



City of Kuna
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
A Hearing to Consider Adopting Resolution No. R02-2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kuna City Council will hold a public hearing to take public testimony concerning a proposed resolution concerning the Sewer System Fees and Policies.

Resolution No. R02-2020 will amend portions of Resolution R83-2017 that sets forth the authority for adopting sewer fees; establishes fees for connecting to sewer system; establishes monthly sewer use fees that are now amended with sewer rate changes for all customers; sets forth minimum line sizes; repeals fees established by earlier resolutions; and sets an effective date.

The public hearing will be held **Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** or as soon as can be heard, in the Council Chambers, Kuna City Hall, 751 W. 4th Street, Kuna, ID.

The public is invited to provide written or oral testimony for Council's consideration. Written testimony (letters) must be submitted to the Kuna City Clerk by **Thursday, January 2, 2020** at 5:00 p.m. to be included in the Council packets for review. Written testimony and documents may be dropped off at City Hall or mailed to P.O. Box 13, Kuna, ID 83634.

All persons wishing to testify must state their name and residential address. No person shall speak until recognized by the Mayor. A three (3) minute time limit will be placed on all testimonies.

Please do not contact anyone who would be involved in the decision-making process, which would include City Council Members, or the Mayor, as such private conversations would be considered ex parte (one sided) and could jeopardize the public hearing process.

If you have any questions or require special accommodation(s), please contact the Kuna City Clerk's Office before the meeting at (208) 922-5546.

Chris Engels
Kuna City Clerk

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**RESOLUTION NO. R02-2020
CITY OF KUNA, IDAHO**

SEWER SYSTEM FEES AND POLICIES

A RESOLUTION AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF RESOLUTION R83-2017 THAT: SETS FORTH THE AUTHORITY FOR ADOPTING SEWER FEES; ESTABLISHES FEES FOR CONNECTING TO SEWER SYSTEM; ESTABLISHES MONTHLY SEWER USE FEES THAT ARE NOW AMENDED WITH SEWER RATE CHANGES FOR ALL CUSTOMERS; SETS FORTH MINIMUM LINE SIZES; REPEALS FEES ESTABLISHED BY EARLIER RESOLUTIONS; AND SETS AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 7-6-3A of the Kuna City Code authorizes the City of Kuna, Idaho to set connection fees by resolution of City Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-6-4A of the Kuna City Code authorizes the City of Kuna, Idaho to set monthly user rates for service by the Wastewater Treatment Facilities, based on the volume and strength of the effluent discharged by the users, and consistent with the benefit derived by the users, by resolution of City Council:

I. SEWER CONNECTION FEES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the fee for connecting to the Wastewater Treatment Facilities shall be determined as follows:

- A. Interceptor Capacity Fee:** Each dwelling unit (single family residence, manufactured home, town home, condominium or apartment), or any other user prorated based upon volume and strength when compared to an equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) as defined in Kuna City Code, to be connected to the Wastewater Treatment Facilities, shall be assessed one thousand three hundred twenty-nine dollars and zero cents dollars (\$1,329.00) per EDU at the time of connection for the capital costs of providing oversized mains, and interceptor and trunk lines to convey the wastewater flow generated by each unit.

- B. Treatment Capacity Fee:** Each dwelling unit (single family residence, manufactured home, town home, condominium or apartment), or any other user prorated based upon volume and strength when compared to an EDU as defined in Kuna City Code, to be connected to the Wastewater Treatment Facilities shall be assessed four thousand three hundred and twenty-six dollars (\$4,326.00) per EDU at the time of connection for the capital costs of providing treatment capacity to treat the biochemical oxygen demand and total suspended solids generated by each unit. In instances where a developer or property owner has prepaid this fee as a condition of development, and the treatment plant to which the proposed connection and prepayment applies is the same, then the prepaid fee shall suffice for full or partial credit for payment of the Treatment Capacity Fee defined herein and as provided in City Resolution R10-2010.

- C. Industrial/Commercial Connection:** Each commercial or industrial facility to be connected to the publicly owned treatment works shall be assessed interceptor capacity

and treatment capacity fees based on user equivalents established by adopted policies, and in instances not addressed by established policies, computed as follows, based on peak usage at full capacity and prorated compared to a typical residence:

The peak usage shall be determined from the usage of the proposed facility at full capacity based on flows obtained from IDAPA 58.01.03.007.08 in the chart titled WASTEWATER FLOWS FROM VARIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS IN GALLONS PER DAY. Waste Strength shall be obtained from the chart in Section II.B of this resolution by averaging the high and low extremes of the applicable Category. For uses not specifically addressed in the aforementioned charts, it shall be the responsibility of the City Engineer to equitably estimate peak usage at design capacity for the connecting facility.

- D. Previous Connections:** In instances where an improvement on a property has previously been connected to the sewer system and complied with the connection fee(s) in force at the time of connection, the above fees do not apply. If, however, the connection involves an increase in number of dwelling units or an increase in demand on the system, then the connection is subject to these fees for the increase only. For existing connections proposing to increase levels of discharge, a fee proportional to the increase of quantities, when compared to an EDU as defined in Kuna City Code, shall be assessed. For existing commercial and industrial users, the existing level of usage is generally the discharge defined by connection fees previously paid at the time they were paid. In the absence of a record of connection fees previously paid, the existing level of usage derived from the existing facility at full capacity, or the discharges defined in a "discharge permit" or "user agreement" existing at the promulgation of this act may be utilized.

II. SEWER USER CHARGES

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the monthly use fee for sewer service provided by the Wastewater Treatment Facilities to each user connected to the system within the City Limits shall include a Monthly Use Fee based upon volume and strength of discharge as follows:

- A. Monthly Use Fee:** Sewer Use Fees shall be thirty-five dollars and zero cents (\$35.00) for the first four thousand (4,000) gallons, an additional three dollars and zero cents (\$3.00) up to six thousand (6,000) gallons, an additional four dollars and zero cents (\$4.00) up to eight thousand (8,000) gallons, and an additional five dollars and zero cents (\$5.00) per one thousand gallons (1,000) above eight thousand gallons. user equivalent. Metered water usage for City residents, where the head of house is over sixty-five (65) years of age, resides at the residence and has completed an application with the City, shall be billed at a rate of twenty-six dollars and sixty-six cents (\$26.66) for the first four thousand (4,000) gallons, an additional three dollars and zero cents (\$3.00) up to six thousand (6,000) gallons, an additional four dollars and zero cents (\$4.00) up to eight thousand (8,000) gallons, and an additional five dollars and zero cents (\$5.00) per one thousand gallons (1,000) above eight thousand gallons. Commercial metered usage for users with $\frac{3}{4}$ " service lines shall be billed a base amount of thirty-five dollars and zero cents (\$35.00) for the first one thousand (1,000) gallons and an additional five dollars and zero cents (\$5.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons after. Commercial metered usage for users with

2” service lines shall be billed a base amount of two hundred forty-eight dollars and eighty-nine cents (\$248.89) for the first one thousand (1,000) gallons and an additional five dollars and zero cents (\$5.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons after.

B. Waste Strength: The Kuna City Code defines user equivalent in terms of flow and waste strength as follows:

Flow	190 gallons/day
BOD	350 mg/liter
COD	750 mg/liter
TSS	285 mg/liter

The City has adopted by Resolution R55-2019a methodology of calculating EDUs, which shall be relied on in establishing user equivalents for each discharger as provided in Kuna City Code.

1. Purpose: The waste strength may be used at the discretion of the City Engineer to compute the user equivalent for each user for the purpose of assessing connection and monthly use fees.

III. NEW CONSTRUCTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in connection with new development, the minimum sewer main size is a nominal diameter of eight (8) inches. When, in conformance with the needs of the City Sewer System, a larger line is requested of the developer than this nominal diameter, and the larger line is beyond the developer's flow needs, the developer may be reimbursed in conformance with adopted City reimbursement policies.

IV. OTHER CHARGES

A. Connection Fees (Outside City Limits)- Any customer outside the corporate limits of the City requesting sewer service, who is legally able to annex to the City, must do so as a condition to connect to the City sewer system except as approved by resolution of City Council. Any customer outside City corporate limits requesting sewer service, who is not legally able to annex, cannot connect without explicit Council approval, which approval is solely at the option of City Council.

B. Damage Repair Costs- Damages to Sewer Department facilities by other utilities, excavators or others will be repaired using City approved contractors, procedures and specifications. All direct and indirect costs incurred by the City to perform, oversee, monitor and/or inspect the repair will be billed to the party causing the damage.

C. Short Notice Line Location Charges - The City of Kuna, as required by law, participates in the Dig Line system. Forty-eight (48) hours notification is required prior to excavation by any party. Exceptions will be allowed for line locations during times of individual hazard or public emergency.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sewer connection fees, as presented in this resolution and as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, shall be in effect upon passage of this resolution, that Sewer User Charges shall be in effect beginning with the February 1, 2020 billing cycle, and all fees that are in conflict with the new fees as established by earlier resolution(s) are hereby repealed.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL of the City of Kuna, this 7th day of January, 2020.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR of the City of Kuna, this 7th day of January, 2020.

Joe L. Stear, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chris Engels, City Clerk

**EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION R02-2020
CITY OF KUNA
SEWER SYSTEM FEES
EFFECTIVE January 7, 2020**

Note: Sewer User Charges effective beginning with the February 1, 2020 billing cycle.

Residential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly Base Rate: \$35.00 (Usage up to 4,000 gallons) ○ 1st Tier (4,001-6,000 gals): \$3.00 per 1,000 gals ○ 2nd Tier (6,001-8,000 gals): \$4.00 per 1,000 gals ○ 3rd Tier (>8,000 gals): \$5.00 per 1,000 gals
Senior Residential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly Base Rate: \$26.66 (average winter water usage up to 4,000 gallons) ○ 1st Tier (4,001-6,000 gals): \$3.00 per 1,000 gals ○ 2nd Tier (6,001-8,000 gals): \$4.00 per 1,000 gals ○ 3rd Tier (>8,000 gals): \$5.00 per 1,000 gals
¾” Commercial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly Base Rate: \$35.00 (Usage up to 1,000 gallons) ○ 1st Tier (>1,000 gals): \$5.00 per 1,000 gals
2” Commercial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly Base Rate: \$248.89 (Usage up to 1,000 gallons) ○ 1st Tier (>1,000 gals): \$5.00 per 1,000 gals