

**CITY OF PACIFIC
WASHINGTON**

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1914

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC, WASHINGTON
INCREASING STORMWATER UTILITY RATES TO BE EFFECTIVE
JANUARY 1, 2016, AMENDING SECTION 24.16.050 OF THE PACIFIC
MUNICIPAL CODE.**

WHEREAS, The City of Pacific operates and maintains a stormwater collection and conveyance system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pacific is now mandated by its Western Washington Phase II Storm Water Permit (issued by the WA Department of Ecology) to implement and demonstrate compliance with 14 Stormwater Program Elements; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to increase its stormwater charges to cover operation and maintenance expenses and future capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed rate increase in this Ordinance was held before City Council on October 26th, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF PACIFIC, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS

Section 1. Pacific Municipal Code Section 24.16.050, is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. For all detached single-family residences and mobile homes (One Equivalent Residential Unit), the monthly Service Charge shall be \$13.25 per month.

B. For all other developed properties, the monthly Service Charge shall be \$16.32 per month for the first Equivalent Residential Unit per account plus the number of additional Equivalent Residential Units determined by the Utility to be contained in such parcel pursuant to Section 3 hereof multiplied by \$5.87 for those properties with approved stormwater facilities or \$16.32 for those properties without approved facilities.

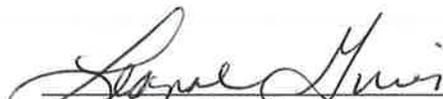
C. Reduced Rates for Low Income Senior Citizens and/or Low Income Disabled Customers. Any full-time occupant responsible for the payment of a monthly stormwater charge shall be granted a 15 percent discount from the otherwise applicable rate if the person is at least 62 years of age, and/or is 18 years of age or older and has been awarded in writing a 50 percent or higher disability rating from any state of Washington and/or federal agency/program, and meets the low-income guidelines as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for taxable household income and has properly filled out an application as required requesting such reduction. Staff is directed to establish and implement a review/re-application process to ensure the integrity of those accounts receiving the discount.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force January 1, 2016.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 23rd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.

APPROVED:


LEANNE GUIER, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


AMY STEVENSON-NESS, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CAROL MORRIS, CITY ATTORNEY

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