

ORDINANCE NO. 158

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 18, CHAPTER 1 AND 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND THE SERVICE RENDERED BY THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN, as follows:

SECTION I. That Section 18-111(7) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (7) Rates and charges: Just and equitable rates and charges for the use of and the service rendered by the sewerage system, to be paid by the beneficiary of the service, shall be established and maintained. Such rates and charges shall be adjusted so as to provide funds sufficient to pay all reasonable expenses of operation, repair, and maintenance, extension, provide for a sinking fund for payment of principal and interest of bonds or notes when due, and maintain an adequate depreciation account, and they may be readjusted as necessary from time to time. Any upward adjustment of rates and charges for sewage services shall not be granted solely on the basis of increases of rates and charges for water services, but shall be made only after a finding that such an adjustment is reasonable and justified. A copy of the schedule of such rates and charges so established shall be kept on file in the office of the "board" having charge of the operation of such works, and also in the office of the recorder, and shall be open to inspection by all parties interested.

SECTION II. That section 18-204 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

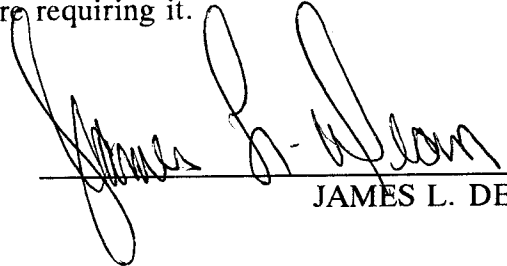
18-204. Sewer service charge. There is hereby established a "sewer service charge" to be levied each customer on a monthly basis for the ongoing collection and disposal of sanitary wastewater from the customer's sanitary conveniences in an amount as established as follows:

- (1) sewer volume is to be computed based on 90% of water volume
- (2) minimum fee is to be computed based upon sewer volume of 2,000 gallons of sewage or less
- (3) additional fee for each additional 1,000 gallons of sewage.
- (4) late fees are to be charged when monthly sewer service charge is not paid by the 10th of each month. Late fees are 10% of the delinquent balance to be computed monthly.
- (5) That in the event further changes to the schedule of rates and charges shall be necessary, such may be made by Resolution of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen as the necessity and advisability shall become apparent.

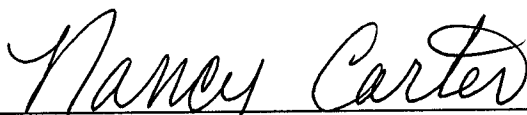
At the request of any lessor, the sewer service charge will be billed on a regular monthly basis to the lessor's lessee(s) but lessor shall be responsible for any and all unpaid lessee's bills and shall be responsible for minimum monthly bills when rental property is unoccupied

unless the water to such property has been disconnected. Should any customer provide evidence to the public utilities board that the water to any structure has been turned off, a dry tap fee may be approved on such unoccupied structures without the service of water at the rate of twelve dollars (\$12.00) annually.

SECTION IV. That this ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage, as the law directs, the public welfare requiring it.


JAMES L. DEAN, Mayor

ATTEST:


NANCY F. CARTER, Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Attorneys

PASSED 1ST READING: 3-2-95 Ayes 5 Nays 0 Other 0

PASSED 2ND READING: 3-8-95 Ayes 5 Nays 0 Other 0
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