CITY OF LONG BEACH
Long Beach, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 861

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.

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:

Inside City Limits:

METER SIZE	2008	2009	2010	2011
Residential 3/4 - 1"	$22.56	$23.69	$24.87	$26.11
Commercial 3/4 1"	$26.83	$28.17	$29.58	$31.06
Commercial 1.5"	$31.90	$33.50	$35.18	$36.94
Commercial 2"	$46.09	$48.39	$50.81	$53.35
Commercial 3"	$62.63	$65.76	$69.05	$72.50

Outside City Limits:

METER SIZE	2008	2009	2010	2011
Residential 3/4 - 1"	$33.84	$35.53	$37.31	$39.18
Commercial 3/4 1"	$40.25	$42.26	$44.37	$46.59
Commercial 1.5"	$47.85	$50.24	$52.75	$55.39
Commercial 2"	$69.14	$72.60	$76.23	$80.04
Commercial 3"	$93.95	$98.65	$103.58	$108.76

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

Beginning on the 20th day of December 2010 and effective on the first day of January for each and every succeeding year on and after 2011, 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:

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Subservice Charge	$2.36	$2.48	$2.60	$2.73
Nursing Home / Bed	$0.90	$0.95	$1.00	$1.05
Commodity / 100 cu ft.	$4.04	$4.24	$4.45	$4.67

Outside City Limits:

	2008	2008	2010	2011
Subservice Charge	$3.54	$3.72	$3.91	$4.11
Nursing Home / Bed	$1.35	$1.42	$1.49	$1.56
Commodity / 100 cu ft.	$4.04	$4.24	$4.45	$4.67

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 20, 2010, and thereafter effective on the first day of January for each and every succeeding year the rates shall be as follows:

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Residential	$8.52	$8.95	$9.40	$9.40
Commercial (per/ERU)	$8.52	$8.95	$9.40	$9.40

The ERU is a Residential Equivalent Unit equal to 3,600 square feet. The city administrator or his designee shall determine the quantity of the storm and surface water drainage from lots that are dedicated to a substantially undeveloped state by virtue of being public parks, recreational area, other undeveloped publicly owned land, or open space designated under RCW Chapter 84.34.

B. For purposes of computing storm and surface water rates under this section, the land use designation as residential or commercial shall be the principal activity on the premises as determined by the city administrator or his designee. For rate purposes, developed and 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, 2010 and January 1 of each year shown below, are as follows:

SEWER – In City Rate

Sewer type	2008	2009	2010	2011
Single Family Residence	$36.99	$38.84	$40.78	$46.90
Apartments, Per Unit	$36.99	$38.84	$40.78	$46.90
Motels, Base Charge	$49.33	$51.80	$54.39	$62.55
Motels, each additional rental	$8.36	$8.78	$9.22	$10.60
Condominiums, each rental	$36.99	$38.84	$40.78	$46.90
Mobile Home Parks, each rental space	$36.99	$38.84	$40.78	$46.70
Trailer Parks, Base Charge	$49.33	$51.80	$54.39	$62.55
Trailer Parks, each hookup	$6.17	$6.48	$6.80	$7.82
Laundromats, self-service & Dry Cleaning	$169.29	$177.75	$186.64	$214.64
Industrial Laundry	$308.17	$323.58	$339.76	$390.72

Car Washing Facilities	$169.29	$177.75	$186.64	$214.64
Canner Operations	$169.29	$177.75	$186.64	$214.64
Restaurants, Taverns (first 20 person capacity)	$70.62	$74.15	$77.86	$89.54
Restaurants, Taverns (each additional 5 person capacity)	$5.41	$5.68	$5.96	$6.85
Schools - Summer Rate	$92.42	$97.04	$101.89	$117.17
Schools - Sept. - May (each occupant)	$2.62	$2.75	$2.89	$3.32
Nursing Homes, Convalescent Center base charge	$43.19	$45.35	$47.62	$54.76
Nursing Homes, Convalescent Center each patient bed available	$8.36	$8.78	$9.22	$10.60
Service Station	$49.33	$51.80	$54.39	$62.55
Churches, municipal parks & buildings	$55.51	$58.29	$61.20	$70.38
Theaters, large stores, banks, medical & Dental clinics, mortuaries & beauty shops	$56.62	$59.45	$62.42	$71.78
Fraternal Halls, per floor	$80.16	$84.17	$88.38	$101.64
Business offices, small stores & optometrist	$40.22	$42.23	$44.34	$50.99
State Parks Restroom Facilities	$119.64	$125.62	$131.90	$151.69

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.

C. Disputes.

All questions or disputes regarding the appropriate rate to be applied to the structure shall be resolved by the city administrator. Any appeal from the decision of the city administrator shall be to the city hearing examiner.

Section 5. AGGREGATE OF RATES.
The City declares that the rates and charges fixed and placed in effect by this Ordinance are founded on assumptions that there will be growth in the number of services (connections) and in 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 20th day of December, 2010

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Treasurer