



## CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

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### **Sewer Rate Surcharge On Hold**

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, January 7, 2010 –A temporary surcharge on Winslow Area sewer rates approved by the City Council last month has been placed on hold by the Council and Administration. The temporary surcharge was considered in order to cover the cost of upgrades at the Winslow Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The City originally budgeted to cover the cost of upgrades with long term debt bonds, but those bonds have been on hold since a citizen group filed suit last spring. City Council members and staff have been working to develop a settlement agreement for several months and report that they are hopeful that these negotiations will allow the City to take the next step in the bonding process and make the surcharge unnecessary.

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