

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
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ITEM 8, FILE 031403
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File #031403 is a communication from the Comptroller's Office transmitting a report on revised sewer user rates.

BACKGROUND and DISCUSSION

1. The communication from the Comptroller's Office provides the Common Council with the new quarterly sewer user rates imposed by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) as directed by Section 309-51 of the Milwaukee Code.
2. Under Section 309-51 of the Milwaukee Code, the City is to pass through rate changes imposed by the MMSD, plus the City's cost for administering the sewer user charge.
3. Under Section 309-54 of the Milwaukee Code, the City is to establish the local sewer user charge. This file pertains to the MMSD pass through charges, not the local sewer user charge.
4. The revised MMSD sewer rates are effective with the bills generated in February 2004.
5. The Water Works has reviewed the Comptroller's proposed rates and concurs.

FISCAL IMPACT

Based on a current 34 Ccf average quarterly water consumption per residential account using the same rates as used in 2003, a quarterly sewer user charge bill for such an account is as follows.

Fee Type	Present Quarterly Cost	Proposed Quarterly Cost	Difference
City Administration	\$ 5.39	\$ 5.03	(\$ 0.36)
Pass Through Charges			
MMSD Consumption (Rate per 100 Cf.)	\$ 21.42 @ \$0.63 / 100 cf.	\$ 22.44 @ \$0.66 / 100 cf.	\$ 1.02
MMSD Connection	3.37	3.85	0.48
MMSD Haz. Waste	0.90	0.94	0.04
Total Pass Through Charges	\$ 25.69	\$ 27.23	\$ 1.52

Fee Type	Present Annual Cost	Proposed Annual Cost	Difference
Sewer Maintenance (City)	\$ 21.56	\$ 20.12	(\$1.44)
Sewer Treatment (MMSD)	\$102.76	\$108.92	\$6.16
Total Annual Sewer User Bill	\$124.32	\$129.04	\$4.72

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