

CITY OF O'FALLON, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF O'FALLON,
CHAPTER 51, SECTION 51.070
REGARDING SEWER SERVICE
RATES**

WHEREAS, Section 51.070 for sewer service rates needs amendment to increase the revenue received to match the expenses to be incurred for the collection and treatment of sanitary wastes, and

WHEREAS, the City has started monthly instead of quarterly billing for sanitary sewer services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF O'FALLON, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS THAT CHAPTER, 51 SECTION 51.070 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF O'FALLON ARE HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

§ 51.070 SEWER SERVICE RATES.

Sewer service rates of the City of O'Fallon, Illinois shall be as follows:

(A) *Monthly rates for sewage service.* There shall be and there are hereby established ~~quarterly~~ monthly rates and charges for the use of and the service supplied by the sewerage system of the City of O'Fallon, St. Clair County, Illinois, such rates and charges hereby established being as follows:

(1) *Base user rates.*

(a) Effective ~~October 1, 2003~~ October 1, 2005, the base user rate shall be \$10 ~~\$10~~ \$3.50 per ~~quarter~~ month plus ~~\$3.53~~ \$3.88 per 1,000 gallons of water with a minimum ~~quarterly~~ monthly charge of ~~\$10~~ \$3.50, or where water consumption does not reflect the actual quantity of wastewater tributary to the wastewater treatment works, ~~\$3.53~~ \$4.24 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater as recorded in a control manhole required by §51.058, plus the \$3.50 per month minimum charge.

~~(b) The basic user rate shall be equal to the estimated annual revenue required divided by the total annual wastewater contribution from users in thousands of gallons, where annual revenue required equals the estimated annual revenue required to retire the revenue bonds plus the annual operation and maintenance costs including replacement.~~

(b) ~~(e)~~ The city shall ~~independently~~ audit operation, maintenance and debt service costs for the wastewater facilities and review user rates annually and revise such rates periodically to reflect actual treatment works operation and maintenance costs, capital improvement, and the cost of debt services.

(2) *Surcharge for industrial users.*

(a) Effective October 1, ~~2003~~ 2005, the following is the procedure for determining an industrial user surcharge:

1. Obtain representative B.O.D. and suspended solids concentrations in the waste. This may require 24-hour composite sampling for one or more days.

2. B.O.D. surcharge equals $(\text{B.O.D.} - 200) \times \text{number of million gallons used} \times 8.33 \times \del{\$0.14} \underline{\$0.17}$ per pound.

3. Suspended solids (SS) surcharge equals $(\text{SS} - 250) \times \text{number of million gallons used} \times \del{\$0.27} \underline{\$0.32}$.

4. The above surcharges are added monthly to the base user ~~charge~~ rate.

(b) All measurements, tests and analyses of the characteristics of water and wastes to determine the industrial user surcharge factors shall be conducted in conformation with §51.059.

(B) All commercial and industrial users of the sewerage system of the city who do not use the water services of the city shall be required to install a control manhole as required by §51.058 equipped with a metering device approved by the City Engineer which records the total sewage flow for the purpose of determining the basis for user charges as provided by subsection (A) above.

(C) ~~The usage~~ base user rate shall be subject to increase effective on each annual anniversary, beginning October 2004, based upon the annual increase in the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, Water and Sewer Maintenance, or comparable index if the same is no longer published, for the month of May. For those increases occurring on the annual anniversaries in 2006 and 2007, an additional five percent increase shall be imposed.

(D) The rates for the summer billing periods for residential users shall be the average of the previous three-quarters sewer charges.

