

ORDINANCE NO. 1129, FOURTH SERIES.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING SEWER RENTAL CHARGES FOR DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE INTO OR THROUGH THE SEWERS OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO; PROVIDING FOR LIENS UPON PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF SUCH CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISCONNECTION OF SEWAGE SERVICE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF SAID CHARGES OR FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1115, FOURTH SERIES, ADOPTED JANUARY 11, 1946.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS. (a) "Sewage" as referred to herein is defined as a combination of the liquid or water carried human waste conducted away from residences, business buildings, and institutions, which is known as domestic sewage, together with the liquid or water carried waste resulting from a manufacturing process employed in industrial establishments, including the washing, cleaning, or drain water from such process, which is known as industrial waste.

(b) "Superintendent" when used herein refers to the Superintendent of the Division of Water.

(c) "City" when used herein refers to the City of Sacramento.

(d) "Premises" when used herein refers to a lot, parcel of land, building or establishment.

SECTION 2: SCREENING REQUIRED. (a) Domestic sewage, consisting essentially of human wastes, may be passed into sewers without screening.

(b) Industrial wastes must be screened through the equivalent of a screen with twenty (20) meshes to the linear inch in both directions, with the allowance that in the event rotary screens are used, openings in screen plates be not over 1/20 inch wide by two (2) inches long.

SECTION 3: SEWAGE CHARGES. There is hereby levied and assessed upon each premises having any sewer connection with the sewerage system of said City or otherwise discharging sewage which ultimately passes through the City sewerage system, a service charge or rental payable as hereinafter provided and in amount determinable as follows:

(a) For premises located within the corporate limits of the City, paying for city water at a flat rate, the charge shall be 25 per cent of the flat rate charge for water.

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- (b) For premises located within the city limits receiving metered city water, the monthly charge shall be 25 per cent of the charge for metered water used.
- (c) For premises located within the city limits not using city water the charge shall be based upon the amount of water used each month on the premises and shall be 25% of the charge for city metered water of like amount.

The amount of water used on the premises shall be determined as follows:

- (1) By the use of a meter installed at the expense of the owner or occupant of the premises and approved by the Superintendent.
- (2) If no meter is used, then by the estimate of the Superintendent, which estimate shall be conclusive.
- (d) Premises using a combination of City water and water obtained from other sources, shall pay according to the total amount of water used.
- (e) (1) In the event a single connection discharges sewage into City sewerage system from outside the corporate limits of the City in excess of one (1) million gallons per month, then the rate shall be \$15.00 per month per million gallons monthly flow.
- (2) In cases where sewage is discharged directly or indirectly into the City sewerage system and the Superintendent finds that it is not practical to attempt to measure such sewage by meter, he shall determine the quantity of such sewage in such manner and by such method as he may find practical in the light of conditions and attendant circumstances of the case. Such determination shall be subject to the decision of the arbitration committee.
- (f) For premises located without the city limits the charge shall be based upon the amount of water used and shall be 50% of the charge for furnishing city water or a like amount of city water to such premises. The amount of water used for the purpose of this subdivision shall be estimated in the same manner as provided herein for premises located within the city limits, subject to the decision of the arbitration committee.

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- (g) For the purpose of arbitration of any matter in controversy, or for the interpretation of the intent of this ordinance for any area outside the corporate limits of the City of Sacramento, an arbitration committee is hereby designated, comprised of the City Engineer of the City of Sacramento, the Superintendent, and the County Engineer of Sacramento County. The decision of this committee as to such arbitration or interpretation shall be binding.
- (h) For places of Worship, as defined in Ordinance No. 555 Fourth Series, there shall be no charge for sewage disposal.
- (i) All lots, lands and premises connecting to the North B Street Trunk Sewer and which are outside the corporate limits of the City and are within the area bounded as follows: On the south by the north City Limits; west by east toe of Sacramento River levee; north by south toe of American River levee; east by center line of 18th Street produced in a northerly direction, shall pay their proportionate share of the construction cost of said North B Street Trunk Sewer. The connection charge shall be \$130.00 per acre and shall be paid in not more than ten annual installments with interest at 5 per cent per annum, providing the area is one acre or larger. For areas less than one acre, charges shall be 4 mills (\$.004) per square foot and the minimum charge shall be \$16.00 and shall be paid before connection is made. This charge shall be in addition to the regular charges set forth in this Ordinance.

The acreage of any area shall include all alleys, streets, roads and rights of way passing through and one half of the area of all such alleys, streets and rights of way abutting on the boundaries of the area.

SECTION 4: STORM WATER, ETC. NOT TO BE DISCHARGED INTO SEWER. For all residences, industrial establishments and institutions located outside the corporate limits of the City, no ground water, surface water, nor storm water will be permitted to be discharged into the City sewerage system.

SECTION 5: WHEN CHARGES DUE. (a) Water users located within the city limits who pay for water according to a flat rate shall pay amounts due herein at the close of each quarter.

(b) Water users located outside of the city limits who pay for water according to a flat rate shall pay the amounts due herein quarterly in advance and these accounts become delinquent 30 days after such advance payment becomes due.

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(c) Where the charges provided for herein are estimated other than on a flat rate the accounts are due and payable at the end of each month and become delinquent 30 days after the due date.

SECTION 6: SEWAGE CHARGE A LIEN; AUTHORITY TO DISCONNECT. Each charge or rental levied by or pursuant to this ordinance on property within the limits of the City is hereby made a lien upon the corresponding premises served by a connection to the City sewerage system. In the event of failure of payment of charges as provided herein for sewage service for property located out of the City Limits, the Superintendent is authorized and directed to disconnect such property from the City sewerage system.

SECTION 7: COLLECTION OF CHARGES; AUTHORITY TO MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS. The charges and rentals levied pursuant to this ordinance shall be collected by the Division of Water. The Superintendent shall make and enforce such regulations as may be necessary for the safe, economical, and efficient management and protection of the City sewerage system, the City sewage pumping, treatment, and disposal works, and such regulations as may be necessary for the regulation, collection, rebating, and refunding of such charges or rentals.

In the event of a violation of any of the laws of the State of California, the ordinances of the City or the rules or regulations so established referring to the discharge of sewage, the Superintendent shall notify the person or persons causing, allowing or committing such violation, in writing, specifying the violation, and upon the failure or such person or persons to cease or prevent further violation within 5 days after the receipt of such notice, the Superintendent shall have authority to disconnect the property served from the City sewerage system.

SECTION 8: REESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE DISCONNECTED. When service has been disconnected as provided in this ordinance, the Superintendent may require that the person or persons requesting that such service be reestablished, furnish a bond in the sum of \$500.00 payable to the City of Sacramento and conditioned upon compliance with the provisions of this ordinance before granting permission to make such connection. The person or persons making application for such reestablishment of service shall pay all expenses incurred and to be incurred by the City in causing such disconnection and reconnection before such permission may be granted.

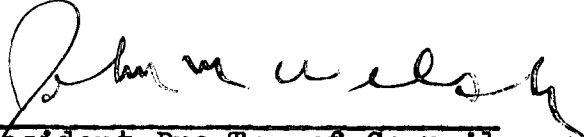
SECTION 9: APPLICATION OF FUNDS. The funds received from the collection of the charges or rentals authorized by this ordinance shall be deposited by the City Collector with the City Treasurer and shall be accounted for and be known as the "Sewer Fund", and when appropriated by the City Council shall be available for the payment of the interest on any or all bonds issued and outstanding or which may be issued for sanitary and sewerage facilities and to retire such bonds when they mature and the payment of the cost and expense of acquisition, construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of the City sewerage system and the sewage pumping, treatment and disposal works and extensions and improvements thereto.

SECTION 10: The charges provided for herein shall be computed from the first day of January, 1946, regardless of the effective date of the ordinance.

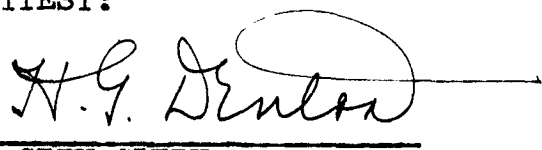
SECTION 11: Ordinance No. 1115, Fourth Series, adopted January 11, 1946 is hereby repealed.

PASSED: March 1, 1946.

EFFECTIVE: March 31, 1946.

  
President Pro-Tem of Council

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK