

**Chapter 13.12
Sewer Service Charges**

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13.12.010 Purpose.

It is determined and declared to be necessary and conducive for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare to levy and collect sewerage service charges upon all lots, lands and premises served or benefited by, or having connections with, the sanitary sewerage system, which shall include all constructions for the collection, transportation, pumping, treatment, and final disposal of sewage. (Ord. dated 12/22/82 § 1)

13.12.020 Deposit in accounts.

The amounts received from the collection of the charges and rentals authorized by this chapter shall be credited to a sanitary sewer account which shall show all receipts and expenditures of the sewerage system. Such funds shall be available for the payment of the cost and expense of the management, maintenance, depreciation and repair of the sewerage system, including all constructions for the collection, transportation, pumping, treatment, and final disposition of sewage, and to provide funds for the retirement of bonds as they mature and interest thereon. Separate accounts shall be maintained to keep revenues received for operation and maintenance and for replacement separate. Revenues collected for replacement shall be deposited in a separate account to be used exclusively for obtaining and installing equipment, accessories or appurtenances which are necessary to maintain the

capacity and performance for which the sewerage system was built. (Ord. dated 12/22/82 § 2)

13.12.030 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms are defined as follows:

"Domestic strength" shall be defined per the State Administrative Code paragraphs NR 110.15(5) and (6). The domestic strength BOD and suspended solids strength shall be established at one hundred fifty (150) *me*. For the determination of the flow and load unit cost factors, the actual annual records of potable water shall be used to estimate the annual billable sewage flow and wastewater records to calculate the annual BOD and suspended solids contribution. The loads for flow, BOD, and suspended solids should be changed only when supporting data is available.

"Industrial user" means any nongovernmental, nonresidential user of the wastewater collection or treatment system which discharges wastewater having strength greater than one hundred fifty (150) mg/l of biochemical oxygen demand or one hundred fifty (150) mg/l of suspended solids.

"Industrial wastes" means liquid or other wastes resulting from any process of industry, manufacture, trade or business, or the development of any natural resource.

"Quarter" means a three calendar month period ending on March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st of each year.

"Sewage" means the water-carried wastes carried in and to be conducted away from residence, industrial establishments, and public buildings as defined in Section 101.01 of the Statutes, with such surface or ground water as may be present.

"Sewerage system" means all structures, conduits and pipelines by which sewage is collected and disposed of, except plumbing inside and in connection with buildings served and service pipes from the building to the street main.

"User" means the occupant of all or part of any premises, separately occupied (1) by one family for residential purposes; (2) by one business,

professional, commercial or industrial; or (3) by one organization, religious, educational or recreational; provided that each residence and each business establishment in any premises shall be considered individual users whether or not the same are owned, operated or occupied by the same person. (Ord. dated 12/22/82 § 3)

13.12.040 Sewage disposal service and maintenance charges.

Sewage disposal service and maintenance charges for the maintenance and improvement of the present sewerage system and the operation of the sewerage treatment plant for the village of Oakfield, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, are levied and established as follows:

A. Fixed charge or minimum charge shall be established to generate sufficient revenues to cover the fixed operation and maintenance costs.

B. Usage charges shall be charged each user to generate sufficient revenues to cover the operation, maintenance and replacement cost of the sewerage system. The charge per user shall be determined based on the quantity of potable water used by each user as measured by the potable-water meters. The usage charge for clearwater flows shall be distributed to all users proportionately to the quantity of potable water consumed.

C. Industrial users contributing a wastewater load to the sewerage system with a BOD or SS concentration greater than the average domestic strength shall be charged a surcharge. In no instance shall the industrial user be credited for load contributions less than a domestic user.

The village shall sample and analyze wastewater from each industrial user on a quarterly basis to determine the biochemical oxygen demand and suspended solids strength of the wastes. These results shall be used as representative of the wastes strength and shall be used for billing purposes.

Industries with special problems related to treatment as classified by the Department of Natural Resources district engineer shall, if so directed by the district engineer, install whatever sampling devices are required to obtain

the exact information about the waste strength. Users discharging toxic pollutants into the sewerage system shall be assessed the increased cost for operation, maintenance and replacement caused by the toxic wastes. (Ord. dated 12/22/82 § 4)

13.12.050 System of charges.

A. The charges established by this and related sewer user charge ordinances shall be billed quarterly.

B. Water meters will be read quarterly to determine the quantity of water used by each user. In instances where the water meter cannot be read, the flow shall be estimated based on past records according to the procedures set forth by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC § 185.34 & 185.35).

C. Bills for sewerage service not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date of each respective collection period shall be considered delinquent and shall be increased by a penalty of one percent per month.

D. All charges established by this and related sewer user charge ordinances shall be a binding legal obligation upon the property, and delinquent accounts for non-tax-exempt property shall be added to the next tax roll for that property.

E. The village of Oakfield may, in its discretion, require a reasonable advance deposit from each person, firm, corporation or organization connected with the said sewerage system. (Ord. dated 12/22/82 § 5)

13.12.060 Effective date of charges.

The user charges as defined by this chapter and the actual charges as determined by related sewer user charge ordinances shall be in effect from and after the commencement of service by the sewerage system. (Ord. dated 12/22/82 § 7)

13.12.080 Review.

This chapter will attempt to be reviewed not less than biannually for the purpose of aligning revenues with actual costs, distributing the operation and maintenance costs proportionally among

users and user classes, and to credit excess revenues collected from one class of users to that class for the next year. (Ord. dated 12/22/82 § 10)

13.12.100 Sewer use rates.

Sewer use rates shall be established from time to time by ordinance or resolution of the village board of trustees. (Ord. dated 12/22/82 § 12)