

**CITY OF MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 005/2015**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE,
WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 13.08.270 OF THE
MONROE MUNICIPAL CODE, SEWER CONNECTION
CHARGES, IN ORDER TO CLARIFY WHEN TREATMENT
FACILITY RESERVE CAPACITY CHARGES SHALL BE
ASSESSED, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the City's water code is unclear about when treatment facility reserve capacity charges are imposed and/or modified; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe City Council wishes to encourage the construction of accessory dwelling units to provide additional housing options; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the limited number of accessory dwelling units constructed will have a minimal impact on the amount of capital improvement charges collected.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Sewer Connection Charges Amended. MMC 13.08.270 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

13.08.270 Sewer connection charges. In addition to the permit fee required by the preceding sections, the following connection charges shall be made at the time of application for a permit to connect to the system.

A. Sewer connection installation fees shall be as established by the city council by periodic resolution.

B. Treatment facility reserve capacity charges shall be made at time of application for a new connection to the Monroe sanitary sewer system or at time of application for a building permit or change of use permit when the water usage is expected to increase. No refunds will be given if a change in use or occupancy causes the expected water usage to decrease. Treatment facility reserve capacity charges shall be as established by the city council by periodic resolution.

The amount set by such resolution shall be the amount paid per equivalent residential unit (ERU). Single-family residences shall be charged for one ERU. Multi-family structures shall be charged for one ERU per residential unit. ~~EXCEPTION: 1-BEDROOM OR STUDIO RESIDENTIAL UNITS LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL ZONE, WHICH STRUCTURES ARE MIXED COMMERCIAL AND~~

~~RESIDENTIAL USE, SHALL BE CHARGED .333 PER ERU PER UNIT.] ERUs for non residential new customers shall be based on the size of water meter needed to supply the customer's calculated peak demand:~~

<u>Meter size</u>	<u>ERUs</u>
5/8 x 3/4 inch	1
1 inch	2.5
1 - 1/2 inches	5
2 inches	8
3 inches	16
4 inches	25
6 inches	50
8 inches	80

or expected sewage flows, whichever is greater. When using expected sewage flows, one ERU is defined as having an average annual monthly discharge of one thousand cubic feet. This charge will be determined by the city engineer and any decision may be appealed to the city council for a final determination.

Exceptions:

- 1. One-bedroom or studio residential units located in the downtown commercial zone, which structures are mixed commercial and residential use, shall be charged 0.333 per ERU per unit.**
- 2. Permitted accessory dwelling units (as defined in MMC Title 18) contained within the structure of the primary dwelling unit or detached from the primary dwelling unit shall be exempt from treatment facility reserve capacity charges.**

In no case shall the ERU amount be less than one except as noted above.

Section 2. Severability. 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 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in force and effect five days from and after its passage by the Monroe City Council and publication, as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Monroe, at a regular meeting held this 4th day of April, 2015.

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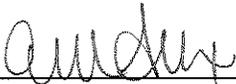


Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk



J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney