

13.27 SEWAGE SERVICE USER CHARGES.

- (1) There shall be and are hereby established user charges for the use of and for the service supplied by the Village sewerage works and sewage treatment authority which shall consist of a basic user charge for operation, maintenance and replacement, a debt service charge and a surcharge and penalties, if applicable.
- (2) Said user charges shall be reviewed annually to determine their adequacy. The Village reserves the right to adjust such charges annually to assure their continued adequacy.
- (3) All revenues raised by these charges shall be used solely for payment of operation, maintenance, replacement and debt service costs of the sewerage system. Additionally, revenues generated for replacement shall be placed in a restricted account which shall accumulate without limit and shall be used only for purchase and installation of replacement equipment, accessories and appurtenances as necessary over the life of the sewerage works. All other revenues not spent in any budget year shall be placed in a non-lapsing account and carried forward to pay the next year's expenses and to defer need for rate increases.
- (4) For the purpose of determining user charge rates, there are hereby established 4 user classes, i.e., the residential class, the commercial class, the institutional class and the industrial class. The Village reserves the right to determine user classification as well as establish additional classes as deemed necessary to apportion costs equitably among classes of users with significantly different sewage characteristics if such circumstances should occur.
- (5) (a) User charges shall be based upon the proportional cost for operation, maintenance and replacement for each user class and upon proportional use of the sewerage system by each user in a class determined in such manner as described below. Debt service shall be apportioned to each user class based upon sewer system user as a proportion of total billable flows (total flow less infiltration/inflow and other nonbillable flows). Debt service shall then be apportioned equally among all users of each class based upon number of dwelling units and/or building services connected to the sewerage system.

(b) Users shall be notified annually of the portion of user charges attributable to wastewater treatment (OM&R) costs.

(6) (a) Metered water volume shall be used to determine each user's proportional use of the sewerage system. The metered water volume shall be measured using the Village water meter when Village water is the only source of water discharged by the user into the Village sewerage system.

(b) When a user utilizes metered water in an industrial process or for other purposes which prevents the discharge of all water purchased into the Village sewerage system, he may be eligible for volume metering facilities to identify properly all water not discharged into the sewerage system. The Village reserves the right to inspect all installations of this nature and may require the user to monitor the wastewater discharge volume to verify actual discharge rates.

(7) (a) Initial charges for industrial users shall be developed on the basis of flow and waste strength information contained on the building sewer permit application described in sec. 13.25(2) of this subchapter. Charges for subsequent quarters shall be based upon actual waste strength and use of sewers determined in accordance with other provisions of this subchapter.

(b) Changes in operation or use affecting the strength or volume of industrial wastes shall be reported to the Village by the owner, and it shall be his sole responsibility to have such changes appended to the original building sewer permit statements to remain in compliance with this subchapter.

(8) The volume of infiltration and inflow shall be determined to be all water measured at the main pumping station not attributed to that metered from users. Costs for transporting and treating infiltration and inflow shall be apportioned among user classes in the same manner as are other operating costs.

(9) Charges shall be payable quarterly. All bills for service shall be mailed on the 20th of the month preceding the quarter and shall be payable not later than the close of business on the 30th day following the mailing of the bills. A late payment charge of 5% will be added to bills not paid within 30 days of issuance.