

ORDINANCE NO. 1729

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, REGARDING AMENDING THE BLMC TITLE 13 TO ACCOUNT FOR THE CITY CHANGING OVER FROM BI-MONTHLY UTILITY BILLS TO MONTHLY UTILITY BILLS; AMENDING CHAPTERS 13.04, 13.12 AND 13.20 OF THE BONNEY LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE (BLMC) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING OVER FROM BI-MONTHLY UTILITY BILLS TO MONTHLY UTILITY BILLS; AMENDING SECTIONS 13.04.080.B, 13.04.100.F.2, 13.12.082, AND 13.20.010.D, CHANGING TO CHARGING CUSTOMER ON A MONTHLY BASIS FOR WATER AVAILABILITY AND CONSUMPTION, CHANGING THE PERIOD OF CHARGES TO BE REIMBURSED FOR A LEAK ADJUSTMENT FROM 120 TO 90 DAYS, CHANGING THE SEWER AVAILABILITY AND VOLUMETRICS TO A MONTHLY CHARGE, AND STATING THAT METERS WILL BE READ MONTHLY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CORRECTIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, currently the City charges Utility Customers for a bi-monthly consumption of bills; and

WHEREAS, these bills can be onerous for customers as they are for a period of 2 months of consumption and therefore some customers find it harder to budget on a bi-monthly basis; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has expressed a desire for the City to move to monthly billing as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, until recently, the City has been unable to convert to a monthly billing cycle due to the inability to obtain monthly meter reads; and

WHEREAS, the Water Department has worked very hard this past year to make it possible to perform monthly reads to facilitate monthly billing; and

WHEREAS, the City is now performing monthly meter reads and therefore is able to implement the City Council's request for monthly billing; and

WHEREAS, in order to convert to monthly billings, the Bonney Lake Municipal Code needs to be updated for consistency with this practice; and

WHEREAS, once approved, the Utilities Department will plan to implement monthly billing in the 2nd quarter of 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsection “B” of Section 13.04.080 of the Bonney Lake Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.04.080 Water bills – Payment and collection.

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B. Billing will be done on a monthly basis for the water availability ~~portion of the charge. Meters will be read bimonthly and water and consumption billed thereafter.~~

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Section 2. Subsection “F.2” of Section 13.04.100 of the Bonney Lake Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.04.100 Water rates.

Effective August 1, 2023, the following rates shall apply:

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F. Leakage – Rate Reduction.

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2. The adjustment shall be two-thirds of that portion of the customer’s water bill determined by calculating the median consumption for the past five years for the same period the leak occurred. The adjustment shall be limited to the period of ~~120~~ ninety (90) days of consumptive use prior to the repair of the leak.

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Section 3. Section 13.12.082 of the Bonney Lake Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.12.082 Sewer charges.

A. Each single-family resident not requiring or using a city-owned grinder pump shall pay the following monthly fees for sewer services, effective on January 1, 2019, as follows:

Charge	January 1, 2024
Sewer availability charge	\$79.09

Charge	January 1, 2024
Volumetric charge per 100 cubic feet (CCF) of monthly water consumption	\$4.92

The volumetric charge shall be capped at 10 CCF per month. Sewer availability charges ~~shall be billed monthly, and~~ volumetric charges for single-family residences shall be billed bimonthly.

B. Each single-family resident using a city-owned grinder pump shall pay the following monthly fees for sewer services:

Charge	January 1, 2024
Sewer availability charge	\$94.90
Volumetric charge per 100 cubic feet (CCF) of monthly water consumption	\$4.92

The volumetric charge shall be capped at 10 CCF per month. Sewer availability charges ~~shall be billed monthly, and~~ volumetric charges for single-family residences shall be billed bimonthly.

C. Discount for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons. Owners of single-family residences who have qualified for real estate property tax exemption through the Pierce County assessor-treasurer's office on the basis of age and/or disability, and who present proof thereof to the appropriate authority of the city, shall qualify and be entitled to a reduced sewer rate as may from time to time be set by the city council and as established as a 20 percent reduction from the sewer availability charge.

D. Sewer Service Charges for Customers Other than Single-Family Residential.

1. Multifamily and duplex customers on a single water meter shall pay the single-family sewer availability charge (no grinder pump) for each unit. The volumetric charge shall be capped at eight CCF per unit per month for multifamily customers.
2. Mobile home park customers shall be charged at the single-family rate. Where multiple mobile home units use one water meter, each unit shall pay the single-family sewer availability charge (no grinder pump). The volumetric charge shall be capped at 10 CCF per unit per month.
3. Nonresidential customers, including commercial, retail, office, recreational vehicle parks, industrial, and churches, shall pay one single-

family sewer availability charge (no grinder pump) per installed water meter. There shall be no volumetric cap for nonresidential customers.

4. Sewer charges for customers other than single-family residential shall be billed monthly.

E. In the event of a water leak, upon following procedures as set forth in BLMC 13.04.100(G), the adjustment to the volumetric portion of the sewer charge shall be two-thirds of that portion of the customer's consumption bill.

Section 4. Subsection "D" of Section 13.20.010 of the Bonney Lake Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.20.010 Utility bills – Payment and collection.

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D. Availability charges will be assessed on a monthly basis. Meters will be read ~~at least bi~~ monthly and water consumption billed thereafter. Charges for utility services shall be due and payable on the fifteenth of the month. A monthly penalty of two percent of the past due balance but not less than \$10.00 shall be charged to all delinquent accounts.

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Section 5. Direction to Clerk. The City Clerk is directed to maintain one copy of this Ordinance and one copy of each of the statutes, regulations, or standards referenced herein on file at the City Clerk's office for use and examination by the public during regular business hours.

Section 6. Implementation. The Mayor is hereby authorized to implement this Ordinance, including adopting such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this legislation and is authorized to prepare documents for the administration and approval of grant funds.

Section 7. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 8. Publication. This Ordinance shall be published by an approved summary consisting of the title.

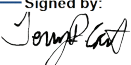
Section 9. Corrections. Upon the approval of the city attorney, the city clerk, and/or the code publisher is authorized to make any necessary technical corrections to this

ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto. Provided, however, that nothing in this section allows the city attorney, the city clerk, and/or the code publisher to change the intent of this Ordinance.

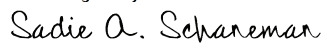
Section 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective five days after publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake and attested by the City Clerk in authentication of such passage on this 18th day of February 2025.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 18th day of February 2025.

Signed by:

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Terry Carter, Mayor

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