**ORDINANCE NO. 648**

**An Ordinance of the Town of South Cle Elum, Washington, relating to Town Utilities, amending Chapters 13.05 and 13.10 if the South Cle Elum Municipal Code.**

**WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that sewer rates need to be increased and it is within the authority of the Town to protect health, safety and welfare of the citizens of South Cle Elum, and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH CLE ELUM:**

**Section 1.** Section 13.05.230 and Section 13.10.580 of the South Cle Elum Municipal Code shall be amended as set out in **Attachment A.**

**Section 2.** Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Town Council declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance irrespective of the fact that another portion be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

**Section 3.** Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 4.** Corrections. The Town Clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction or scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any reference thereto.

**Section 5.** Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective on the later of April 1st, 2024 or 5 days from and after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Town Council and approved by the Mayor of the Town of South Cle Elum, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof this 2nd day of April 2024.

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 James DeVere, Mayor

ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Luanne Osiadacz, Town Clerk Jeff Slothower, Town Attorney

**ATTACHMENT A**

**13.10.580 Public Sewer Charges**

The Town Council may at any time alter sewer rates and charges as set forth in this section. Changes shall be made by amendment in the manner provided by law; provided, however, that the following monthly rates shall be increased annually beginning April 1st ~~2024~~ 2025 by three percent each year and such increases shall be made without Town Council action. The monthly rates and charges effective April 1st ~~2023~~ 2024 for public sewer service inside the corporate limits of the Town of South Cle Elum shall be upon the following monthly schedule:

 **Type of Service Base Charge**

 Residences $ ~~46.94~~ 49.29

 Cabins, apartments, cabooses $ ~~46.94~~ 49.29 per each

 General stores and offices with private facilities $ ~~46.94~~ 49.29

 Churches and Halls $ ~~61.60~~ 64.68

 Barber, beauty shops, groceries, meat markets,

 drugstores with foundation and similar facilities $ ~~61.60~~ 64.68

 Commercial and self-service laundries $ ~~61.60~~ 64.68

 Taverns, cafes, theaters, depots $ ~~61.60~~ 64.68

 Garages or service stations $ ~~61.60~~ 64.68

 Fruit warehousing and processing plants $ ~~61.60~~ 64.68

 Schools – Per student and operating $ 0.~~106~~ 111 per person

 Commercial office buildings – approx. 75 personnel $ 0.~~106~~ 111 per person

In the case of sewer service to customers outside the corporate limits of the Town of South Cle Elum, those customers shall be charged the same rate as those customers receiving equivalent services inside the corporate limits of the Town of South Cle Elum.