



Lakehaven

UTILITY DISTRICT

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King County Metro Wastewater Customers

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# Who is affected?

- Lakehaven collects sewage from 870 residential sewer customers for treatment by King County's Wastewater Treatment Division

# Metro Rates Higher than LUD

- Effective January 1, 2009, King County increased treatment charge to Lakehaven per customer is \$31.90 per month
- New Metro customers will pay an additional \$47.64/month in connection charges (proposed increase to \$49.07 in 2010)
- Average Lakehaven wastewater bill to residential customers is \$24.73 per month
- Costs for these customers in excess of billings are borne by other Lakehaven customers

# Estimated 2009 Financial Impact

	<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>Per Customer</b>	<b>Per Month</b>
<b>Customer Charges</b>	<b>\$258,138</b>	<b>\$297</b>	<b>\$24.73</b>
<b>King County Charges</b>	<b>-\$333,036</b>	<b>-383</b>	<b>-\$31.90</b>
<b>Collection Costs (*)</b>	<b>-\$65,662</b>	<b>-\$75</b>	<b>-\$6.29</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>-\$140,560</b>	<b>-\$161</b>	<b>-\$13.46</b>

\* = *Collection Costs are estimated at 18.9% of total wastewater costs.*

# Planned Rate Increases to Eliminate Shortfall

- Effective July 1, 2009, Lakehaven customers within Metro Service Area will be charged
  - Additional \$3.00/month base charge
  - Additional \$0.52/ccf usage charge
- This is an average increase of \$6.64/month
- Additional rate increases planned January 2010 to make collections = costs

# Comparative Rates

- **Auburn**
  - \$42.92/month (includes \$31.90/month for customers in Metro service area)
- **Kent**
  - \$44.89/month (includes \$31.90/month for customers in Metro service area)
- **Tacoma**
  - \$57.96/month
- **Renton**
  - \$72.81/month
- **Tukwila**
  - \$43.54/month (includes \$31.90/month for customers in Metro service area)
- **Lakehaven (effective 7/1/2009)**
  - \$31.37/month

# Option

- Customers in affected service area can petition King County to have sewage treated by Lakehaven.

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## History of King County Charges and Lakehaven Average Bills

<b>Year</b>	<b>King County</b>	<b>Lakehaven</b>
1994	\$15.90/mo	\$14.15/mo
1995	\$17.95	\$17.62
1996	\$19.10	\$17.62
1997	\$19.10	\$17.62
1998	\$19.10	\$19.11
1999	\$19.10	\$20.04
2000	\$19.50	\$21.65
2001	\$19.75	\$21.65
2002	\$23.40	\$21.65
2003	\$23.40	\$21.65
2004	\$23.40	\$21.65
2005	\$25.60	\$21.65
2006	\$25.60	\$21.65
2007	\$27.95	\$21.65
2008	\$27.95	\$22.91