



SEWER and WATER

Town of Wolcott

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TOWN OF WOLCOTT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REVISED SEWER USER CHARGES

In accordance with Section 7-255 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Sewer and Water Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Wolcott Town Hall, 10 Kenea Avenue, Wolcott, CT to hear written and oral comments on the revised sewer user charge (increasing from \$185.00 per unit per year to \$205.00 per unit per year) and the revised sewer connection fee (increasing from \$1,500.00 per unit to \$2,500.00 per unit). A copy of the revised charges is on file in the Town Clerks Office at the Wolcott Town Hall. At the hearing all property owners against which the charges are being levied shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed charges. Dated at Wolcott, Connecticut this 27th day of February, 2015.

James Paolino, Chairman

WOLCOTT SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION

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RESOLVED, by the Sewer and Water Commission of the Town of Wolcott, at a meeting held on _____, the Sewer User Charges dated May 17, 2010 are amended to read as follows:

REVISED ANNUAL SEWER USER CHARGES AND SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES

- A. Purpose - The purpose of this regulation is to establish fair and reasonable charges for the use of the Wolcott Sewerage System so that the maintenance and operation of said sewerage system is self-supporting.
- B. Sewer Use Charge - An annual use charge shall be fixed and imposed on every sewer user except those users on the exempt list. The sewer user charge for each user shall be computed by multiplying the specific number of units assigned to him/her by the cost rate per unit established by the Sewer and Water Commission. The number of units for each user shall be derived by using the Schedule of Units of Sewer Use, Town of Wolcott, Connecticut, which schedule uses the flows recommended by the Connecticut State Health Department in their tabulation of Maximum Monthly Flows and "Quantities of Wastewaters".

1. The Equivalent Unit Dwelling Method was used in the development of units of usage. Dwelling Usage=3.5 persons/dwelling x 70 gal/person/day=250 gal/day=90,000 gal/year
2. The number of units of usage for the 2015-2016 year has been estimated to be 5313. Each user shall be assessed a minimum of one unit.

Residential	5146.00 units
Industrial/Commercial	<u>167.00 units</u>
Total	5313.00 units

3. Cost Rate Per Sewer Unit Of Use - The user charge system shall generate sufficient revenue to offset the cost of all treatment works operation and maintenance proposed by the Town of Wolcott, including replacement funds. The yearly operating cost for the year 2015-2016 has been estimated to be \$1,089,224.00. The sewer user rate is computed to be the annual operating costs divided by the number of sewer units.

$$\text{Sewer User Rate} = \frac{1,089,224.00}{5313} = \text{TWO HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS } (\$205.00)$$

No money transfers resulting from excess budget expenses shall be transferred to any other town account. The money shall be retained solely for sewer usage budget items.

4. Any new user discharging into the Town of Wolcott's sewer system and/or any user located in the Town of Wolcott discharging into the City of Waterbury's system shall pay their proportional share of costs.
 5. Determination of units of usage and/or yearly operating costs are subject to re-evaluation at periods not exceeding bi-annually, or at least once every two years.
- C. Sewer Connection Charge -- This payment is applied to the capital account to help pay off the construction costs of the original system which the sewer is tied into and to help defray capital costs associated with future improvements to downstream system components. The connection charge to be applied is \$2,500.00 per each unit of use for each permit issued from this time forward.
- D. Discharges - All discharges shall be in accordance with the qualities defined in the town's sewer ordinance. Should the Sewer and Water Commission determine that the sewage does not come within the standards, the Sewer and Water Commission shall order that user to pretreat the effluent to the standards. Any additional cost to the town for the treatment because of these discharges shall be directly passed on to the user responsible.
- E. Municipal Establishments - The sewer user charge for municipal establishments will be paid for out of the town's General Fund.
- F. Exemption List - The following users are exempt from charges:
1. Sewer and Water Maintenance Garage.
- G. Dates - Sewer user charges shall be for the previous fiscal year and shall be due on July 1 and payable by August 1 of each and every year. In the case of a property which was not connected during the entire period, the user charge shall be pro-rated on a monthly basis for the actual number of months within the stated period that the property was connected. A period of less than fifteen (15) days shall be disregarded and a period in excess of fifteen (15) days shall be deemed a full month. Minimum charge is \$15.00.
- H. Liability of Owner - The owner on record of the property on which a building is located shall be liable for the payment of sewer user charges.
- I. Lien and Collection - Sewer user charges, together with interest thereon, shall constitute a lien upon the property on which the building is located and such lien may be foreclosed and such charges may be collected in the manner provided in Section 7-258 of the Connecticut General Statutes and other applicable statutes.
- J. Collections - Sewer user charges shall be collected by the Tax Collector as agent for the Sewer and Water Commission and deposited into a special account (separate from other town funds) designated the "Sewer Usage Account" and are to be used solely to operate and maintain the sewerage system or for any other use required and/or permitted by law.

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- K. Invalidity - The invalidity of any portion of this regulation shall not affect the remainder thereof and this regulation may be amended at such time or times pursuant to State Statutes as the Sewer and Water Commission, in its judgment, considers necessary.
- L. Appeals - Any appeal on such revised charges must be taken within twenty-one (21) days from the filing thereof with the Town Clerk in accordance with Section 7-255 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as revised.

New rates effective July 1, 2015, which covers July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 sewer usage.

Adopted at Wolcott, Connecticut, this ____ day of March 2015.

SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION
TOWN OF WOLCOTT

James Paolino, Chairman

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