ORDINANCE NO. 16-3881

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 15-3843 AND FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 15-3843 last amended the City's stormwater management utility rates in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City operates a utility for the provision of stormwater management services and has set rates and fees to fund the costs of these services; and

WHEREAS, the City has a continued need to adjust rates in consideration of the City's long term plan to bring rates into balance with expenditures and escalating costs of doing business;

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Ordinance No. 15-3843 and any other ordinance or part of ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 13.10.110 of the Kelso Municipal Code, the rates to be charged for use of the storm drainage system effective January 1st of the listed year below shall be as follows:

System of Charges: The following monthly service charges are hereby established for all parcels of real property within the boundaries of the City of Kelso as they now exist or as they may be hereafter established for the purpose of carrying on the responsibilities of the stormwater management utility:

A. Undeveloped Parcels: Undeveloped parcels shall not be charged. For the purposes of this ordinance, an undeveloped parcel is defined as a parcel that has native vegetation, including second-growth forests, and undisturbed native soils that existed prior to Euro-American settlement.

B. Single-Family Parcels: The monthly service charge for each single-family parcel shall hereafter be referred to as the "base rate." For the purposes of this ordinance, a single-family parcel is defined as a residential parcel with only one residential building that is either a single-family home or a duplex or a triplex. Alternatively, the residential parcel could contain two single-family homes.

<u>C. Other Developed Parcels:</u> The monthly service charge for Other Developed Parcels shall be determined by multiplying the parcel's impervious area by the parcel's rate found below in the parcel rate schedule table. The parcel's impervious tier is determined by dividing the parcel's total measured impervious surface area by the parcel's total area.

Table: Parcel Rate Schedule

Impervious Tiers for Other Developed Parcels (Per Gross Acre)

Tiers are based on % of impervious area in the parcel

	2017	2018	2019
Very light 0% to 9%	\$ 4.57	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.89
Moderately light – 10% to 24%	\$ 12.02	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.88
Light – 25% to 39%	\$ 20.91	\$ 21.75	\$ 22.40
Moderate - 40% to 54%	\$ 29.91	\$ 31.11	\$ 32.04
Moderately heavy - 55% to 69%	\$ 38.80	\$ 40.35	\$ 41.57
Heavy - 70% to 84%	\$ 49.31	\$ 51.28	\$ 52.82
Very heavy – 85% to 100%	\$ 62.86	\$ 65.37	\$ 67.33
Minimum Charge (base rate):	\$ 9.55	\$ 9.93	\$ 10.23

Minimum Charge: Notwithstanding the amount of impervious surface area applicable to any individual parcel, the minimum parcel rate for all "Other Developed Parcels" shall be equal to the base rate.

<u>D. Senior Citizens:</u> Senior citizens shall be exempt from the stormwater management utility fee provided they apply and qualify for such a reduction per RCW 74.38.070.

For purposes of implementing this section, "low-income senior citizen" shall mean a person who is sixty-one (61) years of age or older and whose total income, including that of his/her spouse or co-tenant, does not exceed the amount specified in RCW 84.36.381(5), as it now exists or is hereafter amended. Further, for purposes of implementing this section, the definitions of "combined disposable income," "disposable income," and "co-tenant" shall be as defined in RCW 84.36.383(5), (6), and (7), as they now exist or are hereafter amended.

E. Capital Recovery Fees – Stormwater Connections:

Base Equivalent Service Charge

2017 2018 2019 \$ 217.00 \$ 267.00 \$ 329.00

SECTION 3. The rates established herein shall take effect on the parcel owner's first full billing cycle after January 1, 2017.

SECTION 4. Payment of Stormwater Management Utility fees and Capital Recovery fees shall be the responsibility of the parcel owner. Non-payment of these fees can result in a lien against the parcel or discontinuation of water service.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2017 upon its passage and publication of summary as required by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council and SIGNED by the Mayor this _/5 day of November , 2016.

MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATION:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITYATTORNEY

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