

**CITY OF BINGEN**

**ORDINANCE 2015-14-654**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BINGEN MUNICIPAL CODE 13.24.030,  
MONTHLY SEWER RATES**

**WHEREAS**, the Bingen City Council's review of the City of Bingen's current rate structure indicates that it would be appropriate to maintain the current 2015 rate in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bingen City Council has determined that it is still necessary to maintain an annual 5% rate increase for sewer service each year after 2016, unless determined otherwise by the city council.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Bingen do ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** Bingen Municipal Code (BMC) 13.24.030. incorporated herein by reference and by such incorporation set forth at full length, are hereby repealed.

**Section 2.** Bingen Municipal Code BMC 13.24.030 shall read as follows:

**13.24.030 Monthly sewer rates.**

A. Except for commercial, industrial and significant industrial users, the monthly sewer service rates shall be the following pursuant to Section 12.24.010(B), for the first ERU used in the month, but in no event less than the following for any user:

Effective date of ordinance through December 31, ~~2014~~ 2016:      ~~\$44.00~~ 46.00

Effective January 1, ~~2015~~ 2017 and beyond: the rate each year shall be the last year's rate increased by 5% and rounded to the nearest dollar.

B. Commercial Unit Rates. When flow measurement is available, the monthly sewer service rate shall be the following per ERU for the first ERU used in the month:

Effective date of ordinance through December 31, ~~2014~~ 2016:      ~~\$44.00~~ 46.00

Effective January 1, ~~2015~~ 2017 and beyond: the rate each year shall be the last year's rate increased by 5% and rounded to the nearest dollar.

Where flow measurement is not available, the city will determine the appropriate ERU equivalent using the equivalent residential unit schedule set out in Section 13.24.010 as a guideline.

C. Industrial User Rates.

1. For industrial users that are not significant industrial users and when flow measurement is available, the monthly sewer rate shall be as follows per each ERU for the first ERU:

Effective date of ordinance through December 31, ~~2014~~ 2016:      \$~~44.00~~ 46.00

Effective January 1, ~~2015~~ 2017 and beyond: the rate each year shall be the last year's rate increased by 5% and rounded to the nearest dollar. Where flow measurement is not available, the city will determine the appropriate ERU equivalent, using the equivalent residential unit schedule set out in section 13.24.010 as a guideline.

- D. Overage. Any one-half of an ERU discharged after the first ERU (or the number of ERU's determined appropriate pursuant to BMC Section 13.24.030(C) (2)), shall be charged at the following rates:

Effective date of ordinance through December 31, ~~2014~~ 2016:      \$~~17.00~~ 18.00

Effective January 1, ~~2015~~ 2017 and beyond: the rate each year shall be the last year's rate increased by 5% and rounded to the nearest dollar.

- E. Cost Allocation/Base Fee. For each ERU billed, ~~\$13.50~~ \$13.75 of the Bingen sewer fee shall be allocated to operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant. The

remaining fees shall be allocated to operation and maintenance of the sewer collection system.

**Section 3.** Bingen Municipal Codes which are repealed by this ordinance shall remain in force and effect until the effective date of this ordinance.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGEN**, and effective five (5) days after the first date of posting or publication.

**DATED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

ATTEST:

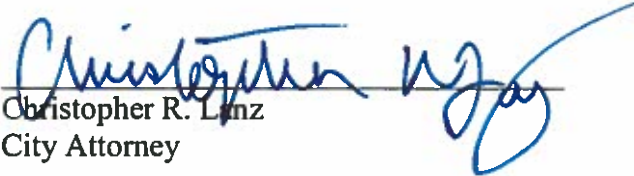


Mayor Betty J. Barnes



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