

**CHAPTER 29**  
**Sanitary Sewer Use and Wastewater Treatment**  
**(Cr. #40-87)(Am. #19-89)(Am. #17-92)**  
**(Repealed and replaced #1-18)**

**29.12 Sewer Service Charges and Fees**  
**(section title amended #1-18)**

- (a) **Imposition of Sewer Service Charges.** A Sewer Service Charge is imposed upon each User for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, operation, maintenance, repair, and depreciation of the sewerage System, and for the payment of all or part of the principal and interest of any indebtedness incurred for those purposes, including the replacement of funds advanced by or paid from the City's general fund.
- (b) **Metered and Unmetered Users.** Users may be metered or unmetered. The Volumetric Charge, defined below, for metered Users shall be determined on the basis of actual water usage. The volumetric charge for unmetered Users shall be determined on the basis of 30,000 gallons of water usage per quarter, regardless of the actual usage (Unmetered Quarterly Flat Charge). Users shall be metered or unmetered only upon determination by the Water Utility or Department of Public Works.
- (c) **Sewer Service Charge Components.** The total Sewer Service Charge to Users shall be composed of the following components:
- (1) **Fixed Charge.** A fixed amount, independent of volume of Wastewater, included in each sewer bill to cover administrative costs and the costs of treating Wastewater that is not attributable to individual Users, such as Infiltration of Groundwater. The Fixed Charge is not billed to Unmetered Users.
  - (2) **Volumetric Charge.** An amount determined by multiplying the volume of water usage during the billing period by the applicable Rate. The Volumetric Charge for Unmetered Users shall be determined by multiplying the applicable Rate by 30,000 gallons per quarter, regardless of actual volume.
  - (3) **Strength Surcharge.** An additional Volumetric Charge imposed when the strength of the Wastewater Discharged exceeds the limits of the User Class on which the User's Volumetric Charge had been calculated.
- (d) **User Classes.** Users shall be categorized into classes. Class 1 and Class 2 Users are differentiated according to the strength of the Wastewater Discharged, and Inside or Outside Users are differentiated by their locations. Users shall be reclassified where sampling, testing or other reliable means show that the strength of the Wastewater Discharged has fallen within other class parameters, or that the

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User is no longer Inside or Outside the City limits. Certain Users may be deemed to be Inside Users regardless of their location, by act of the Common Council.

- (1) **Class 1 Inside.** A Class 1 Inside User is a User located inside the corporate limits of the City that Discharges Wastewater with less than or equal to 235 mg/l of BOD, 340 mg/l of Suspended Solids, 8 mg/l of Phosphorus, and 30 mg/l of TKN.
  - (2) **Class 1 Outside.** A Class 1 Outside User is a User located outside the corporate limits of the City that Discharges Wastewater with less than or equal to 235 mg/l of BOD, 340 mg/l of Suspended Solids, 8 mg/l of Phosphorus, and 30 mg/l of TKN.
  - (3) **Class 2 Inside.** A Class 2 Inside User is a User located inside the corporate limits of the City that Discharges Wastewater with greater than 235 mg/l of BOD, 340 mg/l of Suspended Solids, 8 mg/l of Phosphorus, and 30 mg/l of TKN.
  - (4) **Class 2 Outside.** A Class 2 Outside User is a User located outside the corporate limits of the City that Discharges Wastewater with greater than 235 mg/l of BOD, 340 mg/l of Suspended Solids, 8 mg/l of Phosphorus, and 30 mg/l of TKN.
  - (5) **Hauled Waste Disposers.** A Hauled Waste Disposer is a User that Discharges Chemical Toilet, Holding Tank, or Septic Tank Waste to the System.
- (e) **Setting Rates and Charges.** Rates for determination of Volumetric Charges, Fixed Charges, and Strength Surcharges shall be set for each User Class. Rates, Fixed Charges, and Strength Surcharges shall be proposed by the Board of Public Works to the Common Council, and set by the Common Council. A Fee Schedule, containing the Rates, Fixed Charges, and Strength Surcharges shall be published by the Department of Public Works, and all charge calculations shall be based on the Rates shown on the then-current Fee Schedule. The Fee Schedule shall be reviewed at least every two years, and amended as necessary to reflect costs and to comply with applicable State and federal laws. Volumetric Rates shall be per every one thousand gallons of Wastewater Discharged by the User. The volume of flow used for calculating Class 2 surcharges shall be the metered water consumption, the volume of Wastewater measured at a Sample Point, the truck volume, or any combination of these measurements. Class 2 and Hauled

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Waste rates shall include additional surcharges for BOD, Suspended Solids, TKN and Phosphorus in excess of Class 1 thresholds. Laboratory analyses from the previous calendar year shall be used to calculate a User's Class 2 rates for the current year, except under special circumstances approved by the Control Authority. Hauled Waste rates shall be based on a series of laboratory analyses from which an average strength is calculated for each Waste type. Outside rates shall include an additional debt service charge in addition to that charged to Inside Users.

- (f) **Fees to Permitted Users.** The following fees are imposed on Permitted Users. The fees shall be proposed by the Board of Public Works to the Common Council, and approved by the Common Council. The fees shall be as shown in the Fee Schedule published by the Department. The fees shall be reviewed at least every two years, and amended as necessary to reflect costs and to comply with applicable State and federal laws.
- (1) Hauled Waste Disposers shall pay an annual fee for each registered vehicle.
  - (2) Zero-Discharge Industrial Users shall pay an annual Permit fee.
  - (3) Each Categorical Sample Point shall be assessed an annual fee.
  - (4) Each Sample Point governed by a local limit shall be assessed an annual fee.
  - (5) Where a Discharge Monitoring point is governed by both Categorical and local limits, the higher of the two fees will be assessed, but not both.
  - (6) Each Permitted User subject to compliance sampling by the Control Authority shall pay applicable fees for each sample collected. For each compliance sampling event, the Control Authority shall charge the permittee a compliance sampling and analytical fee. A list of sampling fees shall be provided to the affected Users annually.

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