

**RESOLUTION  
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

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**SETTING THE 2012 SANITARY SEWER AND  
STORM SEWER RATES**

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4 WHEREAS, the mission of the Public Works Sewer Utility is to provide a basic service of transporting  
5 sanitary wastewater to the regional treatment system and to provide this service at a reasonable cost;  
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8 WHEREAS, Sanitary Sewer Service charges pay for the cost of operating and maintaining the sewage  
9 disposal system including the principal and interest on bonds sold for system construction and  
10 rehabilitation, and for paying Saint Paul's share of the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services'  
11 annual budget as provided in Chapter 473, Minnesota Statutes, and in accordance with the provisions  
12 of the Clean Water Act; and

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14 WHEREAS, additional missions of the Public Works Sewer Utility are to collect and transport storm  
15 water to the Mississippi River through a separate system of pipes, to improve the quality of our storm  
16 water discharges and to provide this service at a reasonable cost; and

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18 WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul pursuant to Chapter 14, Article 19, First Special Session, Laws of  
19 Minnesota, 1985, and all other laws particularly Minnesota Statutes, Section 444.075 and applicable  
20 charter provisions, enacted Ordinance #17359 (6/3/86) establishing a Storm Sewer System Charge for  
21 the purpose of paying the cost of construction, reconstruction, repair, enlargement and improvements  
22 necessitated by the separation of the combined sewer system and for the maintenance, operation and  
23 use of the separated storm sewer system; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Storm Sewer System Charge is based on a property's anticipated contribution of storm  
26 water runoff to the storm sewer system, and is a function of its size and land use; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Storm Sewer System Charge ordinance provides that the City Council may, from time  
29 to time by resolution, establish Storm Sewer System Charge rates for various land use classifications  
30 excluding legally exempt properties; and

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32 WHEREAS, revenue collected from the Storm Sewer System Charge is used to pay back Sewer Revenue  
33 Bonds sold for constructing the storm sewer system and for paying for its operation and maintenance;  
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36 WHEREAS, state, federal and watershed district mandated environmental programs have been imposed  
37 upon Saint Paul without accompanying funds; and

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39 WHEREAS, the proposed 2012 Budget will result in anticipated expenditures, credits and financing for  
40 the sanitary and storm sewer systems as follows:  
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43	<u>Expenses:</u>	
44	Sanitary Sewage Treatment Charges (MCES)	\$18,680,500
45	Debt Service	\$14,078,160
46	Sewer System Rehabilitation Construction	\$6,993,000
47	Sewer Maintenance	\$7,583,703
48	Sewer Tunnel Rehabilitation	\$3,865,000
49	Use of Right-of-Way Fee	\$3,165,000
50	Sewer System Management	\$2,286,583
51	Major Sewer Repair	\$2,206,000
52	Storm Water Quality Improvements	\$1,485,120
53	Storm Water Discharge Management	\$1,405,286
54	Sewer TV Inspection and Cleaning	\$1,075,775
55	Transfer to ROW Fund for Street Sweeping	\$1,004,490
56	Inflow and Infiltration	\$957,856
57	Billing Cost Paid to St. Paul Regional Water Services	\$850,000
58	Private Sewer Connection Repair Program	\$800,000
59	Allocation to PW Administrative Fund	\$769,648
60	Infrastructure Management	\$418,502
61	Storm Sewer System Charge Management	\$379,102
62	Regional Issues / Mandates Management	\$146,844
63	Gopher State One Call	\$128,244
64	Other Required Expenses	<u>\$471,426</u>
65	Total Expenses	\$68,750,239

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67 Financing:

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69	Sanitary Sewer Service Charge	\$35,570,832
70	Storm Sewer System Charge	\$13,314,293
71	Use of Retained Earnings	\$9,474,812
72	Revenue Bond Issued	\$9,000,000
73	Sewer Connection Repair Assessment	\$800,000
74	Interest on Investments	\$289,091
75	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$72,711
76	Miscellaneous Financing	<u>\$228,500</u>
77	Total Financing	\$68,750,239

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80 Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 77.02 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code

81 pertaining to Sanitary Sewer Service Charges and upon the recommendation of City Administration,

82 the Council of the City of Saint Paul does hereby establish the amount and basis for Sanitary Sewer

83 Service Charges to be levied and collected effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 as

84 follows:

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- 86 \$3.53 per 100 cubic feet for the first 100,000 cubic feet per month; and
- 87 \$3.47 per 100 cubic feet for the next 400,000 cubic feet per month; and
- 88 \$3.40 per 100 cubic feet after 500,000 cubic feet per month

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Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that these rates reflect a 6.5% increase over the 2011 Sanitary Sewer Service Charge rates; and

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that a minimum Sanitary Sewer Service Charge shall be levied and assessed to every property based upon water meter size. The minimum charge below shall reflect part of the fixed cost for basic sewer service:

<u>Water Meter Size</u>	<u>Minimum Charge</u>
¾" and smaller	\$7.20 per Quarter
1"	\$12.60 per Quarter
1-1/4"	\$5.60 per Month
1-1/2"	\$8.80 per Month
2"	\$20.00 per Month
3"	\$42.00 per Month
4"	\$104.00 per Month
5"	\$150.00 per Month
6"	\$200.00 per Month
8"	\$344.00 per Month
10"	\$492.00 per Month
12"	\$680.00 per Month
Larger than 12"	\$1,000.00 per Month

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that properties served by meters one inch and smaller shall be billed quarterly. Properties served by meters larger than one inch shall be billed monthly, with the exception of one and two family homes which shall be charged quarterly for Sanitary Sewer Service Charges; and

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sanitary Sewer Service Charges for one and two family dwellings for the billing year shall be determined by the amount of water consumed, regardless of the size of the water meter, and the amount billed shall never be greater than the amount of water consumed during the quarter consisting of the first three months prior to the first billing of the year, except for those dwellings assessed minimum charges; and

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sanitary Sewer Service Charges for all other properties, regardless of the size of the meter, shall be based on actual water consumption for each billing period; and

135 Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 81.05 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code  
 136 pertaining to Storm Sewer System Charges and upon recommendation of City Administration, the  
 137 Council of the City of Saint Paul does hereby establish the amount and basis for Storm Sewer System  
 138 Charges to be levied and collected effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 as follows:  
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141	<u>Class</u>	<u>Land Use Classification</u>	<u>2012 Rate</u>	<u>Unit</u>
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143	A	Cemeteries, golf courses, parks, unimproved vacant land and one and two family residential land in excess of 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> acre	\$133.93	Acre
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146	B	Railroad right of way	\$508.02	Acre
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148	C	One and two family residential properties less than 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> acre	\$80.07	Parcel
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150	D	Condominiums and town houses	\$53.86	Unit
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152	E	Public and private schools and community centers	\$735.14	Acre
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154	F	Multiple dwellings, churches, synagogues and governmental Buildings	\$981.15	Acre
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157	G	Commercial and industrial properties	\$1,321.78	Acre
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159 Be it FINALLY RESOLVED, that these rates reflect a 7.6% increase over the 2011 Storm Sewer System  
 160 Charge rates.

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Bostrom			
Carter			
Harris			
Helgen			
Lantry			
Stark			
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Requested by Department of:

Public Works

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Form Approved by City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted by Council: Date \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption Certified by Council Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Form Approved by Mayor for Submission to Council

Approved by Mayor: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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