

SECTION 6.

SEWER USER CHARGE SYSTEM

6.01 DEFINITIONS.

The following terms shall have the following meanings under this Ordinance:

- (a) DEBT SERVICE CHARGES shall include all costs associated with repayment of debts incurred for the construction and/or rehabilitation of the wastewater system.
- (b) RESIDENTIAL EQUIVALENT UNIT (REU) is a billing unit for allocating user charges which is equivalent to 250 gallons per day of flow excluding inflow/infiltration. For the purpose of allocating user charges, each residence, apartment, condominium, duplex unit, trailer, or commercial establishment shall be assigned a minimum of one REU. Where actual or estimated flow is greater than 250 gal/day, fractional units are assigned by dividing the flow by 250 gal/day. Flows for commercial or industrial establishments shall be estimated using Table 12 of DCOMM 83.15 of the Wisconsin Plumbing Code.
- (c) NORMAL DOMESTIC STRENGTH WASTEWATER shall mean wastewater with concentrations less than 275 mg/L BOD, 275 mg/L suspended solids, 8 mg/L phosphorus, and 50 mg/L TKN.
- (d) NORMAL USER shall be a user whose contributions to the wastewater treatment facility consist only of normal domestic-strength waste originating from a house, apartment, condominium, or other living quarters occupied by a person or persons constituting a distinct household, business or commercial enterprise.

- (e) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS shall include all costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the sewer system and those treatment charges to the District by the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District and O&M charges. These costs, including costs associated with extraneous (clear water) flows, shall be divided among the various sewer users.
- (f) REPLACEMENT COSTS shall include all costs associated with establishing a fund to accumulate the necessary resources to replace equipment as required to maintain capacity and performance during the design life of the sewer system.
- (g) SEWER SERVICE CHARGE is a service charge levied on users of the sewer system and treatment facilities for payment of debt service costs and operation and maintenance costs, including replacement of said sewer system.

6.02 POLICY.

It shall be the policy of the Commissioners to obtain sufficient revenues to pay the costs of the operation and maintenance of the sewerage facilities, including a replacement fund (i.e. a cash account to be used for future expenditures for obtaining or installing equipment, accessories or appurtenances which are necessary to maintain the capacity and performance of the sewer system during the service life for which such facilities were designed and constructed), through a system of sewer service charges as defined in this Section. The system shall assure that each user of the sewerage facilities pays a proportionate share of the cost of such facilities.

6.03 REASSIGNMENT OF SEWER USERS.

The District will reassign sewer users into appropriate Sewer Service Charge categories if wastewater sampling programs and other related information indicate a change of categories is necessary.

6.04 USER CHARGE METHODOLOGY.

All O, M & R costs and a portion of the debt service costs will be recovered through a charge per REU. The annual costs of operation and maintenance, debt service costs, liability insurance, equipment replacement fund, attorney/engineering fees, electrical power costs, administration, and any other sewer related costs shall be totaled and divided by the number of REUs connected to the sewer system at the time. A portion of the debt service costs shall also be paid by standby charges to vacant parcels. The District will review the User Charge System annually and make adjustments as necessary to reflect actual budgets and actual revenues. Customers shall be notified annually of any revisions to the user charges.

6.05 USER CHARGE RATES

User Charge rates shall be set forth by Appendix "B", as may be revised from time to time, attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Commissioners shall provide the initial estimates of REU's, water volumes, costs, etc., to calculate the first (1st) year's user usage.

6.06 CONNECTION CHARGE

A portion of the debt service cost for the original (1999) construction of the Sanitary District wastewater facilities for treatment of Sanitary District wastewater by the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage Treatment Facility was paid for by a connection charge per REU. The original connection charge applied to those sewer system users which existed at the time of construction. Future user, including future subdivision of lots paying the original connection charge, shall pay a connection charge as set forth by Appendix "A", as may be revised from time to time. The connection charge must be paid in full prior to connection to the sewer system.

6.07 ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY

The Sanitary District may at any time establish specific connection charges for any main not covered by any other provisions in this Ordinance. It is further provided that the Sanitary District may amend or alter any connection charge after its establishment under the terms of this Ordinance or previous ordinance or resolution.