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A substitute ordinance relating to the Milwaukee metropolitan sewerage district's user charges.

309-51-2-a-3 am

309-53-6-a am

309-54-3-e rc

The common council, on December 15, 2000, enacted council file number 001188, an ordinance that made several changes to the rules governing the collection of sewer user charges. One of these changes was the end of the practice of basing the billing of residential users on so-called "winter quarter" consumption and basing it instead on a percentage of consumption each billing period.

This ordinance repeals that change and restores winter billing, meaning that the volumetric portion of the residential sewer use charge for the entire year will be water consumption during the winter quarter. The only exception would be those cases in which water usage during any of the 3 succeeding quarter is higher than that during the winter quarter. In these cases, actual water consumption from that same quarter would be used to calculate the volumetric charge.

This ordinance will take effect on January 1, 2003.

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Part 1. Section 309-51-2-a-3-a of the code is amended to read:

309-51. Rules for the Administration of the Metropolitan Sewerage District User Charges.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS ADMINISTERING USER CHARGES.

a-3. User Charges. a-3-a. The residential and non-certified commercial user charge shall be based on the volumetric charge, and the connection charge, as billed to the city of Milwaukee by the Milwaukee metropolitan sewerage district, plus the city of Milwaukee administrative charge. ~~[[The basis of the volumetric portion of the residential sewer use charge shall be a percentage of the water consumption each billing period. The charge to non-certified commercial users shall be based on the water consumption each billing period.]]~~ >>The basis of the volumetric portion of the residential sewer use charge for the entire year shall be water consumption for the winter quarter, which shall mean the quarter ending in February, March or April. If water consumption is less than the winter quarter usage in any of the 3 succeeding quarters, the actual water consumption shall be used to

calculate the sewer volumetric charge.<< The charge to certified users shall be the amounts as received on individual invoices from the Milwaukee metropolitan sewerage district, plus the city of Milwaukee administrative charge.

Part 2. Section 309-53-6-a of the code is amended to read:

309-53. Metropolitan Sewerage District Use Charges.

6. BILLING. a. User, LCR and ICR charges shall be billed quarterly or monthly as determined by the water works. Payment of such bills shall be made within 20 days after mailing by the municipality. In the event that such bill is not paid when due, a penalty of 3% on outstanding balances will be charged on all past due accounts ~~[[billed quarterly, and a penalty of 1% on outstanding balances will be charged on all past due accounts billed monthly]]~~ >>each quarter<<. The >>quarterly<< bills for residential users shall be based upon ~~[[a percentage of water consumption each billing period]]~~ >>water consumption in the winter quarter. "Winter quarter" shall mean the quarter ending in February, March or April. If water consumption for a residential customer in any of the three quarters following the winter quarter is less than the consumption in the winter quarter, the sewer user charge for that quarter shall be calculated using the water consumption in that same quarter <<.

Part 3. Section 309-54-3-e of the code is repealed and recreated to read:

309-54. Local Sewerage Charge.

3. SEWERAGE CHARGE.

e. Residential Users. Residential water consumption shall be on a winter quarter basis as described in s. 309-53-6-a.

Part 4. This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2003.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Legislative Reference Bureau
Date:_____

IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE ORDINANCE
IS LEGAL AND ENFORCEABLE

Office of the City Attorney
Date:_____

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