



Dear Utility Customer,

This year marks the beginning of a three-year utility rate adjustment as passed by the Burlington City Council on November 8, 2007, Ordinances 1640 and 1641. The City has increased the rates for Sanitary Sewer Service and Drainage Utility, effective January 1, 2008. The increase in the Sanitary Sewer Service rate marks the first increase since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000 and is the first rate increase for the Drainage Utility since it was implemented on April 1, 1997. These increases are much needed in order to help pay for the increases in operations and maintenance costs of the overall wastewater system and will be instrumental in accomplishing our long term goals, including the restoration work on Gages Slough. In addition, the fee increase for the Drainage Utility will allow the City to meet federal Clean Water Act requirements, and the requirements of the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit, which implements the federal National Pollution Discharge Elimination System; additional information on this permit and federal requirements may be found at your local public library, or on the state department of ecology’s website at: [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/index.html).

The Drainage Utility rates are as follows:

Single Family RESIDENTIAL base rate per month			Multi-Family Residential and COMMERCIAL base rate & rate per additional 2,400 sq ft per month		
2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
\$ 4.22	\$ 5.06	\$ 6.07	\$ 4.22	\$ 5.06	\$ 6.07

Beginning in 2011, the fee will be adjusted based upon 80% of the U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index. The Commercial Drainage Utility rate will be a minimum of the “base rate” per month; however, will be calculated based upon the square footage of impervious surface. All commercial calculations are done by the Engineering department at (360)755-9715. Please note that the Drainage Utility is limited to properties located *inside City limits only*.

The Sanitary Sewer rates are based upon water consumption as supplied to us by Skagit County PUD #1. The rates listed are **per month** rates; however, the City sends out a bill every two months. If you have any significant changes in usage, i.e. occupancy, water leak, vacancy etc., please notify the City Utility Department @ (360)755-0531 as these changes may affect your bi-monthly bill.

The Sanitary Sewer Service rates are as follows:

<b>INSIDE CITY</b>	<b>Residential &amp; Comm Low Strength</b>			<b>OUTSIDE CITY</b>	<b>Residential &amp; Comm Low Strength</b>		
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
First 500 c/f	\$ 28.81	\$ 29.67	\$ 30.56	First 500 c/f	\$ 36.01	\$ 37.09	\$ 38.20
Ea. Add'l 100 c/f	\$ 4.11	\$ 4.23	\$ 4.36	Ea. Add'l 100 c/f	\$ 5.14	\$ 5.29	\$ 5.45
	<b>Commercial Medium Strength</b>				<b>Commercial Medium Strength</b>		
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
First 500 c/f	\$ 40.98	\$ 42.21	\$ 43.48	First 500 c/f	\$ 51.23	\$ 52.77	\$ 54.35
Ea. Add'l 100 c/f	\$ 6.55	\$ 6.75	\$ 6.95	Ea. Add'l 100 c/f	\$ 8.20	\$ 8.44	\$ 8.69
	<b>Commercial High Strength</b>				<b>Commercial High Strength</b>		
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
First 500 c/f	\$ 52.73	\$ 54.31	\$ 55.94	First 500 c/f	\$ 65.91	\$ 67.89	\$ 69.93
Ea. Add'l 100 c/f	\$ 8.89	\$ 9.16	\$ 9.43	Ea. Add'l 100 c/f	\$ 11.11	\$ 11.45	\$ 11.79

The City of Burlington is excited to announce that we are currently working on changing your bill format from the small Postcards to a Letter format that has been frequently requested by several customers. In the effort to minimize waste, our projected mailing date for the new Letter billing format is July of this year. Please call (360)755-0531 if you have any questions or concerns in this time of transition.

Sincerely,

City of Burlington Staff