



Water Quality Protection  
 Surface Water Management  
 Wastewater Collection & Treatment

Gregory Geist  
 Director

June 25, 2015

Board of Commissioners  
 Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

**BOARD ORDER AMENDING AND ADOPTING RATES AND CHARGES FOR  
TRI-CITY SERVICE DISTRICT**

<b>Purpose/Outcomes</b>	Amend and adopt rates and charges for the Tri-City Service District.
<b>Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact</b>	Changes the Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) monthly charge for wholesale sanitary sewer service within the Tri-City Service District (TCSD) from \$19.00 to \$20.00 per EDU, an additional amount of \$1.20 for the City of Oregon City and for retail sanitary sewer service from \$28.95 to \$30.00 per EDU. The increase will offset the higher operating costs of the new and combined treatment facilities located at the plant as well as the costs associated with the Oregon City Right of Way usage fee.
<b>Funding Source</b>	Ratepayers
<b>Safety Impact</b>	None
<b>Duration</b>	July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016
<b>Previous Board Action</b>	None
<b>Contact Person</b>	Greg Geist, Director – Water Environment Services, 503-742-4560
<b>Contract No.</b>	N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

The attached Order changes the Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) monthly charge for wholesale sanitary sewer service within the Tri-City Service District (TCSD) from \$19.00 to \$20.00 per EDU. The City of Oregon City will be charged an additional amount of \$1.20 per EDU to offset the City's right of way usage fee. The Tri-City Budget Committee recommended these increases and has reviewed the 2015-16 fiscal year budget associated with this increase. The monthly service charge for retail sanitary sewer service will be adjusted from \$28.95 to \$30.00 per EDU.

These changes are effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2015. The Order further requires the District to publish the revised rates and charges in Table 1 of its Rules and Regulations to reflect this change.

The change in charges for monthly sanitary sewer service for TCSD is pursuant to the FY 2015-2016 budget approved by the District's Budget Committee on June 1, 2015, and adopted by the Board on June 25, 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board approve the attached Order adopting monthly service charges for FY 2015-2016 for TCSD at its June 25, 2015, meeting for services rendered on and after July 1, 2015, and direct staff to publish the revised rates and charges in Table 1 of the District's Rules and Regulations to reflect this change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G. Geist, Director". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Greg Geist  
Director

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of an Order Amending  
and Adopting Rates and Charges for  
Tri-City Service District, Clackamas  
County, Oregon



ORDER NO.

This matter came before the Board of County Commissioners of Clackamas County, Oregon ("Board"), acting as the governing body of the Tri-City Service District ("District") in public hearing on June 25th, 2015. The District serves the Cities of Gladstone, Oregon City and West Linn, Oregon (each a "City" and together, "Cities") and a few direct retail customers in the areas near one or more of the Cities.

**FINDINGS:**

The District finds that the District's Rules and Regulations allow for an update of rates and charges by order.

In order to meet the continuing obligations and ensure effective performance of the District, the Board further finds that it is necessary to adopt a wholesale sanitary sewer equivalent dwelling unit ("EDU") charge of \$20.00 per EDU. The City may set such additional amounts for monthly user charges which shall be added to the District's wholesale charge, and the entire amount shall be billed by the City.

In order to meet the continuing obligations and ensure effective performance of the District, the Board further finds that it is necessary to adopt a retail sanitary sewer charge of \$30.00 per EDU.

In order to meet continuing obligations and ensure equity amongst ratepayers and avoid a budget deficit, the Board further finds that it is necessary to adopt a methodology that allows for charges to any municipal customer of the District that levies, charges, taxes or otherwise imposes additional costs on the District relating to the use of public right of way within that municipality in an amount equal to the cost of such levy, charge, tax or other cost plus the maximum statutorily allowed interest rate to be charged for late fees.

The Board further finds that to implement such methodology for Fiscal year 2015-16, the District shall charge the City of Oregon City \$1.20 per EDU served by such City in addition to the \$20.00 wholesale EDU rate, all effective July 1, 2015, pursuant to the District's approved budget.

The Board, having held a hearing, considered testimony, factual supporting materials and the above findings and rate methodology, and being fully advised, it is:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. Effective July 1, 2015, for all services rendered after said date, the District's wholesale sewer service charge shall be \$20.00 per month for each dwelling unit or equivalent dwelling unit as assigned each class of service, which shall be paid by the

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City for each user from the date of connection of such user to the sewerage system. Payment shall be made to the City in which the property is located for subsequent remittance to the District, except for those areas billed directly to the users by the District. The District shall bill for and directly receive the retail charge of \$30.00 for retail customers. The District shall bill the City of Oregon City an additional \$1.20 per EDU pursuant to the adopted rate methodology. The District shall set the sewer service charges for each user based upon Table 1 of the District's Rules and Regulations.

2. District staff is directed to publish the revised rates in Table 1 of the District Rules and Regulations, and elsewhere as appropriate, in accordance with this Order.
3. An executed copy hereof shall be kept on file at Water Environment Services.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2015, after public hearing by the Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, OREGON  
Acting as Governing Body of the  
Tri-City Service District

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Chair

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Recording Secretary