ORDINANCE O-4952

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND AMENDING SECTION 15.24.070 OF THE KIRKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE SEWER SYSTEM CUSTOMER RATES FOR 2027 AND 2028.

The City Council of the City of Kirkland do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 15.24.070 of the Kirkland Municipal Code, as last amended by Ordinance No. O-4885 §1 (2024), which contains a table that establishes the monthly sewer charge required to be paid to the City by customers of the Kirkland Sewer System, is hereby further amended to read as follows, with new rates shown under each applicable year:

15.24.070 Monthly volume-based sewer rates.

(a) The monthly sewer charge required to be paid to the city by customers of the Kirkland sewer system is established in Table 15.24.070.

(b) Annually, the city will calculate each single-family residential customer's average winter water consumption ("AWWC"). The resulting AWWC will be the basis for such customer's monthly sewer rate for the following calendar year.

(c) The director of public works is authorized to adopt administrative procedures for the purpose of administering the provisions of this chapter, including the procedure for annual calculation of average winter water consumption.

Table 15.24.070 (Effective 2027)

Customer Class	**Rate**
a. Single-family residential	
King County Wastewater charge	$70.65
PLUS	
Kirkland Base ~~basic~~ charge	$22.21 for the first 300 cubic feet of AWWC.
PLUS	
Kirkland Consumption charge	$7.40 per 100 cubic feet of AWWC beyond first 300 cubic feet.
b. Multifamily residential and commercial	
Basic charge	$82.98 for first 600 cubic feet of water consumed.
PLUS	
Kirkland Consumption charge	$13.88 per 100 cubic feet of water consumed beyond first 600 cubic feet.

c. In special cases, single-family residents will be billed according to the following policies:

Special Case	**Sewer Rate Policy**
New homes	Billed only basic charge until use is established.
Changes in property ownership	Billed only basic charge until use is established.
Changes in tenancy	Billed only basic charge until use is established.
Non-water customers	Billed at system average.
Leak adjustments	Billed per adjusted winter volume. City will factor water leak adjustment into calculation for sewer rate

Table 15.24.070 (Effective 2028)

Customer Class	**Rate**
a. Single-family residential	
King County Wastewater charge	$79.66
PLUS	
Kirkland Base ~~basic~~ charge	$24.17 for the first 300 cubic feet of AWWC.
PLUS	
Kirkland Consumption charge	$8.06 per 100 cubic feet of AWWC beyond first 300 cubic feet
b. Multifamily residential and commercial	
Basic charge	$90.32 for first 600 cubic feet of water consumed.
PLUS	
Consumption charge	$15.11 per 100 cubic feet of water consumed beyond first 600 cubic feet.

c. In special cases, single-family residents will be billed according to the following policies:

Special Case	**Sewer Rate Policy**
New homes	Billed only basic charge until use is established.
Changes in property ownership	Billed only basic charge until use is established.
Changes in tenancy	Billed only basic charge until use is established.
Non-water customers	Billed at system average.

Leak adjustments	Billed per adjusted winter volume. City will factor water leak adjustment into calculation for sewer rate

Section 2. *Effective Dates of Rates.*

A. The sewer rates set forth in Ordinance No. O-4885 §1 (2024), which is amended by this ordinance, shall remain in force and effect until the rates set forth in this ordinance go into effect.

B. The 2027 monthly service and consumption rates established in this ordinance for sewer customers billed on the City of Kirkland billing cycles number 3, number 6, and number 8 (whose annual billing cycle is December 1 through November 30) shall go into effect and become the rates to be charged as of December 1, 2026.

C. The 2027 monthly service and consumption rates established in this ordinance for sewer customers billed on the City of Kirkland billing cycles number 2, number 4, and number 5 (whose annual billing cycle is January 1 through December 31) shall go into effect January 1, 2027.

D. The 2028 monthly service and consumption rates established in this ordinance for sewer customers billed on the City of Kirkland billing cycles number 3, number 6, and number 8 (whose annual billing cycle is December 1 through November 30) shall go into effect and become the rates to be charged as of December 1, 2027.

E. The 2028 monthly service and consumption rates established in this ordinance for sewer customers billed on the City of Kirkland billing cycles number 2, number 4, and number 5 (whose annual billing cycle is January 1 through December 31) shall go into effect January 1, 2028.

Section 3. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in force and effect five days from and after its passage by the Kirkland City Council and publication in the summary form attached to the original of this ordinance and by this reference approved by the City Council.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 20th day of October, 2026.

Signed in authentication thereof this 20th day of October, 2026.

Kelli Curtis, Mayor

Attest:

Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk

Publication Date: October 26, 2026

Approved as to Form:

Darcey Eilers, City Attorney

PUBLICATION SUMMARY
OF ORDINANCE NO. O-4952

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SECTION 1. Amends Section 15.24.070 of the Kirkland Municipal Code related to monthly sewer charges.

SECTION 2. Provides an effective date for the rates.

SECTION 3. Provides a severability clause for the ordinance.

SECTION 4. Authorizes publication of the ordinance by summary and establishes the effective date as five days after publication of summary.

The full text of this Ordinance will be mailed without charge to any person upon request made to the City Clerk for the City of Kirkland. The Ordinance was passed by the Kirkland City Council at its meeting on the 20th day of October, 2026.

I certify that the foregoing is a summary of Ordinance O-4952 approved by the Kirkland City Council for summary publication.

Anastasiya Warhol

Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk