

## **-NOTICE-**

### **To all commercial customers of the Sewer District:**

The monthly sewer service charge for each commercial account of the Sewer District is adjusted at the beginning of each year's billing cycle based upon the prior year's water usage. Water usage data is obtained from the East Wenatchee Water District at the end of each calendar year for the prior twelve months, and this data is used to adjust each account's bills for the following year.

The method used is as follows: Each account's prior year's water usage, as obtained from meter readings, is divided by the equivalent usage of one single-family residence which is defined as 10,800 cubic feet of water. The result gives the number of Equivalent Residential Units (ERU's) of water use for each account. Each account is then billed the sewer service rate per ERU that is in effect during that billing period (currently \$40.50 per month), times the number of ERU's as determined by the prior year's water usage. If the prior year's water usage is equal to, or less than, 10,800 cu. ft. (one ERU) the account will be billed the minimum service charge, which is one ERU times the sewer service rate. The billing total does not change during the calendar year unless the Board of Sewer Commissioners changes the sewer service rate applied to all accounts, both residential and commercial.

As an example, a commercial account that used a total of 27,000 cubic feet of water in 2018 had water usage equivalent to 2.5 single-family homes ( $27,000/10,800$  equals 2.5 ERU's). This account consisting of 2.5 ERU's, would be billed a total of \$202.50 for the two month period, (2.5 ERU's times \$40.50 per month per ERU equals \$101.25 for January, and \$101.25 for February).

If you should have any questions, please contact the District Office at 692 Eastmont Avenue, East Wenatchee, Washington (509) 884-2484.