
1147.11 Rate schedules.

- (a) Charges Within Corporate Limits. For the purpose stated in Sections 1147.02 and 1147.12 there is hereby charged to each user situated within the corporate limits of the city, having any active sewer connection with the sewerage system of such city or otherwise discharging sewerage, industrial wastewater, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly into the city's sewerage system, sewer charges as hereinbefore provided, and in the amount determinable as follows:
- (1) For any such lot, parcel of land, building or premises having any connection with the city's sewerage system or otherwise discharging sanitary sewerage, industrial wastewater, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly into the city's sewerage system, such charge shall be based upon the quantity of water used therein as the same is measured by a water meter or meters there in use, as hereinafter described, and there shall be charged:

The charges as prescribed in the rate schedule as follows:

Rate Component	Units	2026		
		Standard Strength User	Standard Strength Industrial User	Extra Strength Industrial User
INSIDE CITY				
Billing Charge				
Monthly				
Meter Size				
5/8"	\$/Month	\$6.27	\$6.27	\$6.27
5/8x3/4"	\$/Month	\$6.27	\$6.27	\$6.27
3/4"	\$/Month	\$6.65	\$6.65	\$6.65
1"	\$/Month	\$7.41	\$7.41	\$7.41
1-1/2" (Spud)	\$/Month	\$9.30	\$9.30	\$9.30
1-1/2" (Flange)	\$/Month	\$9.30	\$9.30	\$9.30
2"	\$/Month	\$11.57	\$11.57	\$11.57
3"	\$/Month	\$17.61	\$17.61	\$17.61
4"	\$/Month	\$24.42	\$24.42	\$24.42
6"	\$/Month	\$43.32	\$43.32	\$43.32
8"	\$/Month	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$66.00
10"	\$/Month	\$164.28	\$164.28	\$164.28
10x12"	\$/Month	\$164.28	\$164.28	\$164.28
12"	\$/Month	\$205.86	\$205.86	\$205.86
16"	\$/Month	\$213.42	\$213.42	\$213.42
Commodity Charge				
Operation & Maintenance Charge	\$/CCF	\$2.49	\$2.49	\$2.49
Capital Charge	\$/CCF	\$2.85	\$2.85	\$2.85
Sewer Maintenance Charge	\$/CCF	\$0.79	\$0.79	\$0.79
Industry Specific Charge	\$/CCF	\$0.00	\$0.48	\$0.48
Total Commodity Charge	\$/CCF	\$6.13	\$6.61	\$6.61
Wet Weather Charge				
	\$/ERU/Month	\$5.04	\$5.04	\$5.04
Extra Strength Surcharge				
Extra Strength BOD or COD or TOC	\$/lb			\$0.542
Extra Strength SS	\$/lb			\$0.371
Extra Strength TKN	\$/lb			\$0.530

- (b) Charges Outside Corporate Limits. For the purpose stated in Sections 1147.02 and 1147.12, there is hereby charged to each user situated outside the corporate limits of the city, having any active sewer connection with the sewerage system of such city or otherwise discharging sewage, industrial wastewater, other liquids, either directly or indirectly into the city's sewerage system, sewer charges as hereinbefore provided, and in the amount determinable as follows:
- (1) For any such lot, parcel of land, building or premises having any connection with the city's sewerage system or otherwise discharging sanitary sewage, industrial wastewater, water or other liquids, either

directly or indirectly into the city's sewerage system, such charge shall be based upon the quantity of water used thereon or therein as the same is measured by a water meter or meters there in use, as hereinafter described, and there shall be charged:

The charges as prescribed in the rate schedule as follows:

Rate Component	Units	2026		
		Standard Strength User	Standard Strength Industrial User	Extra Strength Industrial User
OUTSIDE CITY				
Billing Charge				
Monthly s				
Meter Size				
5/8"	\$/Month	\$6.27	\$6.27	\$6.27
5/8x3/4"	\$/Month	\$6.27	\$6.27	\$6.27
3/4"	\$/Month	\$6.65	\$6.65	\$6.65
1"	\$/Month	\$7.41	\$7.41	\$7.41
1-1/2" (Spud)	\$/Month	\$9.30	\$9.30	\$9.30
1-1/2" (Flange)	\$/Month	\$9.30	\$9.30	\$9.30
2"	\$/Month	\$11.57	\$11.57	\$11.57
3"	\$/Month	\$17.61	\$17.61	\$17.61
4"	\$/Month	\$24.42	\$24.42	\$24.42
6"	\$/Month	\$43.32	\$43.32	\$43.32
8"	\$/Month	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$66.00
10"	\$/Month	\$164.28	\$164.28	\$164.28
10x12"	\$/Month	\$164.28	\$164.28	\$164.28
12"	\$/Month	\$205.86	\$205.86	\$205.86
16"	\$/Month	\$213.42	\$213.42	\$213.42
Commodity Charge				
Operation & Maintenance Charge	\$/CCF	\$2.49	\$2.49	\$2.49
Capital Charge	\$/CCF	\$3.82	\$3.82	\$3.82
Sewer Maintenance Charge	\$/CCF	\$0.38	\$0.38	\$0.38
Industry Specific Charge	\$/CCF	\$0.00	\$0.48	\$0.48
Total Commodity Charge	\$/CCF	\$6.69	\$7.17	\$7.17
Wet Weather Charge	\$/ERU/Month	\$3.22	\$3.22	\$3.22
Extra Strength Surcharge				
Extra Strength BOD or COD or TOC	\$/lb			\$0.614
Extra Strength SS	\$/lb			\$0.418
Extra Strength TKN	\$/lb			\$0.567

(c) In addition to the charges listed above, the following charge shall apply to the industrial user classes established in C.C. 1147.08:

Subgroup A1	\$ 19.68/Mo.
Subgroup A2	29.52/Mo.
Subgroup A3	98.40/Mo.
Subgroup A4	197.90/Mo.
Subgroup A5	393.58/Mo.

Subgroup A6	590.36/Mo.
Subgroup A7	197.90/Mo.
Subgroup A8a	197.90/Mo.
Subgroup A8b	2,459.87/Mo.
Subgroup B1	19.68/Mo.
Subgroup B2	98.40/Mo.
Subgroup B3	98.40/Mo.
Subgroup B4a	197.90/Mo.
Subgroup B4b	98.40/Mo.
Subgroup B5a	245.99/Mo.
Subgroup B5b	147.59/Mo.
Subgroup B5c	49.20/Mo.
Subgroup B6	49.20/Mo.

- (d) Septic Tanks and Scavenger Waste Haulers. Fees and charges for treatment of normal scavenger wastes shall be based on the costs of providing such services and on the expected overall average characteristics of such discharges, which shall be designated as 3,902 mg/l BOD, 17,934 mg/l S.S. and 1,301 mg/l TKN for septic tank wastes, 311 mg/l BOD, 596 mg/l S.S. and 104 mg/l TKN for sewage holding tank wastes, 7,407 mg/l BOD, 8,895 mg/l S.S. and 2,469 mg/l TKN for portable toilet wastes, and 27,142 mg/l BOD, 26,345 mg/l S.S. and 9,047 mg/l TKN for grit waste. With prior approval of the Director (or designee), when available treatment capacity allows, high-strength trucked wastes that have total solids between thirteen and thirty (13-30) percent of which eighty to one hundred (80-100) percent are volatile solids and which originate from food packaging or processing or similar facilities may be accepted for special disposal at designated location(s) within the water reclamation plant(s). The Director may designate characteristics on which to base charges in special situations on submission of proof that waste discharges have other than expected overall average concentrations and with provisions of positive identification procedures. Charges may be billed at monthly intervals or at the discretion of the Director, and shall be considered delinquent if not paid within thirty (30) days of billing date. Delinquency in payment shall be basis for revocation of permit.

For each one hundred (100) gallons, or portion thereof, of either truck capacity or actual measured discharge, the fee shall be as follows:

Waste Hauler Rates	Per 100 Gallons
Septic Tank Waste	\$8.73
Sewage Holding Tank Waste	\$0.46
Portable Toilet Waste	\$7.89
Grease Interceptors	\$26.62

In addition, a service fee of five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) shall be charged for each load discharged into the Columbus sewerage system. Persons wishing to discharge sanitary wastes from recreational vehicle holding tanks into the Columbus sewerage system shall be charged a fee of six dollars (\$6.00) for each load discharged into the system.

1147.14 Measurement of water, determination and payment of charges.

A proportionate charge shall be made to all users that discharge wastewater, either directly or indirectly, into the city sewerage system. Such charges shall be based on the quantity of water used as measured by a water

meter or through the use of a sewage flow meter and the users wastewater strength classification as determined in accordance with this chapter. All water and sewage flow meters and their installation shall meet the acceptability of the director.

- (a) In the event a lot, parcel of land, building premises, municipal corporation or other political subdivision, discharging sanitary sewage, industrial wastewater, water or other liquids into the city sewerage system, either directly or indirectly, is a user of water supplied by the Division of Water of the city, and the quantity of water used is measured by a water meter acceptable to the city's Director of Public Utilities, then, in each such case, the quantity of water used, as measured by said meter, shall be used to determine the sewer charge as provided in this chapter.
- (b) In the event a lot, parcel of land, building, premises, municipal corporation or other political subdivision discharging sanitary sewage, industrial wastewater, water or other liquids into the city sewerage system, either directly or indirectly, is a user of water supplied by the Division of Water of the city, and the quantity of water used is not measured by a water meter or is measured by a water meter not acceptable to the Director of Public Utilities, then, in each such case, the owner or other interested party shall, at his or its own expense, install and maintain a water meter acceptable to the director and the quantity of water used, as measured by said meter, shall be used to determine the sewer charge as provided in this chapter.
- (c) In the event a lot, parcel of land, building, premises, municipal corporation or other political subdivision, discharging sanitary sewage, industrial wastewater, water or other liquids into the city sewerage system, either directly or indirectly, is not a user of water supplied by the Division of Water of the city, and the water used thereon or therein is not measured by a water meter or is measured by a water meter not acceptable to the Director of Public Utilities, then, in each such case, the owner or other interested party shall, at his or its own expense, install and maintain a water meter acceptable to the director and the quantity of water used, as measured by said meter shall be used to determine the sewer charge as provided in this chapter.
- (d) In the event a lot, parcel of land, building, premises, municipal corporation or other political subdivision, discharging sanitary sewage, industrial wastewater, water or other liquids into the city sewerage system, either directly or indirectly, is a user of the water supplied by the Division of Water of the city, and, in addition, uses water from another source which is not measured by a water meter or is measured by a water meter not acceptable to the Director of Public Utilities, then, in each case, the owner or other interested party shall, at his or its own expense, install and maintain water meters satisfactory to the Director on all supplies and the quantity of water used to determine the sewer charge shall be the sum of the quantities of water measured by the several meters.
- (e) In the event a lot, parcel of land, building, premises, municipal corporation or other political subdivision, discharges sanitary sewage, industrial wastewater, water or other liquids into the city sewerage system, either directly or indirectly, and it can be shown by such party, to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Utilities, that a portion of the water as measured by the water meter or meters does not and cannot enter the sewerage system, then the Director of Public Utilities may determine in such manner and by such method as the Director may find practicable the percentage of metered water entering the sewerage system, and the quantity of water used to determine the sewer charge shall be that percentage, so determined, of the quantity of water measured by the water meter or meters, or, the Director of Public Utilities may require or permit the installation of acceptable additional meters at such party's expense and in such a manner as to determine the quantity of water actually entering the sewerage system, in which case the quantity of water used to determine the sewer charge shall be the quantity of water actually entering the sewerage system as so determined. In the event such additional meters are installed, an additional charge of two (\$2.00) dollars shall be made to cover the cost

of reading and computing the flow of each such meter and such additional charge shall be added to each sewer charge bill rendered as otherwise herein provided and described. The two (\$2.00) dollar charge is based on a quarterly billing cycle so the maximum annual charge will be eight (\$8.00) dollars.

- (f) The sewer charge provided in this section shall be payable at the office of the city treasurer and, at the option of the Director of Public Utilities, shall be made payable at the same time as the water bill for the lot, parcel of land, building, premises, municipal corporation or other political subdivision, payable.
- (g) The Director of Public Utilities may require, as a condition to any sewerage agreements entered into as hereinabove provided, that the city shall be furnished with information and data as to all sources of water supply, other than the Columbus' Division of Water, which may be in existence or may later be developed within the confines of the premises covered in such agreement, such data and information, in the case of wells, to include the location, size, capacity and depth thereof.

1147.17 Sewerage system capacity charge.

For the purposes of this section the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- (1) "Domestic water service line " shall mean the line extending from the tap at the water main to the meter and shall include all the necessary appurtenances and shall be dedicated to solely providing domestic potable water.
- (2) "Fire suppression service line " shall mean the line extending from the tap at the water main to the meter and shall include all the necessary appurtenances and shall be dedicated to solely providing water for any necessary fire suppression system.
- (3) "Combined domestic water/fire suppression line " shall mean the line extending from the tap at the water main to the meter and shall include all the necessary appurtenances and shall provide water simultaneously to the domestic water system and the fire suppression system.

For the purposes of providing revenue to help finance and to more equitably distribute the cost of construction of necessary additions to both the sewer system and the water reclamation plants, it is hereby determined and declared necessary to provide for the establishment, exaction, and regulation of a sanitary sewer-capacity charge as hereinafter determined with such charge to be in addition to any and all other fees which may be imposed with respect to said sewer system.

The funds received from the collection of such charge, as it is herein authorized, shall be deposited daily with the city treasurer who shall credit them to a special fund from which the council of the city may take appropriations for the payment of the cost and expense of the construction, operation, maintenance, management and repair of the sanitary sewerage systems, regulator chambers, storm standby tanks, pumping stations and water reclamation plants and for the payment of the cost and expense of replacement, extensions to or the enlargement of the same and for the payment of the principal and interest on any debt incurred for the construction of such sewerage system, regulator chambers, storm standby tanks, pumping stations, and water reclamation plants.

The Director of Public Utilities shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to exact a sanitary system-capacity charge whenever: (1) Application is made for the issuance of a sewer permit to provide sanitary sewer service to a new structure; (2) At the time an existing structure is enlarged or its use changes; and (3) When an existing structure is removed and a new structure built and reuse is made of an existing sanitary sewer service or new sanitary sewer service is constructed, wherever such property is or will be tributary, directly or indirectly, to

any trunk sanitary sewer built by the city, either inside or outside the corporate limits of said city and as provided elsewhere in the Columbus City Code.

The charge so exacted shall be determined in accordance with the following:

Size of Domestic Water Service Line	Sewerage System Capacity Charges
¾"	\$3,892
1"	6,116
1-½"	13,344
2"	27,801
3"	55,601
4"	111,203
6"	177,925
8"	311,368
10"	611,616
12"	945,224
16"	1,112,029

There shall be no sewer system-capacity charge for a fire suppression system service line. The fee for a combined domestic service/fire suppression service line shall be determined by the public utilities Director.

Credit. If a domestic water service line is replaced, the sewer system capacity charge shall be reduced by the sewer system capacity rate for each domestic water service line which is replaced. Should the sum total of the credits exceed the system capacity rate, the sewer system capacity charge shall be zero (0.00). Replacement credits will be determined by current sewer system capacity rates. No credit refunds will be issued.

1147.19 ~~Low~~-Income qualified discount for commodity charges.

- (A) For purposes of this section, "~~low~~-income qualified residential customer" is defined as a direct residential customer of the city (whether inside the city or outside the city) having a total income of less than two hundred (200) percent of the poverty level as published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census or who is eligible for food stamp benefits, Ohio Medicaid, Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP), Home Energy Assistance (HEAP), Ohio Works First, Social Security Disability, public housing benefits, or any other state or federal low income assistance program acceptable to the director.
- (B) All ~~low~~-income qualified residential customers may receive a ~~twenty-five~~thirty (~~25~~30) percent discount on the commodity portion of their sewer bill. This discount will be available to the ~~low~~-income qualified residential customer upon application to and approval of the department of public utilities.
- (C) The Director may adopt regulations necessary to administer and enforce the provisions of this section. Regulations promulgated, pursuant to this chapter by the Director shall be published in the City Bulletin, with copies of the regulations being available for public review at the Director's office and other locations which may be designated by the Director.
- (D) Master metered properties are eligible to receive a ~~twenty-five~~thirty (~~25~~30) percent discount on the commodity portion of their sewer bill if the property owner proves to the satisfaction of the Director that the property meets one or both of the following criteria:
 - (1) eighty (80) percent or more of the rental units are occupied by participants in qualifying programs outlined in 1147.19(A); or

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- (2) the property receives subsidized housing benefits from any state or federal low income assistance program acceptable to the director.

If the criteria are met, the entire building or complex will be eligible to receive the ~~twenty-five~~^{thirty} (25³⁰) percent commodity rate discount. The discount shall be applied to the master meter bill. Property owners must transmit the full benefit of the discount to residents.

- (E) Political subdivisions receiving water service pursuant to a wholesale master meter contract with the city are eligible to receive the ~~low-income~~ qualified discount if the political subdivision adopts the ~~low-income~~ qualified discount program as described in Section 1147.19 of the Columbus City Codes. Participating master metered suburban community customers must provide to the Department a detailed listing in an approved format of all qualifying customers and their commodity usage prior to application of the discount to the master metered account billing. The discount shall apply only to the measured commodity usage of qualifying customers within the master metered suburban community's customer accounts.