

1 Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
2 Requested by: County Executive/Public Works and Utilities
3 Department - Environmental Services Division
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File No. 160

6 ORDINANCE NO. 2008-89
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9 **An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Pierce County Code**
10 **(PCC) 13.13.085, "Rates and Charges," by Establishing New**
11 **Rates and Charges for the Availability and Furnishing of**
12 **Sanitary Sewer Service; and Setting an Effective Date.**
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14 **Whereas**, Pierce County has full authority to establish, alter, regulate and control
15 rates and charges it imposes for the availability of sanitary sewer service pursuant to
16 Chapter 36.94 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW); and
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18 **Whereas**, since 2008 when the County last updated rates and charges for
19 providing sewer service, the costs associated with operating the County's sanitary
20 sewer system have increased significantly due to the escalation in the cost of labor, fuel
21 and materials. The trend of cost escalation has continued steadily and has
22 necessitated a review and modification of rates and charges the County imposes on the
23 customers to address cost increases and to fund the replacement of essential
24 equipment; and
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26 **Whereas**, the County deems it necessary to revise the rates and charges it
27 imposes for the availability and furnishing of sanitary sewer services in order to fairly,
28 effectively and efficiently operate its sanitary sewer system; and
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30 **Whereas**, the County desires to restrict the increase in its sanitary sewer rate
31 revenues to 5%, approximating the change in the Consumer Price Index for 2008; and
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33 **Whereas**, the passage of this Ordinance is in the best interest of the County and
34 its citizens; **Now Therefore**,

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36 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**
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38 Section 1. Section 13.13.085 of the Pierce County Code entitled "Rates and
39 Charges" is amended as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached and incorporated
40 herein by this reference.
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1 Section 2. This Ordinance, implementing the new rates contained in Exhibit A,
2 shall become effective January 1, 2009.

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4 **PASSED** this _____ day of _____, 2008.

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6 ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

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11 **Denise D. Johnson**
12 Clerk of the Council

Terry Lee
Council Chair

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John W. Ladenburg
Pierce County Executive
Approved _____ Vetoed _____, this
18 _____ day of _____,
19 2008.

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22 Date of Publication of
23 Notice of Public Hearing: _____

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25 Effective Date of Ordinance: _____

