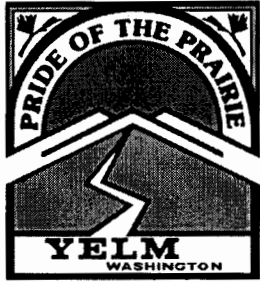


# City of Yelm



## STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor Ron Harding  
Yelm City Council

From: Stephanie Ray, Project Manager

Date: November 23, 2009 (for December 8th City Council Meeting)

Subj: Sewer Code Rates

### Recommendation

To adopt Ordinance 915 and to authorize Mayor Harding to sign the ordinance establishing sewer rates at the 2009 levels and eliminating consumer deposits.

### Background

The City Council last updated sewer rates in 2004. Since 2004 sewer rates have been increasing at a rate of 2.9%. It was expected that the Sewer System Plan would be updated by the end of 2009 and would have included a rate study upon which future rates would be based.

The sewer plan has not yet been updated and therefore an updated financial analysis and rate study has not been conducted. It is reasonable to keep the existing sewer rates at the 2009 levels anticipating that staff will bring forward a recommended sewer rate increase in 2010 prior to the completion of the Sewer System Plan in order to maintain current levels of operation, maintenance, and debt service.

### Current Situation

Staff has prepared an Ordinance that establishes sewer rates at the 2009 levels for the Council's consideration.