

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: 2013 Water and Sewer Utility System Rate & Fee Increases

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Per Mason County Resolution #146-08, all water and sewer rates, fees, charges, etc. at the Mason County owned and operated Rustlewood, Beards Cove and North Bay/Case Inlet water and sewer systems will increase by 2.9% beginning January 1, 2013.

As directed by Resolution #146-08, this increase corresponds to the April 2012 consumer price increase (CPI-U) for the Bremerton area for the one year period ending in April 2012. This increase applies to all charges associated with the referenced water and sewer utility systems, including monthly service rates, connection charges, permit fees, etc.

This increase is to cover the annual cost increase experienced by the County in operating and maintaining the referenced water and sewer utility systems.

The increase offsets inflation costs for the referenced period.

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