

ORDINANCE NO. ____-N

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GARFIELD, WASHINGTON, amending Ordinance No. 238-N, and Garfield Municipal Code §20.04.040, thereby increasing the monthly rate for sewer service within the Town of Garfield.

WHEREAS, the costs of providing municipal sewer service are steadily increasing each year, and the increased costs are largely beyond the control of the Town; and

WHEREAS, operation of the municipal sewer service is financed solely by fees charged to sewer service customers; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that it would be prudent to adopt a mechanism to increase sewer rates on a regular basis to finance the steadily increasing cost of providing sewer service to municipal sewer service customers; and

WHEREAS, the Council has further determined that the increase necessary to maintain operation of the municipal sewer service would be equivalent to a 2% increase each year imposed biannually at the rate of 4% to reduce the Town's administrative costs and confusion typically associated with changing utility rates.

Now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Garfield as follows:

Section 1. Garfield Municipal Code §20.04.040 and those portions of Ordinance No. 238-N which are codified as part of Garfield Municipal Code §20.04.040 are hereby amended to read as follows:

"20.04.040 - Sewer Service Fee. A. Each party receiving sewer service shall be charged, and shall pay, the sum of \$35.00 per month. This fee shall be paid at the same time as the bill for any water which has been supplied to the property by the Town; provided, if no water has been supplied by the Town, but sewer service has been rendered, then this fee shall be paid at the same time as other sewer service patrons are required to pay for sewer service each month.

B. Beginning January 1, 2011, the sewer fee fixed in Subsection A, above, shall increase 4% each biennium. For the purposes of computing the biannual increases, each biannual increase shall be based upon the rate fixed in Subsection A, above, plus any biannual increases applied on and after January 1, 2011 (e.g., the increase for the biennium beginning January 1, 2013, shall be equal to 4% of the combined rate fixed in Subsection A, above, and the 4% increase applied for the biennium beginning January 1, 2011)."

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after it is published in the official newspaper of the Town of Garfield, or January 1, 2009, whichever date is later.

PASSED by the Town Council this ____ day of _____, 2008.

Jarrod Pfaff, Mayor

Attest: _____
Annie Pillers, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Stephen Bishop,
Town Attorney

Passed: _____

Published: _____

Effective date: _____