

RESOLUTION NO. 1020

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES AND MONTHLY BASE FEES FOR USERS OF THE VENETA MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEM AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 991

WHEREAS, Veneta Municipal Code Chapter 3.25 requires the City of Veneta to impose fees to cover the actual costs required for the City to provide sewer connections and services; and,

WHEREAS, the Veneta City Council recently contracted with FCS Group to conduct a Wastewater Rate Analysis and determined that rate increases are necessary and prudent as the current base rates do not cover the actual current and projected costs of providing these services; and,

WHEREAS, the Veneta City Council has determined that based on the Wastewater Rate Analysis there is a need to update and set standard fees and connection charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Veneta that:

SECTION 1. SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES

The applicant for connection of a building to the public sewer system shall obtain a permit from the City and shall pay the following sewer connection charges prior to the connection of such building to the public sewer.

	<u>Type of Permit</u>	<u>Charge</u>
1.	<u>Residential</u>	
	(a) Single Family Dwelling	\$200.00
	(b) Mobile/Manufactured Home	\$200.00
	(c) Multiple Family Dwelling	\$200.00 per dwelling unit
	(d) Mobile/Manufactured Home Park	\$200.00 per space
2.	<u>Commercial</u>	
	(a) Home Occupation	\$200.00
	(b) Commercial	\$200.00 per connection
	(c) Public	\$200.00 per connection
	(d) Semi-Public	\$200.00 per connection
3.	<u>Industrial</u>	\$200.00 per connection

SECTION 2. SITUATIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGES

A \$200.00 additional charge shall be collected on property within the City which is not abutting a right-of-way or easement with a City sewer line. This \$200.00 additional charge shall also apply to panhandle or flag lots where the portion of the lot where the structure is located has not been fully assessed for sewer improvements or paid the cost of sewer improvements to serve the lot.

The payment of any connection charge does not waive the City's right to assess a benefiting property for the cost of installing a City sewer line in the future.

SECTION 3. SEWER BASE FEES

The following sewer fees shall be billed monthly, on all “active” accounts, to the users of the Veneta municipal (public) sewer system:

	<u>Type of User</u>	<u>Monthly Base Fee</u>
1.	<u>Residential</u>	
	(a) Single-Family Dwelling	\$43.68
	(b) Mobile/Manufactured Home	\$43.68
	(c) Multiple Family Dwelling	\$43.68 per dwelling unit
	(d) Mobile/Manufactured Home Parks	\$43.68 per home
	(e) Churches	\$43.68
		Monthly Sewer Base Fee - 1st 15,000 gallons <u>Water Usage</u>
		Excess Water Use Surcharge based on each additional 10,000 <u>gallons used</u>
2.	<u>Commercial/Industrial **</u>	
	(a) Commercial	\$44.72 per unit
	(b) Home Occupation	\$44.72
	(c) Public	\$44.72
	(d) Semi-Public	\$44.72
	(e) Industrial	\$44.72

** See Exhibit A - Methodology for calculation of the excess water use surcharge.

SECTION 4. ADVANCE SEWER BASE FEE

1. The City charges the sewer base fee one month in advance. For example, the sewer base fee on a bill dated January 31 covers the month of February. Upon the beginning of sewer services the user is billed one full month of the sewer base fee plus a prorated sewer base fee for the month service starts.

2. Upon termination of sewer services the advance sewer base fee will be applied to the closing utility bill. Any remaining balance, after all water and sewer charges have been paid in full, will be refunded.

SECTION 5. DELINQUENT FEES

1. The penalty for payments made after 5:00 p.m. on the 25th (or the nearest work day) of any month can be charged at a rate of 1.50% per month delinquent.

2. Sewer base fees left unpaid by the user become the responsibility of the property owner(s).

SECTION 6. DEFINITIONS

(a) Dwelling Unit - A building or section of a building providing complete independent living facilities, designed for occupancy by one (1) family and including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

(b) Commercial and Industrial Units - A building or section of a building providing separate restroom facilities, including toilets, or separate plumbing fixtures and designed for occupancy by one or more businesses or tenants.

(c) Active Accounts - A sewer account on which the City has not been notified that the Unit (or building) connected to the City's public sewer system is (or has been) vacant. Active accounts include those which are occupied but have had water service shut off.

(d) Service Month - For billing purposes the monthly sewer base fee covers the period beginning with the first (1st) day of the month and ending with the last (30th or 31st) day of the month. The fee is prorated for partial months.

(e) Excess Water Use Surcharge based on each additional 10,000 gallons of water used - A charge, in addition to the base fee, levied in increments when water use reaches one (1) gallon over the first 15,000 gallons and again when water use reaches one (1) gallon over each additional 10,000 gallons.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING CLAUSE

This resolution shall take effect with the utility bills for the period beginning April 1, 2010. Resolution No. 991 is repealed as of that date.

SECTION 8. FEE REVIEW

The City Budget Committee and City Council shall review the sewer fees, revenues and sewer system operation and maintenance expenses annually during the budget process.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Veneta City Council this 8th day of March, 2010.


Sharon Hobart-Hardin, Mayor

ATTEST:


Darci Henneman, City Recorder