

WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND SEWER RATES

• Sewer Insurance Fund and Charges •

Sec. 62-242. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Private sewer connection includes the connection from the public sewer to the foundation wall of the structure located on private property.

Public sewer means that sewer owned and maintained by the city for the collection of sanitary sewer effluent.

(Code 1985, § 50.116; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995)

Sec. 62-243. Purpose, assessment, utilization.

(a) The sum of \$1.50 per month shall be added as sewer insurance charges for all single-family residential use sewer customers within the corporate limits of the city. (This program does not include commercial, industrial, or bulk water customers.) All of the sums of money so collected shall be deposited in a separate fund of the city's wastewater utility, entitled "Sewer Insurance Fund."

(b) All funds collected under section 62-246 shall also be deposited into this fund.

(c) All of the sums of money so collected shall be used solely to repair or replace failing private sewer connections, and for administrative and inspection costs associated with this program, including material, labor and equipment for sewer lateral repairs or inspection.

(Code 1985, § 50.115; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995; Ord. No. 4546, 12-4-2000; Ord. No. 5162, § 1, 6-16-2008)

Sec. 62-244. Application of funds.

(a) Funds collected under this division shall be used for:

(1) The payment of all costs in excess of \$250.00 which the city engineer declares to be directly attributable to the repair of a private sewer connection.

(2) All costs associated with the removal or replacement of public streets, curbs, and sidewalks.

(b) Funds collected under this division shall not be used for:

(1) The payment of any costs associated with the removal or replacement of any shrubbery, plants, lawns, sprinkler systems, or other landscaping features on public or private property; any expenses incurred in tunneling under or replacing any surface improvements, such as bituminous or concrete driveways, patios, gas grills, utility lines, foundations, manholes and connections, and any other surface or subsurface improvements found on public or private property.

(2) All costs associated with the removal of a tree located in public right-of-way or on private property, if determined to be the cause of the private sewer connection problem.

(Code 1985, § 50.117; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995)

Sec. 62-245. Limitation of funds.

(a) All costs associated with those items included in section 62-244(b)(1) shall not be insured under this division.

(b) Manholes, connections, sampling equipment, meter pits and the like required to be placed at the owner's expense to permit monitoring in accordance with ordinance or state or federal pretreatment statutes shall not be insured under this division.

(c) Lift stations, sewage grinder pumps, force mains, drop connections, casings bored under streets, private sewer connections affixed to bridges or structures, and river crossings shall not be insured under this division.

(Code 1985, § 50.118; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995)

Sec. 62-246. Charges to private sewer owner; payment.

(a) The owner of property on which the private sewer connection is located shall be responsible to pay the city engineer the first \$250.00 of cost incurred for all work as allowed under section 62-

244.

(b) Payment from the property owner shall be due to the sewer insurance fund prior to the initiation of any work.

(c) In cases of hardship or extreme emergency, the property owner may file an affidavit of hardship for review by the city engineer. If approved, payment will be due the city within 180 days of the date of invoice issued by the city engineer.

(Code 1985, § 50.119; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995)

Sec. 62-247. Responsibility of private sewer owner.

(a) All private sewer connections under public or private property shall remain the full and sole responsibility of the private owner with regard to reaming, cleaning, and any other related maintenance required for their normal operation. All costs for cleaning shall be the owner's responsibility.

(b) All private sewer lines which lie behind foundation walls or building lines and all private sewer lines which may run between foundations or buildings, shall remain the sole responsibility of the private sewer owner.

(Code 1985, § 50.120; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995)

Sec. 62-248. Application for utilization of funds; compliance with codes.

(a) Any private property owner who wishes to file a claim under this division shall:

(1) File a claim on the appropriate application form with the city engineer requesting an inspection of the private sewer connection to determine the need for repair or replacement;

(2) Sign a release furnished by the city engineer authorizing right of entry onto the affected private property for purposes of making repairs, and acknowledging the respective responsibilities of the city and the private owner in this matter; and

(3) Execute a payment agreement furnished by the city engineer, as approved by the board of public works and safety.

(b) All work performed on repair or replacement of a private sewer connection shall be in accordance with the provisions of article IV of chapter 101 and the miscellaneous standards as approved by the board of public works and safety.

(c) All reaming, cleaning, or rotorooter work used to determine the location of a break or obstruction in a private sewer connection shall be performed by a licensed plumber or a professional sewer cleaning firm.

(d) No claim for the repair of a private sewer connection will be honored unless the repair order has been authorized by the city and approved by the city engineer or his designated representative. The city will select a licensed, bonded sewer contractor for performance of private sewer connection repairs. The city engineer will be responsible for reviewing all unit charges for material and labor for each project prior to approval for payment.

(e) The city may elect to perform a video inspection of the building sewer lateral to determine the locations and extent of the blockage. If the structural integrity of the building sewer is determined to be acceptable, the cost for video inspection may be invoiced to property owner who shall clean the line in accordance with section 62-247.

(f) The city may elect to hire a sewer cleaning firm to attempt to verify the location and nature of the problem. If this firm is able to clean the sewer lateral with a blade and provide a one-year guarantee to the property owner, this cost will be the responsibility of the property owner.

(Code 1985, § 50.121; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995)

Sec. 62-249. Use of funds prohibited when account is delinquent.

The insurance for repair or replacement shall not be in force on any account if the charge for insurance is delinquent for more than 30 days when the application is filed.

(Code 1985, § 50.122; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995)

Sec. 62-250. Financial statement and report required.

(a) The controller shall submit to the board of public works and safety and common council a financial statement of the affairs of this fund on a monthly basis, which statement shall show the receipts for the year, as well as all expenditures.

(b) In addition to the monthly report, the city engineer shall file an annual repair list with the board of public works and safety and common council, detailing the following:

- (1) Name of property owner and location of sewer insurance repair (designated by the common address of the property); and
- (2) Name of contractor who performed the sewer repair; and
- (3) The amount of sewer repair with comments concerning the nature of repair.
(Code 1985, § 50.123; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995)
Secs. 62-251--62-278. Reserved.
Sec. 62-218. Connection fees.

(a) The connection fees set out herein shall be over and above any or all costs or charges for the extension or construction of a sanitary sewer or making the physical connection from the lot to the sewer. If the fees have not been paid as required, the fees shall be collectable in the manner provided by appropriate law.

(b) In the event that a sewer connection is made from any lot, parcel of real estate, or building where there has been no previous direct assessment on the lot, parcel of real estate, or building for the sewer, then a connection fee shall be paid by the owner thereof to the city engineer at time of application, and there shall be a lien against the lot, parcel of real estate, or building until paid.

(c) If a direct assessment on the lot or parcel of real estate has been paid to the city for sanitary sewer main construction, then the connection charge portion of the connection fee may be waived.

(d) Where a property owner desires to connect to the city's wastewater system, the sum of the following fees shall apply and be the connection rate (these apply to taps, not sewer extensions):

(1) *Sewer collection system fee (retained by city).*

a. The greater of:

- 1. \$248.00 minimum; or
- 2. Area.

(i) First 10,000 square feet: \$3.75 per 100 square feet;

(ii) Remainder: \$1.00 per 100 square feet; or

3. Frontage: \$3.75 per linear feet PLUS

b. \$0.40 per estimated gallon per day usage.

Single-family residences are estimated at 315 gallons per day. Estimated daily flows contributed to the sewer collection system from the proposed connection shall be based upon those uses shown in Table No. 6 of the state board of health bulletin S.E. 13 dated 1988 or its successor. If an establishment is not included in the table, the estimated wastewater flows shall be determined by the city engineer, based upon water usage data from similar facilities and input from the developer.

(2) *Treatment plant capacity fee (retained by POTW).* The treatment plant capacity fee is \$0.59 per estimated gallon per day usage. (Single-family residences are estimated at 315 gallons per day. Estimated daily flows contributed to the wastewater treatment plant from the proposed connection shall be based upon these uses as shown in Table No. 6 of the state board of health bulletin S.E. 13 dated 1988 or its successor. If an establishment is not included in the table, the estimated wastewater flows shall be determined by the city engineer, based upon water usage data from similar facilities and input from the developer.)

(3) *Connection fee (retained by city).*

a. \$234.00 for standard six-inch sewer connection;

b. Large connections shall be calculated based on the ratio of the area of the connection to the area of a six-inch connection in accordance with following schedule:

TABLE INSET:

8-inch	=	\$416.00
10-inch	=	650.00
12-inch	=	936.00

(e) For residential buildings consisting of four or fewer dwelling units per building, located within the corporate limits of the city.

- (1) The sewer collection system fee in subsection (d) of this section shall be limited to \$200.00 for each sewer connection, so long as said residential buildings were constructed prior to March 1, 1996. Said fee limit shall expire within one year of the availability of a sewer connection to said dwelling unit.
- (2) The treatment plant capacity fee in subsection (d) of this section shall be waived, so long as said residential buildings were constructed prior to March 1, 1996. Said waiver of fee shall expire within one year of the availability of a sewer connection to said dwelling unit.
- (3) The standard six-inch connection fee in subsection (d) of this section shall be waived. (Code 1985, § 50.100; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995; Ord. No. 4072, 7-15-1996; Ord. No. 4112, 11-18-1997; Ord. No. 4857, § 1(50.100), 7-6-2004)

Sec. 62-219. Permit and inspection fees.

- (a) Administration and inspection charge for single tap.
 - (1) Tap without accessories, \$50.00 per connection.
 - a. Administration (city), \$15.00.
 - b. Inspection (POTW), \$35.00.
 - (2) Tap with accessories (grease trap, sand interceptor, manhole, etc.), \$85.00 per connection.
 - a. Administration (city), \$15.00.
 - b. Inspection (POTW), \$70.00.
- (b) For all sanitary sewer construction, a construction inspection fee of \$0.25 per linear foot shall be paid to the city engineering department at the time of permit application for deposit in the wastewater department of the city utilities.
- (c) All newly constructed sanitary sewers eight inches or larger shall be video inspected by the city sewer maintenance department or its authorized agent. Fees for video inspection shall be paid to the city engineering department at the time of permit application for deposit in the wastewater department of the city utilities in accordance with the following schedule:
 - (1) 1,000 linear foot minimum . . . \$550.00
 - (2) 1,000 linear foot and greater, per linear foot . . . 0.55
 Projects or services performed for governmental units may be exempt from these fees. (Code 1985, § 50.101; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995; Ord. No. 4072, 7-15-1996; Ord. No. 4857, § 1(50.101), 7-6-2004)

Sec. 62-220. Private sewage treatment or disposal system construction application.

- (a) A private sewage treatment system (septic system) shall not be permitted on any property within 300 linear feet of a sanitary sewer (section 62-47). If such a system is constructed beyond 300 feet from a sanitary sewer, a construction application shall be obtained from the city engineering department (section 62-71). At the time the application is filed, an administration fee shall be paid. These fees shall be over and above any or all costs for inspection and installation.
- (b) Fees.
 - (1) Residential . . . \$25.00
 - (2) Commercial/industrial . . . 50.00
 (Code 1985, § 50.102; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995; Ord. No. 4857, § 1(50.102), 7-6-2004)

Sec. 62-221. Industrial wastewater discharge permit fees (POTW).

- (a) Prior to connecting to or discharging to the POTW, all users discharging industrial waste shall apply for a wastewater discharge permit. Wastewater discharge permits must be renewed every five years. Any industry so required to obtain a wastewater discharge permit shall pay a wastewater discharge permit fee as shown in the table below every five years to the city wastewater utility. This fee includes all annual permit reviews, site inspections and industrial user self-monitoring report reviews. Industries which are required to monitor more than one point of discharge to the city's sewer system shall pay a discharge monitoring fee as shown in the table below for each additional point of discharge per five-year period.

TABLE INSET:

	Prior to 7/1/2006	7/1/2006 and Thereafter
Five-year wastewater discharge permit fee	\$600.00	\$738.00
Five-year wastewater discharge monitoring fee	450.00	553.50

(b) The following industrial wastewater discharge permit fees are in addition to the rates and charges set forth in division 6 of this article and shall be paid by all wastewater discharge permit holders in accordance with the following average monthly flow table:

TABLE INSET:

	Charges Per 100 Cubic Feet of Flow	
	Prior to 7/1/2006	7/1/2006 and Thereafter
First 80,000 cubic feet	\$0.2424	\$0.2982
Next 120,000 cubic feet	0.1814	0.2231
Next 200,000 cubic feet	0.1218	0.1498
Over 400,000 cubic feet	0.0610	0.0750

(Code 1985, § 50.103; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995; Ord. No. 4072, 7-15-1996; Ord. No. 4857, § 1(50.103), 7-6-2004)

Sec. 62-222. Industrial wastewater discharge fees; nonpermit holders.

Any industrial or commercial user not required to obtain a discharge permit pursuant to section 62-221 who has an average flow of more than 1,000 gallons, or approximately 134 cubic feet per day flow (usage) shall be charged in accordance with the following schedule:

TABLE INSET:

	Charges Per 100 Cubic Feet of Flow	
	Prior to 7/1/2006	7/1/2006 and Thereafter
First 80,000 cubic feet	\$0.1218	\$0.1498
Next 120,000 cubic feet	0.0920	0.1132
Next 200,000 cubic feet	0.0610	0.0750
Over 400,000 cubic feet	0.0311	0.0383

These fees are in addition to the rates and charges set forth in division 6 of this article.

(Code 1985, § 50.104; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995; Ord. No. 4072, 7-15-1996; Ord. No. 4857, § 1(50.104), 7-6-2004)

Sec. 62-223. Hauled liquid waste charges (POTW).

In order to discharge any domestic hauled liquid wastes to the POTW, a hauler shall obtain an annual permit for each vehicle from POTW at a fee of \$120.00 per calendar year. Domestic hauled liquid waste and septic waste discharged to the POTW shall be governed by policies and procedures established by the authority and subject to a charge per discharge, based on the full capacity of the septic hauling vehicle, of \$59.00 per 1,000 gallons, or \$0.059 per gallon subject to standard rates plus any and all appropriate surcharges.

(Code 1985, § 50.105; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995; Ord. No. 4857, § 1(50.105), 7-6-2004)

Sec. 62-224. Groundwater remediation sewage treatment surcharges (POTW).

The authority, upon recommendation of the superintendent, may authorize the discharge of contaminated groundwater in accordance with the following pretreatment schedule of charges. In addition to all applicable connection fees:

(1) The treatment charge for treating the sewage discharged from authorized groundwater remediation connections shall be as set forth in sections 62-181 through 62-197.

(2) The pretreatment charge for authorized groundwater remediation connections shall be:

a. As set forth in section 62-222, where a pretreatment permit is not required.

b. As set forth in section 62-221, where a pretreatment permit is required.

(Code 1985, § 50.106; Ord. No. 4007, 12-18-1995; Ord. No. 4072, 7-15-1996)

Secs. 62-225--62-241. Reserved.