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To the Honorable, the Common Council  
City of Milwaukee

Dear Council Members:

Section 309-51 of the Milwaukee Code, relating to rules for the administration of sewer user charges, directs the City Comptroller to establish sewer user charge rates. Under this ordinance, the City is to pass through rate changes imposed by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), while also providing for the cost of administering the sewer user charge.

This letter is to inform you that the revised sewer user rates are effective with bills generated February, 2003. In accordance with Section 309-51 of the Milwaukee Code, the connection charge and consumption charge portion of the revised rate now reflect those charges as billed by MMSD to the City. The administrative charge has been revised to reflect the City's current cost of administering the sewer user charge. The rates compare as follows:

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Revised Rate</u>
<b>RESIDENTIAL USERS</b>		
City Administration Charge per quarter per account	\$ 5.14	\$ 5.39
MMSD Connection Charge per quarter per account	\$ 3.59	\$ 3.77
Hazardous Waste Charge	<u>1.03</u>	<u>.90</u>
Total MMSD Connection Charge per quarter	\$ <u>4.62</u>	\$ <u>4.67</u>
Total connection charge per account	\$ 9.76	\$10.06
 MMSD Consumption Charge per 100 cubic feet of water using billed consumption each quarter	 .65	 .63

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**NON-CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL USERS**

City Administration Charge per quarter per meter factor	\$ 5.14	\$ 5.39
MMSD Connection Charge per quarter per account (1.7 connections per account at \$3.77 per connection)	\$ 6.10	\$ 6.41
Total quarterly charge per account	<u>\$11.24</u>	<u>\$11.80</u>
MMSD Consumption Charge per 100 cubic feet at actual water readings	.65	.63

**CERTIFIED USERS**

City Administration Charge per quarter per meter factor	\$ 5.14	\$ 5.39
MMSD connection and consumption charges	Actual amounts per MMSD's individual invoices	

The current average quarterly consumption reported per residential account, amounts to 34 ccf. A quarterly sewer user charge bill under the current and proposed rates for such an account would compare as follows:

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Revised Rate</u>	<u>Percent of Change</u>
*MMSD Consumption	\$22.10	\$21.42	- 3.08%
*MMSD Connection	3.59	3.77	+ 5.01%
*MMSD Hazardous Waste (Res)	1.03	.90	- 12.62%
City Administration	<u>5.14</u>	<u>5.39</u>	+ 4.86%
Total Bill	<u>\$31.86</u>	<u>\$31.48</u>	- 1.19%

\*Pass Through Charges.


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These proposed rates have been forwarded to the Milwaukee Water Works, and City Engineer for their comments. They have notified the Office of the Comptroller that they concur with the new rates.

We recommend that this communication be placed on file.

Very truly yours,  
  
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cc: Mr. Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E., City Engineer  
Ms. Carrie Lewis - Superintendent, Milwaukee Water Works  
Mr. Kevin Shafer - Executive Director, MMSD

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