

CHAPTER 18: WALCOMET SEWER USE CHARGE ORDINANCE ADOPTION

18.01. Title/Purpose.

This chapter is entitled “WALCOMET Sewer Use Charge Ordinance Adoption.” The purpose of Chapter 18 is to regulate the use of public and private sewers and drains, disposal of holding tank wastes into the public sewers, and the discharge of waters and wastes into the public sewer systems within the Town of Darien Utility District No. 1. This chapter further provides for the methods used for levying and collecting wastewater treatment charges and fees.

18.02. WALCOMET Ordinance No. 82-001.

This chapter adopts WALCOMET Ordinance No. 82-001 as if incorporated in full herein and as hereinafter excepted or modified.

18.03. Annexation of Territory of WALCOMET Ordinance No. 82-001.

WALCOMET Ordinance Article III, § 507, entitled “Connection Fee,” and Article IX, entitled “Sewer Service Charge,” are excepted from the above ordinance adoption.

18.04. General Sewer Use Charges.

Each user of the district’s facilities will be considered a “Normal Domestic User.” For purposes of this section, “Normal Domestic Users” are considered those with discharges containing less than 250 mg/l of BOD, 250 mg/l of SS, and 25 mg/l of Nitrogen.

18.05. User Charge Rates.

Each user of the district’s facilities will be considered one user and one billing unit. The district’s annual budget will be divided between its users as follows:

WALCOMET Charges:

Fixed charges of WALCOMET shall be apportioned to district users according to each user’s equivalent residential units.

Volume and strength-related charges shall be apportioned to district users according to each user’s volume.

18.06. High Strength User or Toxic Discharges.

Should any user of the district discharge a waste higher than Normal Domestic strength, as defined in Section 901 of WALCOMET Ordinance No. 82-001, or a Toxic

Pollutant, that user shall be surcharged in accordance with WALCOMET's rates in effect at that time.

18.07. Biennial Audit.

The Town or the district shall review, at least every two years, the operation, maintenance, equipment replacement expense, and any outstanding debt of its wastewater collection facilities. Any changes in the user rates will be done in such a way so as to maintain proportionality of cost among all users.

18.08. Annual Notification.

The district shall, at least annually, notify each user of its annual budget.

18.09. Special Assessments.

Nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit or preclude the Town or the district from adopting its own user fee ordinance or from adopting or levying special assessments for connection fees, debt costs, or any other district expense as provided for under the Wisconsin Statutes.