



KLICKITAT COUNTY

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



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May 16, 2023

Dallesport Wastewater System Customers

RE: 2023 Dallesport Sewer Rate and Connection Charges

Klickitat County Public Works, in accordance with Sections 3.3 and 5.4 of Klickitat County Resolution 21702 adopted October 14, 2002 and amendment 07005 dated April 5, 2005, is hereby notifying you of monthly rate increase, connection fee increases and a new grinder pump policy.

On May 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM Klickitat County held a public meeting in Dallesport at the Dallesport Community Center to receive public comments for or against the proposed rate increases and new grinder pump policy. On May 9, 2023 at 1:30 PM A second public hearing was held in the BOCC Chambers to receive public comment. The County received a large number of comments related to the proposed changes. The vast majority of the comments were in support of proposed the rate increases and new grinder pump policy. The County only received one comment from a Dallesport resident not supporting the rate increases.

The Dallesport Wastewater system is over 20 years old and will need some large capital upgrades in the next ten years. Due to all county costs increasing, the County can no longer subsidize the Dallesport Wastewater System. Dallesport Wastewater System must become self-sustaining. Therefore, to bring the Dallesport Wastewater System in line with the other wastewater systems in the County, a \$12.23 monthly increase per ERU has been proposed and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. In addition, the County will stop providing grinder pumps. The existing grinder pumps will be given to the customers with the understanding the customers will be responsible for all maintenance and replacement of grinder pumps. The increased rates and new grinder pump policy was adopted on May 16, 2023 per Amendment No. 3, to Klickitat County Resolution # 21702.

The Dallesport Wastewater System revenue and expenses will be revaluated next year. A determination will be made if the rates need to be increased and if so by how much. Public Works will propose the rate to the Board of County Commissioners and hearings will be held before a decision is made on next year's rates. This process will be conducted every year before the rates are set for the year.

The following rates and charges are in effect beginning June 1, 2023.

Monthly Sewer Rate	\$61.16
Connection Charge	\$4,383.50
Application Fee	\$25.00

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (509) 773-4616. Please do not contact Klickitat County PUD for questions related to the rate increases or the new grinder pump policy.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey S Hunter
Public Works Director

Cc: Klickitat Public Utility District No. 1