

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 3**

RELATING TO SEWER SERVICE CHARGES, CREDITS, AND PRORATIONS

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0821(4) authorizes a common council to establish sewerage service charges and levy such charges on users of the municipal wastewater collection and treatment facilities for payment of operation and maintenance expenses, debt service costs, and other expenses or obligations of said facilities; and

WHEREAS, § 10.15.050 A. of the Municipal Code of the City of Port Washington levies sewer service charges on each lot, parcel, building, or premises connected with the City's wastewater collection system and being served with water solely from the Water Utility; and

WHEREAS, § 10.15.050 A.2., Municipal Code, grants a summer sewer service credit to certain utility customers for the four-month period from May 1 to September 1 each year, calculated based on the customer's prior usage at the same premises for the four-month period from November 1 of the preceding year to March 1 of the current year; and

WHEREAS, § 10.15.050 A.4., Municipal Code, establishes a minimum Volume Rate charge, and provides for the proration of such minimum charge, for wastewater services (other than industrial waste) provided to premises not previously occupied, and which is first occupied or for which an occupancy permit is first issued, at any time between May 1 and August 31;

WHEREAS, the Common Council, after due consideration and based on the recommendations of the Finance Committee and Board of Public Works, has determined that it is no longer reasonable, equitable, or in the financial best interests of the City to grant such summer sewer service credit, or to fix or prorate such minimum Volume Rate charge,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Common Council of the City of Port Washington, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. § 10.15.050 A. of the Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.15.050 Basis for Sewer Service Charges.

- A. SEWER USERS SERVICED BY WATER UTILITY WATER METERS. There is hereby levied and assessed upon each lot, parcel of land, building, or premises having a connection with the wastewater collection system and being served with water solely by the Water Utility, a sewer service charge based, in part, on the actual quantity of water used. Except as provided in subsec. C. hereinbelow, the actual quantity of water used shall be as measured by the Water Utility water meter used upon the premises.

Section 2. §§ 10.15.050 A.1., A.2., A.3., and A.4. of the Municipal Code are hereby repealed.

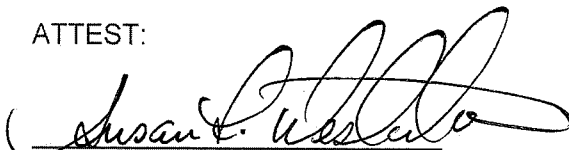
Section 3. § 10.15.050 C. of the Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:


C. DEDUCT METERS. If a person reasonably believes that a substantial amount of metered water is not discharged to the sanitary sewer, the person may, at their own expense and with the prior approval of the Approving Authority, hire a licensed plumber to install such additional meter (also known as a deduct meter) or metered services as may be necessary to calculate the volume of water not discharged to the sanitary sewer. Metered water not discharged to the sanitary sewer shall not be subject to sewer service charges. If the Approving Authority approves the installation of an additional meter the person granted such approval shall be responsible for and pay all costs associated with the installation of such meter, including, without limitation, general plumbing, meter horn permit, and installation costs. A flat charge for the use of such additional City-owned water meter shall be added to the person's bi-monthly water/sewer bill. Except for meter installation by City personnel, all work related to additional meters or metered services shall be performed by a licensed plumber. The additional meter shall be installed by City personnel, shall remain installed on the premises for a minimum of one (1) year, and shall be subject to inspection, repair, replacement or removal by City personnel at reasonable times, upon reasonable prior notice. No person shall cause, or permit any other person to cause, water to be routed or rerouted from the discharge of any additional meter into the person's general distribution system that leads to the sanitary sewer. In addition to the general penalties prescribed by this ordinance, any violations of this subsection shall result in all deduct meter readings being null and void, and immediate removal of the additional meter from the premises.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

Adopted this 16th day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:


Susan L. Westerbeke, City Clerk


Martin T. Becker, Mayor

(March 25, 2021)

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-3**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Ordinance No. 2021-3, "Relating To Sewer Service Charges, Credits, And Prorations" was approved by the Common Council of the City of Port Washington, Wisconsin, on March 16, 2021.

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WHEREAS, the Common Council, after due consideration and based on the recommendations of the Finance Committee and Board of Public Works, has determined that it is no longer reasonable, equitable, or in the financial best interests of the City to grant such summer sewer service credit, or to fix or prorate such minimum Volume Rate charge,

Section 1. § 10.15.050 A. of the Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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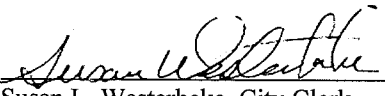
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The full text of the Ordinance may be viewed at the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 100 W. Grand Avenue, Port Washington, WI, 53074, tele. (262) 284-5585, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or may be accessed at the City's website found at the following link: <http://www.cityofportwashington.com>.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2021.


Susan L. Westerbeke, City Clerk