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Sanitary Sewage Charges**

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CROSS REFERENCES

- Sewerage rate - see Ohio R.C. 729.49, 729.52
- Management and control of sewerage system - see Ohio R.C. 729.50
- Weekly deposit of sewer rentals collected - see Ohio R.C. 729.52
- Water regulations and rates - see S. & P.S. Ch. 911
- Tap charges - see S. & P.S. 913.12
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As used in this chapter:

- (a) "BOD" (biochemical oxygen demand) means the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter, under standard laboratory procedure, in five days at twenty degree Centigrade, expressed in parts per million by weight.
- (b) "Normal domestic sewage" means sewage which, when analyzed, shows by weight a daily average of not more than 250 parts per million of suspended solids and not more than 350 parts per million of BOD.

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(c) "Operation and maintenance costs" means the costs incurred in the act of keeping all facilities for collecting, pumping, treating and disposing of sewage in a good state of repair and functioning properly, including the replacement of such facilities when necessary.

(d) "Replacement" means expenditures for obtaining and installing equipment, accessories or appurtenances which are necessary during the useful life of the treatment works to maintain the capacity and performance for which such works were designed and constructed.

(e) "Sewer service charge" means the total charge levied against users of the sewerage system for sewer service. Such charge shall include user charges.

(f) "Suspended solids" means solids that either float on the surface of or are suspended in water, sewage or other liquids and which are removable by laboratory filtering.

(g) "User charge" means the charge assessed users of the sewerage system to recover the cost of operation, maintenance and replacement of the sewage collection and sewerage treatment system, and the cost of rendering bills and collecting sewer service pipes.

(Ord. 1094. Passed 2-2-87.)

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915.02 DECLARATION OF CHARGE NECESSITY.

It is hereby determined and declared to be necessary and conducive to the protection of the public health, safety, welfare and convenience of the Village to levy and collect charges or rentals upon all lots, lands and premises served by having connections with the sanitary and combined sewerage system and the pumping, treatment and disposal works of the Village, which charges or rentals shall be used as hereinafter provided.

(Ord. 1094. Passed 2-2-87.)

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Section 915.03 was repealed by Ordinance 1094, passed February 2, 1987.)

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915.04 USE OF SEWER FUND.

The funds received from the collection of sewer rentals, as provided in this chapter, shall be deposited weekly with the Clerk-Treasurer. Money so deposited shall be kept as a separate and distinct fund and shall be known as the Sewer Fund. When appropriated by Council, the Fund shall be subject to the order of the Village Administrator. The Administrator shall sign all orders drawn on the Clerk- Treasurer against such Fund and such Fund shall be used for the payment of the cost of the management, maintenance, operation and repair of the sewerage system and sewage pumping, treatment and disposal works. Any surplus in the Fund may be used for the enlargement or replacement of the system and works, for construction and reconstruction of main and interceptor sanitary sewers, for the payment of the interest of any debt incurred for the construction thereof, for the creation of a sinking fund for the payment of such debt and for any other purpose as may be lawfully provided for.

(ORC 729.52; Ord 1094. Passed 2-2-87; Ord. 1367. Passed 10-20-97.)

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915.05 SANITARY SEWER SERVICE CHARGES.

The following are hereby fixed as the fair, proportional, and reasonable rates for sewer service charges and user charges based on the metered consumption of water. All users discharging waste to the sewage collection system shall be billed for wastewater treatment services, including governmental or institutional users such as schools, municipal utilities, or other public buildings.

User Charges:

Rate

Commencing July 1, 2011

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<u>User Charges:</u>	<u>Rate</u>
First 300 cubic feet per month	\$26.74 per month (minimum charge)
Next 4,700 cubic feet per month	\$3.67 per 100 cubic feet per month
Over 5,000 cubic feet per month	\$3.37 per 100 cubic feet per month

Commencing April 1, 2012

First 300 cubic feet per month	\$28.62 per month (minimum charge)
Next 4,700 cubic feet per month	\$3.93 per 100 cubic feet per month
Over 5,000 cubic feet per month	\$3.61 per 100 cubic feet per month

Commencing January 1, 2013

First 300 cubic feet per month	\$30.66 per month (minimum charge)
Next 4,700 cubic feet per month	\$4.21 per 100 cubic feet per month
Over 5,000 cubic feet per month	\$3.87 per 100 cubic feet per month

(Ord. 1485. Passed 9-3-02; Ord. 1505. Passed 11-3-03; Ord. 1620. Passed 6-15-09; Ord. 1651. Passed 5-16-11.)

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915.06 RATES FOR USERS OUTSIDE VILLAGE.

(a) From the effective date of this chapter (Ordinance 1094, passed February 2, 1987), the Village shall not extend sewer service to areas beyond the corporate boundaries of the Village without proper resolution of Council authorizing such extension.

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(b) If an extension of sewer service is authorized by Council beyond the limits of the Village corporation boundaries, then pursuant to Ohio R.C. 729.49, Council shall set the sewer service charges for users located outside the corporate limits of the Village on an individual basis, so long as such charges are equal to or exceed charges within the Village.

(Ord. 1094. Passed 2-2-87.)

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915.07 SURCHARGES.

(a) Sewage or industrial wastes above the normal sewage strength, but acceptable for discharge into the sanitary sewerage system shall be subject to a surcharge. The surcharge shall be determined on the basis of either or both of the following constituents of water or wastes:

- (1) Total suspended solids; and/or
- (2) Five day BOD at twenty degrees Centigrade and as herein provided.

(b) When the total suspended solids and/or the BOD of water or waste accepted for admission to the system exceeds the values of constituents for normal sewage, the excess concentration either or both, as the case may be, shall be subject to a surcharge as follows:

- (1) Pounds of excess suspended solids per day x \$0.212/lb = Suspended Solids Surcharge.
- (2) Pounds of excess BOD per day x \$0.151/lb = BOD Surcharge.

(c) In addition to the surcharge, the user will pay the user charges set forth in Section 915.05 or 915.06.

(d) The pounds of BOD per day and/or the pounds of suspended solids per day, above the concentration previously described for normal strength sewage, that are discharged to the sewerage system, shall be determined by the Village or its authorized representative.

(e) In addition to a surcharge on BOD and suspended solids, the Village may surcharge any user for the discharge of any other pollutant into the sewage system.

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915.08 ANNUAL REVIEW OF CHARGES; PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENT.

(a) Annual Review of Charges. The sewer service charge and user charges shall be reviewed annually by the Village in order to determine whether or not they are sufficient to defray the fixed charges, amortization costs and annual cost of operation and maintenance of the sewerage system. If the difference between the total annual review derived and the total annual cost is sufficient to justify an increase or decrease in the sewer service charge for user charges, the Village will adjust the rates as required. The purpose of the annual review is also to maintain a proportional user charge.

Each user shall be notified at least annually, in conjunction with a regular bill, of the rate and that portion of the sewer service charge that is attributable to operation, maintenance and replacement costs of wastewater treatment services.

(b) Late Payment Charges. All users will be billed quarterly for sewer service. Bills for sewer service that are not paid within fifteen days of the invoice date shall be subject to a ten percent penalty.

(Ord. 1094. Passed 2-2-87.)