

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDONA, ARIZONA, ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE SEDONA CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE, FINANCE, WASTEWATER RATES AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES OR CODE PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, A.R.S. §§ 9-511, 9-511.01, *et seq.*, provides Arizona municipalities authority to adjust wastewater rates; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sedona, after several years of no rate increases, now finds it necessary to increase wastewater rates due to increases in operating costs, repairs and/or upgrades to aging infrastructure and additional regulatory requirements; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive wastewater rate study is planned for fiscal year 2025, and in the interim a 3.6% rate increase is necessary to keep up with inflationary factors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sedona has complied with the requirements of A.R.S. § 9-511.01 to increase wastewater rates and the City Council held a public hearing on the proposed 3.6% wastewater rate increase on August 13, 2024.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDONA, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Adoption

That document made a public record by Resolution 2024-18 and entitled "Exhibit A - Proposed Changes to the Sedona Consolidated Fee Schedule, Finance, Wastewater Rates" is hereby incorporated and approved and changes to the Consolidated Fee Schedule set forth therein will become effective in the October 2024 Wastewater billing cycle.

Section 2: Repeal

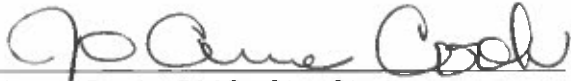
All other code provisions, ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict as of the effective date hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sedona, Arizona, this 13th day of August, 2024.



Scott M. Jablow, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JoAnne Cook, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Kurt W. Christiansen, City Attorney

Exhibit A - Proposed Changes to the Sedona Consolidated Fee Schedule, Finance, Wastewater Rates

FINANCE			
Fee Description	Current Base Fee	Additions, Limits, & Notes	Proposed Changes
Monthly Sewer Subsidy Rate (for low-income residential wastewater customers only)	\$32.17 Flat Rate		
Lien Filing Fee	\$65 (added to the amount of the lien)		No change.
Wastewater Account Set-Up Fee	\$30		No change.
Deposit for Utility Services	\$185		No change.
Wastewater Fee Schedule:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential • Billing Unit = Connection 	\$61.11 per Billing Unit		\$63.31 per Billing Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential (Low Flow, a) • Billing Unit = Connection 	\$47.52 per Billing Unit		\$49.23 per Billing Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADU – Accessory Dwelling Unit • Billing Unit = Dwelling Unit 	\$30.55 per Billing Unit		\$31.65 per Billing Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi Family/Apartments • Billing Unit = Dwelling Unit 	\$39.34 per Billing Unit		\$40.76 per Billing Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential Subsidy • Billing Unit = Connection 	\$32.17 per Billing Unit	For low-income residential wastewater customers only	\$33.33 per Billing Unit

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Fee Description	Current Base Fee	Additions, Limits, & Notes	Proposed Changes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theaters, Libraries, Churches¹ Billing Unit = Seat 	\$0.90 per Billing Unit		\$0.93 per Billing Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car Wash with Recycle¹ Billing Unit = Bay 	\$135.42 per Billing Unit		\$140.30 per Billing Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department, Retail Stores¹ Billing Unit = Restroom 	\$10.22 per Billing Unit		\$10.59 per Billing Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotel, Motel, RV Parks^{1,2} Billing Unit = Room 	\$33.13 per Billing Unit		\$34.32 per Billing Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resort – Cottages, Villas (master meter)¹ Billing Unit = Unit 	\$66.27 per Billing Unit		\$68.66 per Billing Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fitness Center/Beauty Salon¹ Billing Unit = 100 sq. ft. 	\$4.21 per Billing Unit		\$4.36 per Billing Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private Tour Jeep & Rental/Jeep Washing¹ Billing Unit = Vehicle 	\$3.86 per Billing Unit		\$4.00 per Billing Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market Billing Unit = Connection 	\$250.74 per Billing Unit		\$259.77 per Billing Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mortuaries Billing Unit = Connection 	\$396.10 per Billing Unit		\$410.36 per Billing Unit

¹ Subject to the Minimum Commercial Service Charge as shown on the Schedule.

²Fixed rate is for Rooms only. Restaurants on site have separate services charges.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum Commercial Service Charge Billing Unit = Connection 	\$38.29 per Billing Unit		\$39.67 per Billing Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sewer Availability Charge Billing Unit = Parcel 	\$30.55 per Billing Unit		\$31.65 per Billing Unit
Water Usage-Based Rates for Restaurant/Hotel Accounts with Dedicated (unshared) Water Service: ³			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixed Charge Per Account Billing Unit = per Account per Month 	\$38.29 per Billing Unit		\$39.67 per Billing Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restaurant Dischargers with Water Meters Billing Unit = Metered Water (Hgal) 	\$1.19 per Billing Unit		\$1.23 per Billing Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotels & Resorts with Water Meters⁴ Billing Unit = Metered Water (Hgal) 	\$0.79 per Billing Unit		\$0.82 per Billing Unit

³ Wastewater accounts must have dedicated water accounts for water-based billing eligibility. This rate structure is structured with water charges on prior year water use for administrative convenience.

⁴ The water use of Hotels & Resorts includes all metered use on facilities campus including irrigation use.

FINANCE	Fee Description	Current Base Fee	Additions, Limits, & Notes	Proposed Changes
	<p>Septic Tank Pumping and Repair under Cluster System Septic Pumping and Replacement Agreement</p>	<p>Septic Tank Pumping Reimbursement Maximum of \$0.46 per gallon.</p> <p>Reimburse for septic tank replacement or repair up to \$3,000</p>	<p>Reimburse for pump of septic tank based on billing by septic hauler at the rate of \$0.40 per gallon.</p> <p>Reimbursement for pumping shall not include costs related to locating or repair.</p> <p>Reimbursement for repair/replacement shall be limited to \$3,000. Location costs for the septic tank are not reimbursable. Excessive repair costs will be denied.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
	<p>Late Wastewater Monthly Service Charge Penalty</p>	<p>\$3.50 per overdue payment, plus 1% per month on unpaid balance</p>	<p>Per City Code 13.20.050.</p>	<p>No change.</p>