

## **PRESS RELEASE**—December 12, 2008

The City of Canby will start mailing bills for a new street maintenance fee and sewer charges to owners of residential and business property on December 30. Payment will be due by January 10. The street maintenance fee will cover the entire month of December. December will be a transition month for sewer charges. Canby Utility will bill part of the month, and the City will bill the balance.

Apart from the addition of the street maintenance fee, the biggest change in this process will be who gets billed. The City will bill owners, not occupants, of property. Residential customers who occupy their own homes will represent the largest percentage of the bills. Owners of residential rental property and commercial rental property may be receiving bills for the first time.

Canby Utility has been billing the City's sewer charges for many years, along with its own electricity and water charges. December will be the last month that Canby Utility bills sewer charges for the City. Electricity and water charges will continue to be billed by Canby Utility.

The new street maintenance fee was authorized by the City Council on January 16, 2008, when it passed Ordinance 1262, "Street Maintenance Program." The City was authorized by this ordinance to implement the street maintenance fee on or after July 1, 2008. The monthly fee will be \$5.00 for single family residences, \$3.34 per unit for multi-family residences, \$2.09 per unit for senior housing and manufactured homes in parks, and \$1.04 per unit for attached senior housing and congregate care facilities.

Each non-residential, developed property in the City has been assigned to a category of use according to the land use type listed in sub-section C of Ordinance 1262. Fees are based on monthly trips generated by the property. The minimum monthly charge for non-residential properties will be \$5.00.

Detailed information regarding the Street Maintenance Fee and Ordinance 1262 can be found on the City's website at [www.ci.canby.or.us](http://www.ci.canby.or.us).

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