

§ 51.080 SEWER SERVICE RATES.

Sewer service rates of the city shall be as follows.

(A) *Monthly rates for sewage service.* There shall be and there are hereby established monthly rates and charges for the use of and the service supplied by the sewerage system of the city, such rates and charges hereby established being as follows.

(1) *Base user rates.*

(a) Effective 7-1-2009, the base user rate shall be \$5 for the first 1,000 gallons plus an additional \$1 for each 1,000 gallons of wastewater per month. The unit (flow) charge shall be \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater. The minimum monthly charge shall be \$5. Where wastewater flow is recorded in a control manhole required by § [51.063](#), \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons of wastewater as recorded in the control manhole will be used to determine the unit (flow) of wastewater plus \$5 for the first 1,000 gallons plus an additional \$1 for each 1,000 gallons of wastewater per month. If no control manhole is present to record wastewater flow at a point of service, wastewater flow shall be determined by the amount of water used; unless other sections of this chapter are applicable for determining flow or cost of sanitary sewer service.

(b) The city shall 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 ~~5-1-2010~~ **1-1-2015**, 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  $(\text{B.O.D.} - 200) \times \text{number of million gallons used} \times 8.33 \times \$0.22$  per pound;

3. Suspended solids (SS) surcharge equals  $(\text{SS} - 250) \times \text{number of million gallons used} \times 8.33 \times \del{\$0.40} \mathbf{\$0.22}$ ; and

**4. Total Phosphorus (TP) surcharge equals  $(\text{TP} - 10) \times \text{number of million gallons used} \times 8.33 \times \$6.36$  per pound;**

**5. Total Nitrogen (TN) surcharge equals  $(\text{TN} - 40) \times \text{number of million gallons used} \times 8.33 \times \$1.41$  per pound;**

**6. Zinc (Z) surcharge equals  $(Z - 0.05) \times \text{number of million gallons used} \times 8.33 \times \$229.03$  per pound; and**

—4. **7.** The above surcharges are added monthly to the base user 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 § [51.064](#) of this chapter.

(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 § [51.063](#) of this chapter 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 division (A) above.

(C) The base user and flow rates shall be subject to increase effective on each annual anniversary, beginning October 2004 (except October 2009), 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.

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

(1999 Code, § 51.070) (Ord. 818, passed 9-1-1977; Ord. 1405, passed 11-6-1989; Ord. 1427, passed 4-2-1990; Ord. 1801, passed 11-20-1995; Ord. 2050, passed 9-7-1999; Ord. 3204, passed 9-15-2003; Ord. 3345, passed 6-20-2005; Ord. 3356, passed 7-18-2005; Ord. 3416, passed 2-21-2006; Ord. 3629, passed 6-15-2009; Ord. 3659, passed 4-5-2010)