

ORDINANCE NO. 20-195

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART NINE (STREETS, UTILITIES, AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE), TITLE THREE (UTILITIES), CHAPTER 933 (SEWER REGULATIONS AND RATES) SECTION 933.07 (DEFINITIONS), SECTION 933.15 (COMPUTATION OF CONNECTION CHARGES), SECTION 933.17 (BUILDING SEWER AND SEWER CONNECTIONS), SECTION 933.25 (RATES), SECTION 933.27 (HIGH STRENGTH SURCHARGES), AND SECTION 933.28 (MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY IN THE MANNER AND WAY SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH HEREINBELOW; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the City's 1996 fees for water taps and 1980 fees for sewer connection charges are outdated and unfairly weighted against larger connections and these proposed amendments to Chapter 933 will update the sewer connection fees, storm water rates, high strength surcharges, and miscellaneous fees that will only effect private land developers, re-developers, sewage haulers and industries; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to allow the new fees and rates, in particular the storm water rate, to take effect January 1, 2021, as there is no mechanism to bill in the current language; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Department of Public Works, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Ordinance** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

**NEW LANGUAGE APPEARS IN BOLD PRINT
LANGUAGE TO BE STRICKEN APPEARS WITH A STRIKE THROUGH IT
LANGUAGE TO REMAIN UNCHANGED APPEARS IN REGULAR PRINT**

Section 1. Part Nine (Streets, Utilities, And Public Services Code), Title Three (Utilities), Chapter 933 (Sewer Regulations and Rates), Section 933.07 (Definitions) be amended by the deletion of one (1) definition and the addition of two (2) definitions as follows and the subsequent alphabetizing and renumbering:

DELETE

~~“Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)” means the statistical average horizontal impervious area of "residential units" (single family, mobile homes, multifamily, condominiums, etc., within the City). The horizontal impervious area includes, but is not limited to, all areas covered by structures, roof extensions, patios, porches, driveways and sidewalks. The ERU shall be established by the City of Sandusky prior to January 1, 2017.~~

ADD

“Chief Foreman” means the Chief Foreman of the City POTW.

“POTW” means Publicly Owned Treatment Works.

Section 2. Part Nine (Streets, Utilities, And Public Services Code), Title Three (Utilities), Chapter 933 (Sewer Regulations and Rates), Section 933.15 (Computation Of Connection Charges), Section 933.17 (Building Sewer And Sewer Connections), Section 933.25 (Rates), Section 933.27 (High Strength Surcharges), and Section 933.28 (Miscellaneous Charges) of the Codified Ordinances of the City are hereby amended as follows:

933.15 COMPUTATION OF CONNECTION CHARGES.

(a) Connection charges shall be computed as follows in **Fee Schedule “B”**, which is also included in duplicate in **Section 939.03 (Setting Tap Charges)**:

City of Sandusky									
Engineering Permit - Fee Schedule B.									
CONNECTION CHARGES									
Water Meter Size	Equivalent Size	Water Connection		Size Tap	Tap Fee	Total Water Fees	Sewer Connection	Total Fees	
5/8"	1	\$1,044.10		3/4"	\$765.52	\$1,809.62	\$255.00	\$2,064.62	
5/8"	1	\$1,044.10		1"	\$838.71	\$1,882.81	\$255.00	\$2,137.81	
3/4"	2	\$1,143.83		3/4"	\$765.52	\$1,909.35	\$357.00	\$2,266.35	
3/4"	2	\$1,143.83		1"	\$838.71	\$1,982.53	\$357.00	\$2,339.53	
1"	3	\$1,345.36		1"	\$838.71	\$2,184.06	\$561.00	\$2,745.06	
1"	3	\$1,345.36		1 1/2"	\$1,957.15	\$3,302.51	\$561.00	\$3,863.51	
1 1/2"	4	\$6,648.40		1 1/2"	\$1,957.15	\$8,605.55	\$1,020.00	\$9,625.55	
2"	5	\$7,439.37		2"	\$2,144.49	\$9,583.86	\$1,020.00	\$10,603.86	
3"	6	\$3,472.08		3"	\$503.27	\$3,975.35	\$1,020.00	\$4,995.35	
4"	7	\$3,571.77		4"	\$625.67	\$4,197.44	\$1,020.00	\$5,217.44	
6"	8	\$6,762.28		6"	\$625.67	\$7,387.95	\$1,530.00	\$8,917.95	
8"	9	\$11,628.11		8"	\$834.77	\$12,462.88	\$1,530.00	\$13,992.88	
10"	10	\$15,014.40		10"	\$834.77	\$15,849.17	\$1,530.00	\$17,379.17	
12"	11	\$16,422.00		12"	\$834.77	\$17,256.77	\$2,040.00	\$19,296.77	
Water Only Meters									
Water Meter Size	Equivalent Size	Meter Fee	Double Yoke	W4 Hood & Tile	Total*				
5/8"	1	\$168.35	\$367.42	\$322.68	\$858.45				
3/4"	2	\$189.14	\$397.71	\$372.71	\$959.55				
1"	3	\$247.98	\$574.69	\$372.71	\$1,195.38				
1 1/2"	4	\$1,622.12			\$1,622.12				
Notice: All connections will require Plumbing Permits and Excavation permits. Plumbing permit cost varies and may be obtained by a Registered contractor or Homeowners occupying their own structure. Excavation permit costs are \$85.00 per trench and may be obtained by a Licensed Excavator only.									
FLOW RATES									
Meter size		GPM		Sewer Deduct Meter (Sprinkler/Pool Filling)					
5/8"		25		Residential - Cost of the Meter					
3/4"		35		Plumbing Permit \$64.00 + 1%BBS Fee= \$64.64					
1"		55		Commercial- Cost of the Meter					
1 1/2"	compound	100		Plumbing Permit \$100 + 3%BBS Fee= \$103.00					
1 1/2"	compound	200							
2"		160							
2"	compound	200							
3"	compound	500							
4"	compound	1000							
6"	compound	2000		Account #'s					
3"	turbo	650		Water Tap	612-0000-45271				
4"	turbo	1250		Water Meter	612-0000-45270				
6"	turbo	2500		Sewer Conne	613-0000-45070				
8"	turbo	3500							
10"	turbo	5500							
16"	turbo	10000							

Connection charges shall be increased by three percent (3%) each subsequent calendar year starting on January 1 2022. Thereafter, this annual Connection Charge increase shall take effect on the first of January each successive year. The City Engineer shall update the rates charged annually to reflect this increase. A current version of the rates charged will be on file in the office of the City Engineer.

<u>Size of Water Meter Serving the Premises (inches)</u>	<u>Equivalent 5/8" Water Meter Size</u>	<u>Charge</u>
5/8	1.0	\$ 202
3/4	1.5	303
1	2.5	505
1 1/2	5	1010
2	8	1616
3	15	3030
4	25	5050
6	50	10,100
8	80	16,160
10	120	24,240
12	215	43,430
<u>Flumes</u>		
3	76.5	15,453
6	272	54,944
9	613	123,826
12	1,120	226,240

~~(b) For water meters not listed above, the charge shall be computed as follows:~~

~~Water Meter Capacity
in GPM × The Connection Charge
20 GPM for a 5/8 Inch Water Meter
(1980 Code 50.18.1)~~

933.17 BUILDING SEWER AND SEWER CONNECTIONS.

(a) (1) A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building; except where one nonresidential building stands at the rear of another nonresidential building on an interior lot and no private sewer is available nor can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, court, yard, or driveway, the front building sewer may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one building sewer; but the City does not and will not assume any obligation or responsibility for damage caused by or resulting from any such single connection aforementioned.

(2) A single connection to the public system may be provided for several nonresidential building sewers collected by a privately owned interceptor. All provisions of this chapter shall apply to the privately owned

interceptor.

(b) Old building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found, on examination and test satisfactory to the City Engineer, to meet all requirements of this chapter and any other pertinent ordinance, law, or regulation.

(c) Abandoned sewers or openings shall be plugged to prevent dirt or fill material from entering the sewer system.

(d) Whenever possible, the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary sewage carried by the building drain shall be lifted by an approved means and discharged to the building sewer.

(e) No connection or lateral extending to private property from a public sewer or drain shall be constructed except in accordance with specifications adopted or approved by the City Engineer.

(f) All connections, tapplings, or openings shall be made under the supervision of the City Engineer. The applicant for the permit shall notify the City Engineer when the connections are ready for inspection.

(g) At least ~~24~~ **48** hours notice must be given to the City Engineer before any streets or public right of way can be opened for the purpose of laying a private sewer or drain, and the work may not proceed until approval of the City Engineer is obtained.

(h) All excavations for building sewer installation shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard. Streets, sidewalks, parkways, and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the City. All refilling of the excavation made for the connection shall be under the supervision of the City Engineer.

(i) Whenever a building is demolished thus terminating sewage flow from the location, all building connections to the sewer system shall be plugged at the tapping or opening into the **public sewer main**, unless the building sewer is found to meet requirements of this chapter and any other pertinent ordinances, laws, or regulations; in which case the plug shall be at the property line. The plugging shall be made under the supervision of the City Engineer. The owner of the building shall notify the City Engineer as to when the plugging shall occur.
(1980 Code 50.19)

933.25 RATES.

Each user connected to the City system shall pay charges **as prescribed in this section** ~~equal to the sum of subsections (a) and (b) hereof~~ according to the size of the water meter ~~in subsection (a) hereof~~ and **the** quantity of wastewater ~~in subsection (b) hereof~~.

MONTHLY

(a) Meter charge - (minimum) inside City users only: includes 100 cubic feet of use monthly:

Step 1: Effective April 1, 2015

Meter size	Capital Charge	Billing Charge	Commodity Charge	Monthly Charge
-	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month
5/8"	2.57	1.22	4.96	8.75
3/4"	3.86	1.22	4.96	10.04
1'	6.43	1.22	4.96	12.61
1-1/2"	12.85	1.22	4.96	19.03
2"	20.56	1.22	4.96	26.74
3"	38.55	1.22	4.96	44.73
4"	64.25	1.22	4.96	70.43
6"	128.50	1.22	4.96	134.68
8"	205.60	1.22	4.96	211.78
10"	295.55	1.22	4.96	301.73
12"	552.55	1.22	4.96	558.73

Gravity Flume	Capital Charge	Billing Charge	Commodity Charge	Monthly Charge
-	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month
3"	192.75	1.22	4.96	198.93
6"	706.75	1.22	4.96	712.93
9"	1,580.55	1.22	4.96	1,586.73
12"	2,878.40	1.22	4.96	2,884.58

All over 100 cubic feet shall pay the commodity charge above, per 100 cubic feet.

The Storm Water charge will be \$3.00 per property.

Step 2: Effective January 1, 2016

Meter size	Capital Charge	Billing Charge	Commodity Charge	Monthly Charge
-	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month
5/8"	3.48	1.26	6.20	10.94
3/4"	5.22	1.26	6.20	12.68
1'	8.70	1.26	6.20	16.16
1-1/2"	17.40	1.26	6.20	24.86
2"	27.84	1.26	6.20	35.30
3"	52.20	1.26	6.20	59.66
4"	87.00	1.26	6.20	94.46
6"	174.00	1.26	6.20	181.46
8"	278.40	1.26	6.20	285.86
10"	400.20	1.26	6.20	407.66
12"	748.20	1.26	6.20	755.66

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Gravity Flume	Capital Charge	Billing Charge	Commodity Charge	Monthly Charge
-	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month
3"	261.00	1.26	6.20	268.46
6"	957.00	1.26	6.20	964.46
9"	2,140.20	1.26	6.20	2,147.66
12"	3,897.60	1.26	6.20	3,905.06

All over 100 cubic feet shall pay the commodity charge above, per 100 cubic feet.

The Storm Water charge will be \$3.00 per property.

Step 3: Effective January 1, 2017

Meter size	Capital Charge	Billing Charge	Commodity Charge	Monthly Charge
-	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month
5/8"	4.62	1.30	7.75	13.67
3/4"	6.93	1.30	7.75	15.98
1'	11.55	1.30	7.75	20.60
1-1/2"	23.10	1.30	7.75	32.15
2"	36.96	1.30	7.75	46.01
3"	69.30	1.30	7.75	78.35
4"	115.50	1.30	7.75	124.55
6"	231.00	1.30	7.75	240.05
8"	369.60	1.30	7.75	378.65
10"	531.30	1.30	7.75	540.35
12"	993.30	1.30	7.75	1,002.35

Gravity Flume	Capital Charge	Billing Charge	Commodity Charge	Monthly Charge
-	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month
3"	346.50	1.30	7.75	355.55
6"	1,270.50	1.30	7.75	1,279.55
9"	2,841.30	1.30	7.75	2,850.35
12"	5,174.40	1.30	7.75	5,183.45

All over 100 cubic feet shall pay the commodity charge above, per 100 cubic feet.

The Storm Water charge will be \$3.00 per property.

Step 4: Effective January 1, 2018

Meter size	Capital Charge	Billing Charge	Commodity Charge	Monthly Charge
-	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month
5/8"	4.88	1.34	8.14	14.36
3/4"	7.32	1.34	8.14	16.80
1'	12.20	1.34	8.14	21.68
1-1/2"	24.40	1.34	8.14	33.88
2"	39.04	1.34	8.14	48.52
3"	73.20	1.34	8.14	82.68
4"	122.00	1.34	8.14	131.48
6"	244.00	1.34	8.14	253.48

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8"	390.40	1.34	8.14	399.88
10"	561.20	1.34	8.14	570.68
12"	1,049.20	1.34	8.14	1,058.68

Gravity Flume	Capital Charge	Billing Charge	Commodity Charge	Monthly Charge
-	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month
3"	366.00	1.34	8.14	375.48
6"	1,342.00	1.34	8.14	1,351.48
9"	3,001.20	1.34	8.14	3,010.68
12"	5,465.60	1.34	8.14	5,475.08

All over 100 cubic feet shall pay the commodity charge above, per 100 cubic feet.

The Storm Water charge will be \$3.00 per property.

Step 5: Effective January 1, 2019

Meter size	Capital Charge	Billing Charge	Commodity Charge	Monthly Charge
-	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month
5/8"	5.02	1.38	8.39	14.79
3/4"	7.53	1.38	8.39	17.30
1'	12.55	1.38	8.39	22.32
1-1/2"	25.10	1.38	8.39	34.87
2"	40.16	1.38	8.39	49.93
3"	75.30	1.38	8.39	85.07
4"	125.50	1.38	8.39	135.27
6"	251.00	1.38	8.39	260.77
8"	401.60	1.38	8.39	411.37
10"	577.30	1.38	8.39	587.07
12"	1,079.30	1.38	8.39	1,089.07

Gravity Flume	Capital Charge	Billing Charge	Commodity Charge	Monthly Charge
-	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month
3"	376.50	1.38	8.39	386.27
6"	1,380.50	1.38	8.39	1,390.27
9"	3,087.30	1.38	8.39	3,097.07
12"	5,622.40	1.38	8.39	5,632.17

All over 100 cubic feet shall pay the commodity charge above, per 100 cubic feet.

The Storm Water charge will be \$3.00 per property.

Step 6: Effective January 1, 2020

Meter size	Capital Charge	Billing Charge	Commodity Charge	Monthly Charge
-	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month
5/8"	5.17	1.42	8.64	15.23
3/4"	7.76	1.42	8.64	17.82
1'	12.93	1.42	8.64	22.99
1-1/2"	25.85	1.42	8.64	35.91

2"	41.36	1.42	8.64	51.42
3"	77.55	1.42	8.64	87.61
4"	129.25	1.42	8.64	139.31
6"	258.50	1.42	8.64	268.56
8"	413.60	1.42	8.64	423.66
10"	594.55	1.42	8.64	604.61
12"	1,111.55	1.42	8.64	1,121.61

Gravity Flume	Capital Charge	Billing Charge	Commodity Charge	Monthly Charge
-	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month
3"	387.75	1.42	8.64	397.81
6"	1,421.75	1.42	8.64	1,431.81
9"	3,179.55	1.42	8.64	3,189.61
12"	5,790.40	1.42	8.64	5,800.46

All over 100 cubic feet shall pay the commodity charge above, per 100 cubic feet.

The Storm Water charge will be \$3.00 per property.

~~Step 7:~~ Effective January 1, 2021

Meter size	Capital Charge	Billing Charge	Commodity Charge	Monthly Charge
	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month
5/8"	5.33	1.46	8.90	15.69
3/4"	8.00	1.46	8.90	18.36
1'	13.33	1.46	8.90	23.69
1-1/2"	26.65	1.46	8.90	37.01
2"	42.64	1.46	8.90	53.00
3"	79.95	1.46	8.90	90.31
4"	133.25	1.46	8.90	143.61
6"	266.50	1.46	8.90	276.86
8"	426.40	1.46	8.90	436.76
10"	612.95	1.46	8.90	623.31
12"	1,145.95	1.46	8.90	1,156.31

Gravity Flume	Capital Charge	Billing Charge	Commodity Charge	Monthly Charge
-	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month	\$/Month
3"	399.75	1.46	8.90	410.11
6"	1,465.75	1.46	8.90	1,476.11
9"	3,277.95	1.46	8.90	3,288.31
12"	5,969.60	1.46	8.90	5,979.96

All over 100 cubic feet shall pay the commodity charge above, per 100 cubic feet.

The Storm Water charge will be \$4.00 per Equivalent Residential Unit property.

~~(Ord. 17-215. Passed 11-27-17.)~~

933.27 HIGH STRENGTH SURCHARGES.

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(a) In addition to the minimum charges and the commodity charge provided for in this chapter, any non-significant industrial user discharging wastewater containing B.O.D. in excess of 250 mg/l, suspended solids in excess of 300 mg/l, or phosphorous in excess of 12 mg/l shall pay additional charges as follows:

- (1) B.O.D. ~~\$50.00~~ **\$55.00** per 100 pounds of excess over 250 mg/l
- (2) SS ~~\$45.00~~ **\$50.00** per 100 pounds of excess over 300 mg/l
- (3) Phosphorous ~~\$250.00~~ **\$300.00** per 100 pounds of excess over 12 mg/l

(b) Significant Industrial Users (SIUs) will have site specific Conventional Loading Rates, assigned by the City Engineer, and/or duly authorized employee of the City. These Loading Rates will be kept on file, and reviewed yearly. The City Engineer, and/or duly authorized employee of the City has the authority to make changes to these Loading rates if there is an increase in the SIUs production and/or discharge rate, an increase in Industrial Growth, or any situation that would create an increase in the industrial loading to the point where it will affect the efficiency of the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant

Significant Industrial User Limits will be site specific and will be maintained by the Superintendent.
(Ord. 15-140. Passed 10-13-15.)

933.28 MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES.

In addition to the above charges, each user shall pay the charges for miscellaneous service as determined by the City Manager and approved by the City Commission. The charges may be revised by the City Manager whenever in his opinion it is deemed appropriate. The City Engineer shall devise and procure the appropriate billing forms for such miscellaneous charges. **Sewer haulers will be charged as if every load dumped is full, equal to the entire capacity of the tank.**

Gallons	Step 1: Effective	Step 2: Effective	Step 3: Effective	Step 4: Effective
	April 1, 2015	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2018
	Charge			
1-1,000	\$54.85	\$68.56	\$85.70	\$89.99
1,001-2,000	\$82.26	\$102.83	\$128.54	\$134.96
2,001-3,000	\$109.69	\$137.11	\$171.39	\$179.96
3,001-4,000	\$137.11	\$171.39	\$214.24	\$224.95
4,001-5,000	\$164.54	\$205.67	\$257.09	\$269.94
5,001 or more	\$219.38	\$274.22	\$342.77	\$359.91

Gallons	Step 5: Effective	Step 6: Effective	Step 7: Effective
	January 1, 2019	January 1, 2020	January 1, 2021
	Charge		
1 -1,000	\$92.69	\$95.47	\$98.33 \$100.24
1,001 - 2,000	\$139.01	\$143.18	\$147.48 \$150.34
2,001 - 3,000	\$185.35	\$190.92	\$196.64 \$200.47
3,001 - 4,000	\$231.70	\$238.65	\$245.81 \$200.58
4,001 - 5,000	\$278.04	\$286.38	\$294.98 \$300.70
5,001 or more	\$370.71	\$381.83	\$393.29 \$400.92

The rates that sewer haulers will be charged shall increase three percent (3%) each subsequent calendar year starting on January 1 2022. Thereafter, this annual rate increase shall take effect on the first of January each successive year. The City Engineer shall update the rates charged to sewer haulers annually to reflect this increase. A current version of the rates charged to sewer haulers will be on file in the office of the City Engineer.

~~(Ord. 15-021. Passed 2-9-15.)~~

Section 3. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 4. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST: _____
MCKENZIE E. SPRIGGS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION