

*See Ord 1129
re-accepted*

ORDINANCE NO. 1115, FOURTH SERIES.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING SEWER RENTAL CHARGES FOR DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE INTO OR THROUGH THE SEWERS OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO; PROVIDING FOR LIENS UPON PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF SUCH CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISCONNECTION OF SEWAGE SERVICE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF SAID CHARGES OR FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1: SEWAGE DEFINED. "Sewage" as referred to herein is defined as a combination of the liquid or water carried human waste conducted away from residences, business buildings, and institutions, which is known as domestic sewage, together with the liquid or water carried waste resulting from a manufacturing process employed in industrial establishments, including the washing, cleaning, or drain water from such process, which is known as industrial waste.

SECTION 2: SCREENING REQUIRED. (a) Domestic sewage, consisting essentially of human wastes, may be passed into sewers without screening.

(b) Industrial wastes must be screened through the equivalent of a screen with twenty (20) meshes to the linear inch in both directions, with the allowance that in the event rotary screens are used, openings in screen plates be not over 1/20 inch wide by two (2) inches long.

SECTION 3: SEWAGE CHARGES. There is hereby levied and assessed upon each lot, parcel of land, building or premises having any sewer connection with the sewerage system of said City or otherwise discharging sewage which ultimately passes through City of Sacramento sewerage system, a service charge or rental payable as hereinafter provided and in amount determinable as follows:

- (a) For the area located within the corporate limits of the City, the charge shall be 25 per cent of the flat rate charge for water, where such flat rates are in force.
- (b) For those establishments receiving metered water, the charge shall be based upon the quantity of water used and shall be 25 per cent of such charge.
- (c) For such establishments who are not users of City water and are securing water from other sources, and the water used therein

is not measured by City water meter or meter acceptable to the Superintendent of the Division of Water, then in each case, the amount of water so used shall be otherwise measured or determined by the Superintendent of Water in order to determine the sewer charge or rental provided for in this ordinance. The owner or other interested party, at his expense, may install and maintain a meter acceptable to the Superintendent of the Division of Water for said purpose. The charge shall be 25 per cent of the standard City charge for metered water.

- (d) In the event an establishment uses a combination of City water and water obtained from other sources, then the charge shall be based upon the total amount of water used as provided for in sub-paragraph (b) and (c).
- (e) In the event of a single connection discharging sewage into City sewerage system from outside the corporate limits of the City in excess of one (1) million gallons per month, then the rate shall be as follows: For flow over one (1) million gallons per month \$15.00 per million gallons.
- (f) For all residences, industrial establishments and institutions located outside the corporate limits of the City, the charges shall be based upon the provisions of this ordinance provided for similar establishments in the City Limits, except that the rate shall be 50 per cent of the charges for such water, except as provided for in Section (e) above.
- (g) In cases where sewage is discharged directly or indirectly into the City sewerage system and the Superintendent of the Division of Water finds that it is not practical to attempt to measure such sewage by meter, he shall determine the quantity of such sewage in such manner and by such method as he may find practical in the light of conditions and attendant circumstances of the case in order to determine the sewage charge or rental according to rates provided for in this ordinance.
- (h) The sewer service charge, as provided in this ordinance, shall be payable quarterly, except that where water is metered or estimated, the charge shall be payable monthly, and for flat rate charges outside the corporate limits of the City, the charge shall be paid in advance.
- (j) For the purpose of arbitration of any matter

in controversy, or for the interpretation of the intent of this ordinance for any area outside the corporate limits of the City of Sacramento, an arbitration committee is hereby designated, comprised of the City Engineer of the City of Sacramento, the Superintendent or Chief Engineer of the Division of Water and Sewers of the City of Sacramento, and the County Engineer of Sacramento County. The decision of this committee as to such arbitration or interpretation shall be binding.

- (j) For places of Worship, as defined in Ordinance No. 555 Fourth Series, there shall be no charge for sewage disposal.
- (k) All lots, lands and premises connecting the North B Street Trunk Sewer and which are outside the corporate limits of the City and are within the area bounded as follows: On the south by the north City limits (north line of North B Street); west by east toe of Sacramento River levee; north by south toe of American River levee; east by center line of 18th Street in a northerly direction, shall pay their proportionate share of the construction cost of said North B Street Trunk Sewer. The connection charge shall be \$150.00 per acre and shall be paid in not more than ten annual installments with interest at 5 per cent per annum, providing the area is one acre or larger. For areas less than one acre, charges shall be 4 mills (\$.004) per square foot and the minimum charge shall be \$16.00 and shall be paid before connection is made. This charge shall be in addition to the regular charges set forth in this Ordinance.

The acreage of any area shall include all alleys, streets, roads and/or rights of way passing through and one half of the area of all such alleys, streets and/or rights of way abutting on the boundaries of the area.

SECTION 4: STORM WATER, ETC. NOT TO BE DISCHARGED INTO SEWER. For all residences, industrial establishments and institutions located outside the corporate limits of the City, no ground water, surface water, nor storm water will be permitted to be discharged into the City sewerage system.

SECTION 5: CHARGES PAYABLE WHEN. All accounts are payable and due at the close of each quarter for water users whose rates are based on a flat rate, except those outside the corporate limits of the City, in which case payment must be made quarterly in advance, and the account becomes delinquent 30 days after such advance payment is due. For those whose charges are based on the meter rates, the accounts are due and payable at the end of each month and become delinquent in 30 days.

SECTION 6: SEWAGE CHARGE A LIEN; AUTHORITY TO DISCONNECT. Each charge or rental levied by or pursuant to this ordinance on property within the limits of the City of Sacramento is hereby made a lien upon the corresponding lot, land or premises served by a connection to the City of Sacramento sewerage system. In the event of failure of payment of charges as provided herein for sewage service for property located out of the Sacramento City Limits, the Superintendent of Water is authorized and directed to disconnect such property from the City sewerage system.

SECTION 7: COLLECTION OF CHARGES; AUTHORITY TO MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS. The charges and/or rentals levied pursuant to this ordinance shall be collected by the Division of Water. The Superintendent of said Division shall make and enforce such regulations as may be necessary for the safe, economical, and efficient management and protection of the Sacramento City sewerage system, the Sacramento City sewage pumping, treatment and disposal works, and such regulations as may be necessary for the regulation, collection, rebating, and refunding of such charges or rentals.

In the event of a violation of any of the laws of the State of California, the ordinances of the City of Sacramento or the rules or regulations so established referring to the discharge of sewage, the Superintendent shall notify the person or persons causing, allowing or committing such violation, in writing, specifying the violation, and upon the failure of such person or persons to cease or prevent further violation within 5 days after the receipt of such notice, the Superintendent shall have authority to disconnect the property served from the Sacramento sewerage system.

SECTION 8: APPLICATION OF FUNDS. The funds received from the collection of the charges or rentals authorized by this ordinance shall be deposited by the City Collector with the City Treasurer and shall be accounted for and be known as the "Sewer Fund", and when appropriated by the City Council shall be available for the payment of the interest on any or all bonds issued and outstanding or which may be issued for sanitary and sewerage facilities and to retire such bonds when they mature and the payment of the cost and expense of management, maintenance, and repair of the City sewerage system and the sewage pumping, treatment and disposal works and extensions and improvements thereto.

SECTION 9: REESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE DISCONNECTED. When service has been disconnected as provided in this ordinance, the Superintendent may require that the person or persons requesting that such service be reestablished, furnish a bond in the sum of \$500.00 payable to the City of Sacramento and conditioned upon compliance with the provisions of this ordinance before granting permission to make such connection. The person or persons making application for such reestablishment of service shall pay all expenses incurred by the City of Sacramento in causing such disconnection before such permission may be granted.

SECTION 10: The charges provided for herein shall

be computed from the first day of January, 1946,
regardless of the effective date of the ordinance.

PASSED: January 11, 1946

EFFECTIVE: February 10, 1946

George L. Lumpkin
MAYOR.

ATTEST:

F. G. Denton

CITY CLERK.