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Effective January 1, 2019

<b>Single Family</b>	<b>Multi-Family</b>	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Industrial</b>
\$10.96 per month	\$10.99 per 2,500 sq. ft. hard surface per month (\$10.99 minimum)	\$10.99 per 2,500 sq. ft. hard surface per month (\$10.99 minimum)	\$10.99 per 2,500 sq. ft. hard surface per month (\$10.99 minimum)



Effective January 1, 2020

<b>Single Family</b>	<b>Multi-Family</b>	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Industrial</b>
\$11.80 per month	\$11.80 per 2,500 sq. ft. hard surface per month (\$11.80 minimum)	\$11.80 per 2,500 sq. ft. hard surface per month (\$11.80 minimum)	\$11.80 per 2,500 sq. ft. hard surface per month (\$11.80 minimum)

Effective January 1, 2021

<b><u>Single Family</u></b>	<b><u>Multi-Family</u></b>	<b><u>Commercial</u></b>	<b><u>Industrial</u></b>
<u>\$12.39 per month</u>	<u>\$12.39 per 2,500 sq. ft. hard surface per month (\$12.39 minimum)</u>	<u>\$12.39 per 2,500 sq. ft. hard surface per month (\$12.39 minimum)</u>	<u>\$12.39 per 2,500 sq. ft. hard surface per month (\$12.39 minimum)</u>

Effective January 1, 2022

<b><u>Single Family</u></b>	<b><u>Multi-Family</u></b>	<b><u>Commercial</u></b>	<b><u>Industrial</u></b>
<u>\$13.01 month</u>	<u>\$13.01 per 2,500 sq. ft. hard surface per month (\$13.01 minimum)</u>	<u>\$13.01 per 2,500 sq. ft. hard surface per month (\$13.01 minimum)</u>	<u>\$13.01 per 2,500 sq. ft. hard surface per month (\$13.01 minimum)</u>

C. "Multi-family Customer" class shall apply to customers with living units that share a common wall.

1. Multi-family customers with two or more living units per meter will be charged the effective rate per 2,500 sq. ft. of impervious surface.

2. Multi-family customers with one water meter per living unit will be charged the prevailing "Single-family customer rate" per unit.

D. State Highway Charge. Pursuant to RCW 90.03.525, the monthly charge for all state highway properties within the city shall be 30% of the charge provided in paragraph B above, unless the city and state agree to a different rate or unless the court of competent jurisdiction holds otherwise.

E. Application to Publicly Owned Properties. Other publicly owned properties shall be charged at the industrial rate as set forth herein.

F. Application to active gravel mining operations and publicly owned streets, alleys and rights of way. Active gravel mining operations, publicly owned streets, alleys and rights of way shall be charged at the State Highway Charge rate provided in paragraph D as set forth herein.

G. Application to certain qualifying properties. For qualifying properties meeting all of the following criteria, the monthly charge shall be 30% of the charge provided in paragraph B above.

1. The qualifying property is subject to a stormwater management program regulated by and in compliance with the requirements for a Secondary Permittee as defined by Special Condition S6 of the NPDES Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit, and as hereafter amended.

2. The qualifying property does not discharge stormwater into the City of Vancouver

surface water drainage system.

Section 4. Savings. Those sections of any ordinances amended or repealed by this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect until the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2021.

Read first time: November 9, 2020

Ayes: Councilmembers Fox, Paulsen, Lebowsky, Glover, Stober, Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Nays: None

Absent: None

Read second time: November 16, 2020

PASSED by the following vote: 7-0

Ayes: Councilmembers Fox, Paulsen, Lebowsky, Glover, Stober, Hansen, Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Nays: None

Absent: None

SIGNED this 16th day of November, 2020.

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SUMMARY

ORDINANCE NO. M-4315

AN ORDINANCE related to the water, sewer and surface water utility user rates, amending Vancouver Municipal Code Sections 14.04.210, 14.04.230, and 14.09.060; providing for a savings clause, and providing for an effective date.

The full text of this ordinance will be mailed upon request. Contact Raelyn McJilton, Records Officer at 487-8711, or via [www.cityofvancouver.us](http://www.cityofvancouver.us) (Go to City Government and Public Records).

City of Vancouver - 2020  
 Combined Water, Sewer, Stormwater Utility Bill Comparison  
 Based on Typical Single Family Inside City Residential Customer - 8 ccf/month

**Exhibit A**

Agency	Water	Sewer	Stormwater	Total	Agency Utility Tax Rate		Rate with Utility Tax	Rate without Utility Tax	notes:
CPU/CRWWD/Clark Co. (2020)	\$23.80	\$40.00	\$3.92	\$67.72	0.0%	c	\$67.72	\$67.72	CPU-0%, County -0%, CRWWD-0%
Yakima(2020)	\$26.50	\$50.32	\$6.28	\$83.10	Varies	a	\$83.10	\$67.36	Gross 20% utility tax Water & Sewer; Surface Water-6%
Spokane (2020)	\$20.58	\$62.76	\$4.55	\$87.89	Varies	a	\$87.89	\$77.30	Gross W/S/SW tax rates of 20%/20%/0% (bill includes Sewer Capital charges of \$27.89/mo)
Vancouver (2020)	\$29.87	\$46.40	\$11.80	\$88.07	28.9%	a	\$88.07	\$62.62	Gross Utility tax of 28.9%
Eugene (2020)	\$28.84	\$44.30	\$15.00	\$88.15	0.0%	c	\$88.15	\$88.15	Sewer billing rate per 1 kgal = (\$2.641+\$2.351)/ (EWEB 2018 rate decrease for volume charge)
Vancouver (2021)	\$30.29	\$45.63	\$15.75	\$91.67	28.9%	a	\$91.67	\$65.17	Gross Utility tax of 28.9%
Bellingham (2020)	\$39.32	\$45.93	\$11.66	\$96.91	varies	a, h	\$96.91	\$83.11	Gross W/S/SW utility taxes are 18.25%, 11.5% and 11.5% (drainage charges shown for Metropolitan)
Ridgefield (2020)	\$26.77	\$61.16	\$9.53	\$97.45	8.0%	a	\$97.45	\$95.31	Water utility tax of 8%-CRWWD sewer service includes 10% city operating fee, no drainage
Camas (2020)	\$27.47	\$58.55	\$12.40	\$98.42	0.0%	c	\$98.42	\$98.42	no utility taxes
La Center (2020)	\$23.80	\$66.00	\$10.00	\$99.80	Varies	b	\$101.23	\$99.80	6% Excise tax on CPU Water, no utility tax on sewer, SW Rate eff. June 1st, 2019
Gresham (2020)	\$55.03	\$35.80	\$12.97	\$103.80	varies	a, i	\$103.80	\$93.42	10% gross for Utility License Fee- (water bill incl public safety charge of \$7.50)
Battle Ground (2020)	\$26.27	\$50.60	\$12.08	\$88.95	22.0%	b	\$108.52	\$88.95	22%/22%/22% W/S/SW Utility tax
Washougal (2020)	\$36.73	\$63.68	\$16.83	\$117.24	Varies	a	\$117.24	\$108.02	Gross W/S/SW taxes are 10%/8.71%/ 0% (Rates eff. March 1 2019 due to bi-monthly billing)
Kent (2020) -	\$45.17	\$70.77	\$13.03	\$128.97	varies	a	\$128.97	\$113.83	Gross W/S/SW taxes of 13%/ 9.5%/19.5% (KMC 3.18.020)
Tacoma (2020)	\$41.71	\$67.47	\$26.40	\$135.58	8.0%	a, g	\$135.58	\$124.73	Gross W/S/SW taxes are 8%/8%/8%
Everett (2020)	\$37.95	\$77.12	\$25.95	\$141.02	6.0%	b, f	\$149.48	\$141.02	W/S/SW rates have added 6%/6%/6% PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) (Everett bill includes)
Bellevue (2020)	\$56.94	\$83.41	\$21.74	\$162.09	Varies	b	\$173.27	\$162.09	W/S/SW added utility taxes of 10.4%/5.0%/5.0% (where applicable Cap. Recovery charge:)
Portland (1st half of 2020)	\$89.67	\$88.64	\$29.66	\$207.97	5.0%	a, j	\$207.97	\$207.97	W/S/SW Utility License Tax of 5%/5%/5%
Seattle (2020)	\$63.36	\$124.40	\$46.52	\$234.28	Varies	a, e	\$234.28	\$204.16	Gross W/S/SW taxes are water 15.44%, Sewer 12%, Drainage 11.5%

Average for 2020 rates (18 cities shown above)

Water	\$38.42	Sewer	\$62.26	Stormwater	\$16.11	Total	\$116.79	Rate with Utility Tax	\$118.93	Rate without Utility Tax	\$107.85
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**Footnotes:**

- a - Utility tax embedded in rates (applied to gross revenues of utility)
- b - Utility tax added to bill
- c - City of Spokane Valley - assume Vera Water customer -No agency utility taxes charged for any utility
- d - Per City of Bellevue Finance staff -multiplier for utility bills are 12.27% for water, 5.485% for sewer, and 5.365% stormwater
- e- Seattle Pub. Utilities Utility tax incl. in rates (applied to gross revenues of utility) 15.54% for water, 12% for sewer and 11.5% for stormwater
- f - Everett Sewer rate includes storm drainage rate, with separate surface water rate only charged to non-sewered customers.
- g - Tacoma - 8% Tacoma Gross Earnings Tax embedded in W/S/D rates:, along with additional for water - 5.029% State Pub. Utility Tax, for Surface Water - 1.5% B&O, for wastewater - 1.5% B&O and 3.852% State Sewer Collection Tax.
- h - Bellingham's gross utility taxes: drinking water = 18.25%, Lk Whatcom Watershed = 11.5%, Sewer =11.50%, Storm = 11.50%
- i - Gresham includes \$7.50/mo. Fire protection charge;
- j - City of Portland annual rate change occurs July 1st

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