

STAFF REPORT

January 14, 2019

Topic: Second reading and approval of Ordinance section 189-50, Sewer Charges

Discussion: At the December 27, 2018, City Council meeting, the Council affirmed their decision to put forward for a Public Hearing the amendment to Ordinance section 189-50 to include:

Strikethrough denotes deletion, bold denotes additions.

A. Fixed yearly fee per unit shall be charged as follows:

- ~~(1) Effective bill date on or after September 1, 2013: \$32.50 per quarter.~~
- ~~(2) Effective bill date on or after September 1, 2014: \$33.25 per quarter.~~
- ~~(3) Effective bill date on or after September 1, 2015: \$34 per quarter.~~
- (1) Effective bill date on or after February 1, 2019: thirty seven dollars and twenty-three cents (\$37.23) per quarter
- (2) Effective bill date on or after February 1, 2020: thirty eight dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$38.59) per quarter**
- (3) Effective bill date on or after February 1, 2021: forty dollars and zero cents (\$40.00) per quarter**

B. Charge based on metered water consumption:

Effective Bill Date On or After	Charge
September 1, 2013	\$3.69 per hundred cubic feet
September 1, 2014	\$4.19 per hundred cubic feet
September 1, 2015	\$4.75 per hundred cubic feet
February 1, 2019	\$5.20 per hundred cubic feet
February 1, 2020	\$5.38 per hundred cubic feet
February 1, 2021	\$5.57 per hundred cubic feet

Subsection C. shall be amended as follows:

Charge based on non-metered flat rate (for Sewer-Only accounts – those accounts that are on public sewer but served by private water by means of either a well or PUC regulated water system), effective with the billing date on or after ~~December 30, 2012: three hundred forty dollars (\$340.00) per unit/year billed semi-annually (\$170.00/bill); and with the billing due date of July 1, 2014 or after : four hundred twelve dollars and zero cents (\$412.00); and with the billing due date of July 1, 2015 or after: four hundred fifty two dollars and zero cents (\$452.00)~~ February 1, 2019: four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$495.00) per unit/year billed semiannually (\$247.50/unit); **with the billing date on or after February 1, 2020: five hundred twelve dollars (\$512.00) per unit/year billed semiannually (\$256.00/unit); with the billing date on or after February 1, 2021: five**

hundred thirty dollars (\$530.00) per unit/year billed semiannually (\$265.00/unit) coinciding with the tax year as defined in RSA 76:2.

Billing and collection of the flat rate sewer-only account will be conducted by the City Tax Collector in accordance with RSA 76:13 and RSA 80:59-91.

Determination of the flat rate is as described in §189-44, B (2).

Fiscal Impact: By 2021, charges based on metered water consumption would be a fixed yearly fee of \$40.00 per unit per quarter and \$5.57 per hundred cubic feet, effective on bills dated on or after February 1, 2021. For non-metered, flat rate (sewer-only) accounts, a charge of \$512.00 per unit per year, effective on bills dated on or after February 1, 2021.

Staff Recommendation: For Council to approve as submitted.

This report submitted by: Krista Larsen, Assistant Director of Public Works

Proposed motion:

1. *“I move to waive a reading of this Ordinance in its entirety and to read by title only.”*
2. *“I move the second reading of Ordinance 2019-189-50-01, an Ordinance amending Chapter 189-50, Sewer Charges.”*
3. *“I move to approve Ordinance 2019-189-50-01, relative to Sewer Charges.”*