Legislation Text

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Setting the 2018 Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer rates. (Public hearing held November 1)

WHEREAS, the mission of the Public Works Sewer Utility is to provide a basic service of transporting sanitary wastewater to the regional treatment system and to provide this service at a reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, Sanitary Sewer Service charges pay for the cost of operating and maintaining the sewage disposal system including the principal and interest on bonds sold for system construction and rehabilitation, and for paying Saint Paul's share of the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services' annual budget as provided in Chapter 473, Minnesota Statutes, and in accordance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, revenue collected from the Storm Sewer System Charge is used to pay back Sewer Revenue Bonds sold for constructing the storm sewer system and for paying for its operation and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, state, federal and watershed district mandated environmental programs have been imposed upon Saint Paul without accompanying funds; and

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 77.02 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to Sanitary Sewer Service Charges and upon the recommendation of City Administration, the Council of the City of Saint Paul does hereby establish the amount and basis for Sanitary Sewer Service Charges to be levied and collected effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 81.05 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to Storm Sewer System Charges and upon recommendation of City Administration, the Council of the City of Saint Paul does hereby establish the amount and basis for Storm Sewer System Charges to be levied and collected effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

SANITARY SEWER VOLUME CHARGE

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. 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. Charges for all other properties, regardless of the size of the meter, shall be based on actual water consumption for each billing period.

$4.18 per 100 cubic feet for the first 100,000 cubic feet; and
$4.18 per 100 cubic feet for the next 400,000 cubic feet; and
$4.18 per 100 cubic feet after 500,000 cubic feet.

SANITARY SEWER MINIMUM VOLUME CHARGE

A minimum sanitary sewer volume 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:

Water Meter Size	**Minimum Charge**
¾ “ and smaller	$ 7.20 per Quarter
1” (single family dwelling)	7.20 per Quarter
1” (other)	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

SANITARY SEWER BASE FEE

A sanitary sewer base fee shall be levied and assessed to every property based upon water meter size and shall be applied during every billing cycle, as shown below:

Water Meter Size Monthly Base Fee	
5/8“	$ 3.00
3/4”	3.00
1” (single family dwelling)	3.00

1” (other)	8.31
1-1/2”	11.73
2”	14.85
3”	21.00
4”	26.25
6”	37.11
8”	46.95
10”	56.31
12”	67.44

STORM SEWER SYSTEM CHARGE

Class	Land Use Classification	2018 Rate	Unit
A	Cemeteries, golf courses, parks, unimproved vacant land and one and two family residential land in excess of 1/3rd acre	$ 158.30	Acre
B	Railroad right of way	316.60	Acre
C	One and two family residential properties less than 1/3rd acre	94.64	Parcel
D	Condominiums and town houses	63.66	Unit
E	Public and private schools and community centers	868.89	Acre
F	Multiple dwellings, churches, synagogues and governmental buildings	1,159.67	Acre
G	Commercial and industrial properties	1,562.27	Acre

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