



KING COUNTY
Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Ordinance

Proposed No. 2025-0129.1

Sponsors

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to rates and charges for sewage
2 treatment and disposal; and amending Ordinance 12353,
3 Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.670.100, Ordinance
4 18745, Section 2, as amended, and Ordinance 11398,
5 Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.84.055.

6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 SECTION 1. Ordinance 12353, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.670.100
8 are hereby amended to read as follows:

9 A. Having determined the monetary requirements for the disposal of sewage, the
10 council hereby adopts a ((2025)) 2026 sewer rate of ((~~fifty-eight~~)) sixty-two dollars and
11 ((~~twenty-eight~~)) sixty-six cents per residential customer equivalent per month. Once a
12 sewer rate ordinance becomes effective, the clerk of the council is directed to deliver a
13 copy of that ordinance to each agency having an agreement for sewage disposal with King
14 County.

15 B. The King County council approves the application of Statement No. 62 of the
16 Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB-62) as it pertains to regulatory assets
17 and liabilities to treat pollution remediation obligations and RainWise Program
18 expenditures and strategic planning costs as regulatory assets, recovered ratably over the
19 life of the underlying financing, and to establish a rate stabilization reserve for the
20 purpose of leveling rates between years.

21 C. As required for GASB-62 application, amounts are to be placed in the rate
22 stabilization reserve from operating revenues and removed from the calculation of debt
23 service coverage. The reserve balance shall be an amount at least sufficient to maintain a
24 level sewer rate between ~~((2025))~~ 2026 and ~~((2026))~~ 2027, and shall be used solely for
25 the purposes of: maintaining the level sewer rate in ~~((2026))~~ 2027; and if additional
26 reserve balance is available, moderating future rate increases beyond ~~((2026))~~ 2027. The
27 estimated amount of the reserve, as shown in the financial forecast, Attachment A to
28 ~~((Ordinance 19447))~~ this ordinance, shall be revised in accordance with the ~~((2025~~
29 ~~Annual Budget))~~ 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance and financial plan. If the reserve
30 needs to be reduced to meet debt service coverage requirements for ~~((2024))~~ 2025, the
31 county executive shall notify the council of the change by providing an updated financial
32 plan.

33 SECTION 2. Ordinance 18745, Section 2, as amended, is hereby amended to
34 read as follows:

35 Monetary requirements for the disposal of sewage as defined by contract with the
36 component sewer agencies for the fiscal year beginning January 1, ~~((2025))~~ 2026, and
37 ending December 31, ~~((2025))~~ 2026. The council hereby determines the monetary
38 requirements for the disposal of sewage as follows:

39 Administration, operating, maintenance repair and replacement (net of other
40 income): ~~((98,885,775))~~ \$123,844,438.

41 Establishment and maintenance of necessary working capital reserves:
42 ~~((159,207,572))~~ \$107,549,086.

43 Requirements of revenue bond resolutions (not included in above items and net of
44 interest income): (~~(\$290,381,168)~~) \$360,794,645.

45 TOTAL: (~~(\$548,474,514)~~) \$592,188,168.

46 SECTION 3. Ordinance 11398, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.84.055 are
47 hereby amended as follows:

48 A. The amount of the metropolitan sewage facility capacity charge adopted by
49 K.C.C. 28.84.050.O. that is charged monthly for fifteen years per residential customer or
50 residential customer equivalent shall be:

51 1. Seven dollars for sewer connections occurring between and including January
52 1, 1994, and December 31, 1997;

53 2. Ten dollars and fifty cents for sewer connections occurring between and
54 including January 1, 1998, and December 31, 2001;

55 3. Seventeen dollars and twenty cents for sewer connections occurring between
56 and including January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2002;

57 4. Seventeen dollars and sixty cents for sewer connections occurring between
58 and including January 1, 2003, and December 31, 2003;

59 5. Eighteen dollars for sewer connections occurring between and including
60 January 1, 2004, and December 31, 2004;

61 6. Thirty-four dollars and five cents for sewer connections occurring between
62 and including January 1, 2005, and December 31, 2006;

63 7. Forty-two dollars for sewer connections occurring between and including
64 January 1, 2007, and December 31, 2007;

65 8. Forty-six dollars and twenty-five cents for sewer connections occurring
66 between and including January 1, 2008, and December 31, 2008;

67 9. Forty-seven dollars and sixty-four cents for sewer connections occurring
68 between and including January 1, 2009, and December 31, 2009;

69 10. Forty-nine dollars and seven cents for sewer connections occurring between
70 and including January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2010;

71 11. Fifty dollars and forty-five cents for sewer connections occurring between
72 and including January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2011;

73 12. Fifty-one dollars and ninety-five cents for sewer connections occurring
74 between and including January 1, 2012, and December 31, 2012;

75 13. Fifty-three dollars and fifty cents for sewer connections occurring between
76 and including January 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013;

77 14. Fifty-five dollars and thirty-five cents for sewer connections occurring
78 between and including January 1, 2014, and December 31, 2014;

79 15. Fifty-seven dollars for sewer connections occurring between and including
80 January 1, 2015, and December 31, 2015;

81 16. Fifty-eight dollars and seventy cents for sewer connections occurring
82 between and including January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2016;

83 17. Sixty dollars and eighty cents for sewer connections occurring between and
84 including January 1, 2017, and December 31, 2017;

85 18. Sixty-two dollars and sixty cents for sewer connections occurring between
86 and including January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018;

87 19. Sixty-four dollars and fifty cents for sewer connections occurring between
88 and including January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019;

89 20. Sixty-six dollars and thirty-five cents for sewer connections occurring
90 between and including January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020;

91 21. Sixty-eight dollars and thirty-four cents for sewer connections occurring
92 between and including January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021;

93 22. Seventy dollars and thirty-nine cents for sewer connections occurring
94 between and including January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022;

95 23. Seventy-two dollars and fifty cents for sewer connections occurring between
96 and including January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023;

97 24. Seventy-four dollars and twenty-three cents for sewer connections occurring
98 between and including January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024; (~~and~~)

99 25. Seventy-six dollars and nine cents for sewer connections occurring between
100 and including January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025; and

101 26. Seventy-seven dollars and ninety-nine cents for sewer connections occurring
102 between and including January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026:

103 B.1. In accordance with adopted policy FP-15.3.d. in the Regional Wastewater
104 Services Plan, K.C.C. 28.86.160.C., it is the council's intent to base the capacity charge
105 upon the costs, customer growth and related financial assumptions used in the Regional
106 Wastewater Services Plan.

107 2. In accordance with adopted policy FP- 6 in the Regional Wastewater Services
108 Plan, K.C.C. 28.86.160.C., the council hereby approves the cash balance and reserves as

109 contained in the attached financial plan for ((2025)) 2026, which is Attachment A to
110 ((~~Ordinance 19782~~)) this ordinance.

111 3. In accordance with adopted policy FP-15.3.c., King County shall pursue
112 changes in state legislation to enable the county to require payment of the capacity charge

113 in a single payment, while preserving the option for new ratepayers to finance the
114 capacity charge.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Shannon Braddock, County Executive

Attachments: A. Wastewater Treatment Division Financial Plan