

CITY OF BLAINE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
MEETING DATE: December 11, 2006

SUBJECT: Resolution 1445-06, Revised Unified Fee Schedule for Wastewater Fees

SUBMITTING DEPT: Finance Department

PREPARED BY: _____
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AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications ; Consent ; Committee Reports
Unfinished Business ; Council Action Items ; Public Hearing ; Standing Committees

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution 1445-06; revising the Unified Fee Schedule to establish new wastewater monthly rates and connection fees for 2007.

ANALYSIS / SUMMARY: The attached resolution adopts the recommendations of the FCS Group, the City's wastewater rate consultant, based on their annual review of the wastewater utility and the capital improvement program for replacing the City's treatment facilities. Their recommendations, provided in an October 2, 2006 work session, were to increase the wastewater monthly fees by 6.52% and the connection fees to \$5316 per equivalent residential unit (ERU). This resolution incorporates these 2007 rates and fees into the City's Unified Fee Schedule, previously adopted by Resolution 1436-06.

RECOMMENDATION: Waive 2nd Reading: (Including conditions of approval if applicable) Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution 1445-06 amending the Unified Fee Schedule to include increases in wastewater monthly user fees and connection charges for 2007.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: The increase in wastewater fees and connection charges is required to financially support the Wastewater Capital Improvement Program including a new Water Reclamation Facility. The utility revenue based on these increases is projected to cover the estimated program costs including debt service on loans for design and construction of these improvements.

REVIEWED BY:
City Manager _____ Finance Director _____ City Clerk _____
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COUNCIL ACTION: Approved , Denied , Tabled / Deferred ,
Assigned to: _____

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL ACTION: _____

1 **RESOLUTION 1445-06**

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAINE,
4 WASHINGTON AMENDING RESOLUTION 1436-06 THE
5 2006 UNIFIED FEE SCHEDULE AND SETTING THE
6 WASTEWATER FEES FOR 2007
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8 WHEREAS, the City is proceeding with implementation of wastewater capital
9 improvement plan identified in an approved General Sewer Plan and a Facility Plan for a
10 new wastewater treatment facility currently pending final environmental approval, and
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12 WHEREAS, the City has, with the assistance of a rate consultant, FCS Group, developed
13 a rate model which incorporates current projected costs for these capital improvements,
14 assumptions about grant and loan programs that will be available to the City to fund the
15 improvements, and identifies the user fees required to service the resulting debt, and
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17 WHEREAS, City staff and FCS Group provided the most recent projections of the rate
18 model in a Council work session on October 2, 2006, and recommended a 6.52% increase
19 in monthly user fees and an increase in the connection fees to \$5316 per equivalent
20 residential unit (ERU) to fund the wastewater utility including planned capital
21 improvements, and
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23 WHEREAS, Wastewater fees are published and communicated to the public in a unified
24 fee schedule which was previously adopted by Council Resolution 1436-06,
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26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Blaine,
27 Washington adopts the revisions to the Wastewater Fees as contained in Exhibit A and
28 adds them to the Unified Fee Schedule beginning January 1, 2007.
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30 ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON
31 on this _____ day of December, 2006, and approved by the Mayor on the same day.
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36 MIKE MYERS, Mayor
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38 ATTEST:
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SHERI SANCHEZ, City Clerk

#	Account Number	Description	Fee	Rate Basis	Authority
		Wastewater Service Rates, Residential:			
1	420.000.035.343.51	Single-family/duplex, City	\$ 59.80	per account	BMC 13.18.050
2	420.000.035.343.51	Senior or Disabled Low-income, City	\$ 45.93	per account	BMC 13.18.050
3	420.000.035.343.51	Multifamily, City	\$ 54.91	per account	BMC 13.18.050
4	420.000.035.343.51	Single-family/duplex, County	\$ 89.70	per account	BMC 13.18.050
5	420.000.035.343.51	Senior or Disabled Low-income, County	\$ 68.90	per account	BMC 13.18.050
5	420.000.035.343.51	Multifamily, County	\$ 82.36	per account	BMC 13.18.050
6	420.000.035.343.51	Single-family/duplex, Inactive Service	\$ 29.90	per account	BMC 13.18.050
8	420.000.035.343.51	Multifamily, Inactive Service	\$ 27.45	per account	BMC 13.18.050
		Wastewater Service Rates, Nonresidential:			
		Commercial I, Average Strength, Base Charges:			
1	420.000.035.343.51	3/4" Meter Commercial I (Volume allowance 0-3 ccf)	\$ 59.80	per account	BMC 13.18.050
2	420.000.035.343.51	1" Meter Commercial I (Volume allowance 0-7 ccf)	\$ 149.44	per account	BMC 13.18.050
3	420.000.035.343.51	1.5" Meter Commercial I (Volume allowance 0-15 ccf)	\$ 298.90	per account	BMC 13.18.050
4	420.000.035.343.51	2" Meter Commercial I (Volume allowance 0-24 ccf)	\$ 478.20	per account	BMC 13.18.050
5	420.000.035.343.51	3" Meter Commercial I (Volume allowance 0-48 ccf)	\$ 956.41	per account	BMC 13.18.050
6	420.000.035.343.51	4" Meter Commercial I (Volume allowance 0-75 ccf)	\$ 1,494.41	per account	BMC 13.18.050
7	420.000.035.343.51	6" Meter Commercial I (Volume allowance 0-150 ccf)	\$ 2,988.77	per account	BMC 13.18.050
8	420.000.035.343.51	8" Meter Commercial I (Volume allowance 0-240 ccf)	\$ 4,782.04	per account	BMC 13.18.050
1	420.000.035.343.51	Recreational Vehicle Dump Station (Volume allowance 0-3 ccf)	\$ 59.80	per account	BMC 13.18.050
		Federal Agency, Base Charges:			
1	420.000.035.343.51	3/4" Meter Federal Agency (Volume allowance 0-3 ccf)	\$ 64.88	per account	BMC 13.18.050
2	420.000.035.343.51	1" Meter Federal Agency (Volume allowance 0-7 ccf)	\$ 162.14	per account	BMC 13.18.050
3	420.000.035.343.51	1.5" Meter Federal Agency (Volume allowance 0-15 ccf)	\$ 324.30	per account	BMC 13.18.050
4	420.000.035.343.51	2" Meter Federal Agency (Volume allowance 0-24 ccf)	\$ 518.85	per account	BMC 13.18.050
5	420.000.035.343.51	3" Meter Commercial I (Volume allowance 0-48 ccf)	\$ 1,037.71	per account	BMC 13.18.050
6	420.000.035.343.51	4" Meter Commercial I (Volume allowance 0-75 ccf)	\$ 1,621.44	per account	BMC 13.18.050
7	420.000.035.343.51	6" Meter Commercial I (Volume allowance 0-150 ccf)	\$ 3,242.82	per account	BMC 13.18.050
8	420.000.035.343.51	8" Meter Commercial I (Volume allowance 0-240 ccf)	\$ 5,188.52	per account	BMC 13.18.050
		Commercial II, High Strength, Base Charges:			
1	420.000.035.343.51	3/4" Meter Commercial II (Volume allowance 0-3 ccf)	\$ 76.95	per account	BMC 13.18.050
2	420.000.035.343.51	1" Meter Commercial II (Volume allowance 0-7 ccf)	\$ 192.40	per account	BMC 13.18.050
3	420.000.035.343.51	1.5" Meter Commercial II (Volume allowance 0-15 ccf)	\$ 384.79	per account	BMC 13.18.050
4	420.000.035.343.51	2" Meter Commercial II (Volume allowance 0-24 ccf)	\$ 615.66	per account	BMC 13.18.050
5	420.000.035.343.51	3" Meter Commercial II (Volume allowance 0-48 ccf)	\$ 1,231.34	per account	BMC 13.18.050
6	420.000.035.343.51	4" Meter Commercial II (Volume allowance 0-75 ccf)	\$ 1,923.96	per account	BMC 13.18.050

#	Account Number	Description	Fee	Rate Basis	Authority
7	420.000.035.343.51	6" Meter Commercial II (Volume allowance 0-150 ccf)	\$ 3,847.91	per account	BMC 13.18.050
8	420.000.035.343.51	8" Meter Commercial II (Volume allowance 0-240 ccf)	\$ 6,156.62	per account	BMC 13.18.050
		Inactive Service (No water usage), Base Charges:			
1	420.000.035.343.51	3/4" Meter Inactive Service	\$ 29.90	per account	BMC 13.18.050
7	420.000.035.343.51	Senior or Disabled Low-income, Inactive Service	\$ 22.97	per account	BMC 13.18.050
2	420.000.035.343.51	1" Meter Inactive Service	\$ 74.71	per account	BMC 13.18.050
3	420.000.035.343.51	1.5" Meter Inactive Service	\$ 149.45	per account	BMC 13.18.050
4	420.000.035.343.51	2" Meter Inactive Service	\$ 239.11	per account	BMC 13.18.050
5	420.000.035.343.51	3" Meter Inactive Service	\$ 478.21	per account	BMC 13.18.050
6	420.000.035.343.51	4" Meter Inactive Service	\$ 747.21	per account	BMC 13.18.050
7	420.000.035.343.51	6" Meter Inactive Service	\$ 1,494.38	per account	BMC 13.18.050
8	420.000.035.343.51	8" Meter Inactive Service	\$ 2,391.02	per account	BMC 13.18.050
		Commercial I, Average Strength, Commodity Charges:			
1	420.000.035.343.51	3/4" Meter Commercial I (Volume >3 ccf)	\$ 8.84	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
2	420.000.035.343.51	1" Meter Commercial I (Volume >7 ccf)	\$ 8.84	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
3	420.000.035.343.51	1.5" Meter Commercial I (Volume >15 ccf)	\$ 8.84	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
4	420.000.035.343.51	2" Meter Commercial I (Volume >24 ccf)	\$ 8.84	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
5	420.000.035.343.51	3" Meter Commercial I (Volume >48 ccf)	\$ 8.84	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
6	420.000.035.343.51	4" Meter Commercial I (Volume >75 ccf)	\$ 8.84	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
7	420.000.035.343.51	6" Meter Commercial I (Volume >150 ccf)	\$ 8.84	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
8	420.000.035.343.51	8" Meter Commercial I (Volume >240 ccf)	\$ 8.84	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
		Federal Agency, Commodity Charges:			
1	420.000.035.343.51	3/4" Meter Federal Agency (Volume >3 ccf)	\$ 9.59	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
2	420.000.035.343.51	1" Meter Federal Agency (Volume >7 ccf)	\$ 9.59	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
3	420.000.035.343.51	1.5" Meter Federal Agency (Volume >15 ccf)	\$ 9.59	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
4	420.000.035.343.51	2" Meter Federal Agency (Volume >24 ccf)	\$ 9.59	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
5	420.000.035.343.51	3" Meter Federal Agency (Volume >48 ccf)	\$ 9.59	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
6	420.000.035.343.51	4" Meter Federal Agency (Volume >75 ccf)	\$ 9.59	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
7	420.000.035.343.51	6" Meter Federal Agency (Volume >150 ccf)	\$ 9.59	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
8	420.000.035.343.51	8" Meter Federal Agency (Volume >240 ccf)	\$ 9.59	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
		Commercial II, High Strength, Commodity Charges:			
1	420.000.035.343.51	3/4" Meter Commercial II (Volume >3 ccf)	\$ 12.47	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
2	420.000.035.343.51	1" Meter Commercial II (Volume >7 ccf)	\$ 12.47	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
3	420.000.035.343.51	1.5" Meter Commercial II (Volume >15 ccf)	\$ 12.47	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
4	420.000.035.343.51	2" Meter Commercial II (Volume >24 ccf)	\$ 12.47	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
5	420.000.035.343.51	3" Meter Commercial II (Volume >48 ccf)	\$ 12.47	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050

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6	420.000.035.343.51	4" Meter Commercial II (Volume >75 ccf)	\$ 12.47	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
7	420.000.035.343.51	6" Meter Commercial II (Volume >150 ccf)	\$ 12.47	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
8	420.000.035.343.51	8" Meter Commercial II (Volume >240 ccf)	\$ 12.47	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
		Wastewater Marinas:			
1	420.000.035.343.51	Base Charge per Pump-Out Station (Volume allowance 0-3 ccf)	\$ 76.95	per account	BMC 13.18.050
2	420.000.035.343.51	Commodity Charge (Volume >3 ccf)	\$ 12.47	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
		Wastewater Bulk Transport Disposal Services:			
1	420.000.035.343.51	Base Charge (No volume allowance)	\$ 86.28	per account	BMC 13.18.050
2	420.000.035.343.51	Commodity Charge	\$ 17.55	per ccf	BMC 13.18.050
		Wastewater Inspection Fees:			
1	420.000.035.343.56	Wastewater Inspection Fee - Lateral Connection at P/L - Within City	\$ 40.00	Per Inspection (increase by Seattle CPI)	BMC 13.14.030
2	420.000.035.343.56	Wastewater Inspection Fee - Lateral Connection at Main - Outside City	\$ 60.00	Per Inspection (increase by Seattle CPI)	BMC 13.14.030
3	420.000.035.343.56	Wastewater Inspection Fee - Lateral Connection at Main - Within City	\$ 150.00	Per Inspection (increase by Seattle CPI)	BMC 13.14.030
4	420.000.035.343.56	Wastewater Inspection Fee - Lateral Connection at Main - Outside City	\$ 225.00	Per Inspection (increase by Seattle CPI)	BMC 13.14.030
5	420.000.035.343.56	Wastewater Inspection Fee - Manhole Connection - Within City	\$ 150.00	Per Inspection (increase by Seattle CPI)	BMC 13.14.030
6	420.000.035.343.56	Wastewater Inspection Fee - Manhole Connection - Outside City	\$ 225.00	Per Inspection (increase by Seattle CPI)	BMC 13.14.030
		Wastewater General Facility Fees:			
1	420.000.415.388.12	Wastewater - General Facility Fee - Within City Limits	\$ 5,316.00	Per ERU (increase by Seattle CPI)	BMC 13.14.030
2	420.000.415.388.12	Wastewater - General Facility Fee - Outside City Limits	\$ 5,316.00	Per ERU (increase by Seattle CPI)	BMC 13.14.030
3	420.000.414.388.11	Wastewater - General Facility Fee - Semiahmoo	\$ 5,316.00	Per ERU (increase by Seattle CPI)	BMC 13.14.030
**	Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)				