

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
Long Beach, Washington**

**ORDINANCE NO. 778**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, WASHINGTON RELATING TO UTILITIES; AMENDING RATES AND CHARGES OF THE WATERWORKS UTILITY, INCLUDING THE WATER SYSTEM AND THE SEWER SYSTEM; ESTABLISHING SCHEDULE AND PROGRAM FOR RATE STABILIZATION; ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, WASHINGTON DOES HEREBY ORDAIN, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. RECITALS AND FINDINGS.**

**1.1** The City of Long Beach (“City”) owns and operates a Waterworks Utility, including a water system, sewer system, and storm and surface water system (“Utility”), including both local and regional facilities.

**1.2** The City has financed the acquisition and improvement of local and regional Utility facilities with the proceeds of its revenue bonds.

**1.3** The facilities and services provided by the Utility are critical to the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the City and the neighboring community served by the Utility.

**1.4** Rate adjustments are necessary from time to time to ensure that sufficient revenues exist to properly maintain and efficiently operate the Utility, and make additions and planned improvements as appropriate.

**1.5** To secure knowledgeable professional and technical advice the City engaged the services of Gray & Osborne Corporation (“Gray & Osborne”), a consulting firm experienced in the planning, development, installation, maintenance and operation of public utilities.

**1.6** The City Council wishes to approve and implement an incremental multi-year increased rate structure consisting of service charges, commodity charges, and other rates and charges set forth herein.

**1.7** The establishment of multi-year increases in rates and charges will enable the City to plan more efficiently for the maintenance, operation and development of the Utility based on predictable revenues, to provide customers with greater rate stability and higher quality service than otherwise would be possible, and to satisfy covenants made in connection with the issuance of the City’s outstanding revenue bonds.

**Section 2. WATER RATES AND CHARGES.**

**2.1** Water rates for lots connected to the water system.

The rates and charges for water service to lots connected to the water system within the corporate limits of the city are fixed and established as follows:

A. The minimum monthly rate charge is based on meter size per the following schedules:

**Outside City Limits:**

<b>METER SIZE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Residential 3/4 - 1"	\$27.90	\$28.74	\$29.60	\$30.49
Commercial 3/4 1"	\$33.18	\$34.18	\$35.20	\$36.26
Commercial 1.5"	\$39.45	\$40.63	\$41.85	\$43.11
Commercial 2"	\$57.00	\$58.71	\$60.47	\$62.29
Commercial 3"	\$77.45	\$79.77	\$82.17	\$84.63

- B. Commodity Charge. The monthly commodity charge (or excess rate) is charged per the following schedule regardless of water meter size:

Beginning on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2003 and effective on the first day of January for each and every succeeding year on and after 2004, shall be subject to a commodity charge for each 100 cubic feet of water in excess of the 400 cubic foot minimum allowed per month thereof, as follows:

**Inside City Limits:**

	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Subservice Charge	\$1.95	\$2.01	\$2.07	\$2.13
Nursing Home / Bed	\$0.74	\$0.76	\$0.79	\$0.81
Commodity / 100 cu ft.	\$3.33	\$3.43	\$3.53	\$3.64

**Outside City Limits:**

	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Subservice Charge	\$2.93	\$3.02	\$3.11	\$3.20
Nursing Home / Bed	\$1.12	\$1.15	\$1.19	\$1.22
Commodity / 100 cu ft.	\$3.33	\$3.43	\$3.53	\$3.64

- C. Contracts Authorized. The city council may enter into contracts with water users deviating from such rates where special circumstances dictate; provided, that such rates shall not be discriminatory.

**Section 3. STORM AND SURFACE WATER RATES AND CHARGES.**

Rates and charges.

- A. The rates and charges set forth in this chapter shall be considered uniform rates and charges for the following uniform rates per class of customers or service furnished by the system:
1. On and after December 1, 1999, and thereafter effective on the first day of January for each and every succeeding year on and after 2001, the rates shall be as follows:

<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
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undeveloped residential lots shall be deemed a single class. Developed lots are those for which any city or county permit or application for real estate improvement activity (including, but not limited to driveway, septic, building and electrical improvements and water meter installation) has been issued, should have been issued or would now be required if the development occurred under present city regulations.

**Section 4. SEWER RATES AND CHARGES.**

**4.1 Sewer rates for connected lots.**

The rates and charges for sewer service to lots are fixed and established as follows:

A. Rates.

The monthly charges effective December 20, 2003, and January 1 of each year shown below, are as follows:

**SEWER - In City Rate**

<b>Sewer type</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Single Family Residence	\$24.71	\$25.45	\$26.21	\$35.91
Apartments, Per Unit	\$24.71	\$25.45	\$26.21	\$35.91
Motels, Base Charge	\$32.95	\$33.94	\$34.96	\$47.89
Motels, each additional rental	\$5.59	\$5.76	\$5.93	\$8.12
Condominiums, each rental	\$24.71	\$25.45	\$26.21	\$35.91
Mobile Home Parks, each rental space	\$24.71	\$25.45	\$26.21	\$35.91
Trailer Parks, Base Charge	\$32.95	\$33.94	\$34.96	\$47.89
Trailer Parks, each hookup	\$4.12	\$4.24	\$4.37	\$5.99
Laundromats, self-service & Dry Cleaning	\$113.27	\$116.67	\$120.17	\$164.63
Industrial Laundry	\$205.85	\$212.03	\$218.39	\$299.19
Car Washing Facilities	\$113.27	\$116.67	\$120.17	\$164.63
Canner Operations	\$113.27	\$116.67	\$120.17	\$164.63
Restaurants, Taverns (first 20 person capacity)	\$47.17	\$48.59	\$50.04	\$68.56
Restaurants, Taverns (each additional 5 person capacity)	\$3.61	\$3.72	\$3.83	\$5.25
Schools - Summer Rate	\$61.74	\$63.59	\$65.50	\$89.73
Schools - Sept. - May (each occupant)	\$1.75	\$1.80	\$1.86	\$2.54
Nursing Homes, Convalescent Center base charge	\$28.85	\$29.72	\$30.61	\$41.93
Nursing Homes, Convalescent Center each patient bed available	\$5.59	\$5.76	\$5.93	\$8.12
Service Station	\$32.95	\$33.94	\$34.96	\$47.89
Churches, municipal parks & buildings	\$37.08	\$38.19	\$39.34	\$53.89
Theaters, large stores, banks, medical & Dental clinics, mortuaries & beauty shops	\$37.82	\$38.95	\$40.12	\$54.97
Fraternal Halls, per floor	\$53.55	\$55.16	\$56.81	\$77.83
Business offices, small stores & optometrist	\$26.87	\$27.68	\$28.51	\$39.05
State Parks Restroom Facilities	\$79.92	\$82.32	\$84.79	\$116.16

B. Sewer Rates Standards and Policies.

The City Council may enter into contracts with sewer users deviating from the rates in this Section where special circumstances dictate; provided, that such rates shall not be discriminatory.

demand in the City and neighboring community. The City adopts and establishes whatever aggregate monetary charges the rates and charges, placed in effect by this Ordinance, generate when applied to the units of service provided, now and in the future.

**Section 6. SEVERABILITY.**

If any portion of this ordinance as now or hereafter amended, or its application to any person or circumstances, is held invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, and its application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

**Section 7. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES**

All previous Ordinances are hereby repealed insofar as they may be in conflict with this Ordinance.

**Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect five days after publication.

ADOPTED this 1st day of December, 2003

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Treasurer