

SEWER

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

SEWER FEES and CHARGES

AMENDED AND REISSUED

June 22, 2022

Effective July 1, 2022

Authority

As follows: Part 1 Article II, Section 12 “The Sewer Connection Fees” of the “1997 Regulation for the Installation and Connection of Building Sewer and for the Use of the Public Sewers in the Town of Southbridge” (are amended and consolidated) republished herewith Part II These changed are in addition to changing the Sewer Rate Schedule for FY 2023; Part III Article X, Section 11 “User Charges for Sewer Service” established by Town Manager is amended and reissued as noted below following a public hearing on the same matter.

Part I

SEWER RATE SCHEDULE

FY 2023 COMMITMENTS & BILLING

<u>Metered Quarterly Consumption</u>	<u>Charge per hcf (100 cubic feet)</u>
First 500 cubic feet	\$4.39
Next 3,500 cubic feet	\$6.00
Next 15,000 cubic feet	\$7.92
Next 81,000 cubic feet	\$11.77
Over 100,000 cubic feet	\$15.91
Effective all bill issued after July 1, 2022	

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Quarterly Base Charges</u>
1 inch	\$ 85.28
¾ inch	\$ 94.07
1 inch	\$ 119.40
1 ½ inch	\$ 153.53
2 inch	\$ 247.37
3 inch	\$ 937.96
4 inch	\$1,194.04
6 inch	\$1,791.18
8 inch	\$2,473.51
Unmetered	\$181.86
Septate Treatment	
-In Town	\$48.69
-Out of Town	\$69.32

Part II
“User Charges for Sewer Services”
Town of Southbridge General By-law Article X, Section 11
SERVICE FEES SCHEDULE
Effective July 1, 2022

<u>FEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1. Return Check Fee	\$25.00 or 1% of check face value which- ever is larger	Insufficient Funds Charge
2. Illegal Sewer Use Charge	\$500.00 first offense \$1500.00 second offence	Use of sewer without application for service or other unauthorized use.
3. Turn Off at Main Charge	\$100.00	Turn off service at main or plug Customer request (inspection only – actual Construction to be done by outside contractor)
4. Fee for Application of Sewer exception Meters	\$200.00	Fee includes only the cost of meter and inspection. Customer is responsible for actual cost of
5. Meter Test at Customer Request		
Statutory Period		\$NC
Outside Statutory Period		
1" or smaller		\$ 100 Test Meter at Town Meter Shop
1-1/2" or 2"		\$ 150
3" or larger		\$Actual cost to Town
6. Inspection Fees		
Inspection	\$2.50/LF of sewer main installed	Fee paid by developers for inspection of the installation of the system
7. Sale of Blueprints per drawing	\$ 10.00	Sale by Sewer Department
8. Sale of Maps per map	\$ 10.00	Sale by Sewer Department
9. Repair of damaged sewer mains	Actual Cost incurred by Town to repair damaged pipe	
10. Plan Review Fee per unit	\$5.00	Fee for Sewer Department
11. Testing Connections & Inspections after regular working hours	\$ 115.00/hr.	Actual cost to Town including overtime

12.	Damage to or Replacement of Exception Meter	\$ Actual Cost	Actual Costs to Town - Charge for meter and materials.
13.	Lien Fee	\$25.00	Fee to levy delinquent water charges to Real Estate tax bill
14.	Final Sewer Charge	\$50.00	Fee to perform individual reading and Billing for transfer, sale of property, or other purpose
15.	Miscellaneous Service	\$70.00/hr	Any service work per hour not Covered by specific charges
16.	Miscellaneous Services - after normal working hours	\$155.00/hr	Any service work per hour not covered by specific charges (min 2 hr)
17.	Sewer only Meter Meter Reading Charge	\$10.00/qtr.	Fee to perform quarterly reading of Metered Sewer Only Non –commercial Accounts.

Part III
“The Sewer Connection Fee”

Article II Section 12

Section 12 Sewer Connection Fees are to be used to upgrade existing sewer collection line in order to maximize capacities for the sewage to be contributed by new growth; and potentially to add any needed capacity to the Wastewater Treatment Plant for new growth.

Fees will be uniform Town –wide: \$6.825 per gallon of Average Daily Flow (ADF) as calculated by 310 CMR 15.203. Fees will be payable at the time of issuance of the Town Sewer Connection Permit.

The Town Sewer Connection Permit will be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

The fee per unit will be reduced if found to be excessive following the determination of actual cost to be incurred. An abatement per unit fee paid will be made with interest.

- (a) New Residential Sewer Connections: \$6.825 per gallon, ADF fee per unit for new residential construction. (\$750/bedroom with a minimum of 3 bedrooms)

Additions to Existing Sewered Properties: \$6.825 per gallon, ADF, for the additional discharge to the Town Sewer from newly constructed properties currently connected to the Town Sewer. Building permits will not be issued until this fee has been paid.

- (b) Sewer Connection Permit Fees will be waived for connection within 60 days to sewer line constructed by funding under the authority of MGL Chapter 21 Section 30A (Collection System Grant)

(c) New Commercial/Industrial Construction shall be \$6.825 per gallon, ADF.

Sewer connection permits will not be issued to projects which do not have required State Sewer Extension permit until extension permit is issued by the State. Additionally, permits will not be issued in any part of Ton in which there is a moratorium.

The sewer connection permit fee will not be applicable to projects which had a building permit prior to September 2, 1986.

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Town Manager
Town of Southbridge
Issued Date: June 22, 2022