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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mark D. Boughton via the Common Council

FROM: Dena R. Diorio, Director of Finance & Personnel

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dena".

DATE: March 29, 2005

SUBJECT: Sewer Use Rates

Attached please find the ordinance required to set the Sewer Use Rates and related fees and charges for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005.

I am requesting that the Common Council consider this ordinances at its meeting in April.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any additional information. Thank you.



ORDINANCE

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COMMON COUNCIL

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

THAT Subsection 16-4(b) of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 16-4. Connection permits required; connection fee; refunds; penalty for violations.

(b) *Connection fee.* If no prior sewer assessment established in accordance with the provisions of section 16-50 of the Danbury Code of Ordinances has been paid on the premises to be connected to said sewer, or with respect to which the use is to be changed by adding residential units or expanding the floor area of nonresidential or mixed uses, then no permit shall be issued until a connection fee is paid to the City of Danbury according to the following:

- (1) The connection fee for buildings devoted to residential uses shall be fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) per dwelling unit; and
- (2) The connection fee for buildings devoted to either nonresidential or mixed uses shall be as follows:

Building Size (Floor Area s.f.)	Connection Fee
up to 5,000 s.f.	\$ 2,500.00
from 5,001s.f. to 10,000 s.f.	\$ 10,000.00
from 10,001 s.f. to 25,000 s.f.	\$ 20,000.00
from 25,001 s.f. to 50,000 s.f.	\$ 30,000.00
over 50,000 s.f.	\$ 50,000 plus \$100 for each 1,000 s.f. or part thereof over 50,000 s.f.

Whenever a change in use results in the addition of residential units or the expansion of the floor area of a nonresidential or mixed use, the connection fee associated with said change in use shall be calculated by subtracting the connection fee that would be due hereunder for the old use from the connection fee that would be due hereunder for the new use.

The provisions of this subsection shall be effective on July 1, 2005.

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- (1) The connection fee for buildings devoted to residential uses shall be FIFTEEN ~~five~~ hundred dollars (\$1500.00) per dwelling unit; ~~but in no event shall said connection fee exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) per building;~~ and
- (2) The connection fee for buildings devoted to either nonresidential or mixed uses shall be as follows:

Building Size (Floor Area s.f.)	Connection Fee
up to <u>5,000</u> s.f.	\$ <u>2,500.00</u>
FROM 5,001 s.f. <u>TO 10,000</u> s.f.	\$ <u>10,000.00</u> 5,000.00
from 10,001 s.f. to 25,000 s.f.	\$ <u>20,000.00</u> 10,000.00
from 25,001 s.f. to <u>50,000</u> 75,000 s.f.	\$ <u>30,000.00</u> 15,000.00
over <u>50,000</u> 75,000 s.f.	\$ <u>20,000.00</u> 50,000 <u>PLUS \$100 FOR</u> <u>EACH 1,000 S.F. OR</u> <u>PART THEREOF</u> <u>OVER 50,000 S.F.</u>

Whenever a change in use results in the addition of residential units or the expansion of the floor area of a nonresidential or mixed use, the connection fee associated with said change in use shall be calculated by subtracting the connection fee that would be due hereunder for the old use from the connection fee that would be due hereunder for the new use.

~~Connection fees may be waived by action of the common council, provided that the city benefits from the connection by permitting future extension to said connection.~~

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1, 2005.

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ORDINANCE

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COMMON COUNCIL

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

THAT Section 16-6 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows

Sec. 16-6. Connections to sewers required.

All persons who own or occupy any land fronting on a street through which a sewer is or shall be built shall connect all their sinks, drains, water closets and privies on said land with such sewer, and no cesspool shall be built or maintained on said land, nor shall the health department issue any permit for any cesspool on land so situated.

All owners of property on the line of the city sewers shall connect their respective premises with said sewers within sixty (60) days after receiving notice from the superintendent of public utilities. All persons who shall neglect to make connections within said time shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each and every day said neglect shall continue.

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All owners of property on the line of the city sewers shall connect their respective premises with said sewers within sixty (60) days after receiving notice from the superintendent of public utilities. All persons who shall neglect to make connections within said time shall be liable to a penalty of one HUNDRED dollarS (\$100.00) for each and every day said neglect shall continue.

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ORDINANCE

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Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

THAT Section 16-32 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows

Section 16-32. Sewer Use Charges.

(a) General sewer use charges established. There are hereby established sewer use charges applicable with respect to all bills rendered on or after July 1, 2005, to all sewer customers provided with metered city water service. Sewer use charges shall be reflected on the quarterly billing in two (2) components. The first component shall be the sewer use charge for the operation and maintenance (O&M) of the Danbury sewage works (as defined in Section 16-1 hereof) and the second component shall be the sewer use charge for the retirement of debt service relating to system renovations and improvements. Such charges, established in accordance with criteria contained in Section 16-27 of this Code of Ordinances, shall be determined in accordance with the following formulas and values:

(1) Formulas:

a. Quarterly Sewer Use Charge (O&M) = $\frac{0.9 \times A \times X}{1,000 \text{ gallons}}$

b. Quarterly Sewer Use Charge Residential Debt Service = $\frac{0.9 \times A \times Y}{1,000 \text{ gallons}}$

Where "A" equals the volume of water, as measured through the customer's water meter, used during the previous billing quarter. Where X and Y are the values with respect to sewer use charges and classes. Notwithstanding the prior provisions of this section, there shall be a minimum quarterly sewer use charge, which shall be established herein.

(2) Values:

a. For sewer use customers with metered city water service, the following sewer use charge values are hereby established:

1. O&M value (X) = \$1.95

2. Debt service values (Y) =

i. Residential, Class 1 and 1A = \$0.32

ii. Mixed residential / commercial, Class 2A = \$4.77

iii. Nonresidential, Class 2 and 3 = \$5.60

b. The minimum quarterly sewer use charge shall be twenty one dollars and fifty-three cents (\$21.53).

(b) For sewer use customers with flat rate city water service the quarterly sewer use charge shall be:

(1) Residential (Class 1 and 1A) = one hundred and four dollars and seventy-four cents (\$104.74) per unit.

(2) Mixed residential / commercial (Class 2A) = two hundred and nine dollars and twenty-five cents (\$209.25) per unit.



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- (3) Nonresidential (Class 2 and 3) = two hundred and nine dollars and twenty-five cents (\$209.25) per unit.
- (c) For sewer use customers having no city water service the quarterly sewer use charge shall be:
 - (1) Residential (Class 1 and 1A) = forty nine dollars and eleven cents (\$49.11) per unit.
 - (2) Mixed residential/commercial (Class 2A) = One hundred seventy seven and sixty-three cents (\$177.63) per unit.
 - (3) Nonresidential (Class 2 and 3) = One hundred ninety four dollars and ninety-six cents (\$194.96) per unit.

For the purposes of subsections (b) and (c) hereof, a sewer unit shall represent the sewer use for a single family dwelling. An additional sewer unit shall be assessed for each additional residence within any residential structure. A fractional sewer unit shall be assessed for a portion of the dwelling which, in the opinion of the superintendent of public utilities, bears, with respect to sewer usage, the same relationship to a whole sewer unit as that portion of the dwelling in question bears to a single family dwelling. All non residential flat rate city water customers shall be assessed for sewer units or fractions thereof based on the relationship between the customer's nonresidential use and the use generated by a single family dwelling, in the opinion of the Superintendent of Public Utilities.

(d) For purposes of this section, sewer use charges imposed upon military veterans' posts and organizations that are exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, shall be imposed at the residential rates established herein.

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Where "A" equals the volume of water, as measured through the customer's water meter, used during the previous billing quarter. Where X and Y are the values with respect to sewer use charges and classes. Notwithstanding the prior provisions of this section, there shall be a minimum quarterly sewer use charge, which shall be established herein.

(2) Values:

a. For sewer use customers with metered city water service, the following sewer use charge values are hereby established:

1. O&M value (X) = ~~\$1.60~~ 1.95

2. Debt service values (Y) =

i. Residential, Class 1 and 1A = ~~\$0.28~~ 0.32

ii. Mixed residential / commercial, Class 2A = ~~\$4.11~~ 4.77

iii. Nonresidential, Class 2 and 3 = ~~\$4.83~~ 5.60

b. The minimum quarterly sewer use charge shall be ~~seventeen~~ TWENTY ONE dollars and ~~twenty-two~~ FIFTY-THREE cents (~~\$17.22~~ 21.53).

(b) For sewer use customers with flat rate city water service the quarterly sewer use charge shall be:

- (1) Residential (Class 1 and 1A) = ~~eighty-three~~ ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR dollars and ~~seventy-nine~~ FOUR cents (\$~~83.79~~ 104.74) per unit.
 - (2) Mixed residential / commercial (Class 2A) = ~~One~~ TWO hundred ~~sixty seven~~ AND NINE dollars and ~~forty~~ TWENTY-FIVE cents (\$~~167.40~~ 209.25) per unit.
 - (3) Nonresidential (Class 2 and 3) = ~~One~~ TWO hundred ~~sixty-seven~~ AND NINE dollars and ~~forty~~ TWENTY-FIVE cents (\$~~167.40~~ 209.25) per unit.
- (c) For sewer use customers having no city water service the quarterly sewer use charge shall be:
- (1) Residential (Class 1 and 1A) = ~~Thirty~~ FORTY nine dollars and ~~twenty-nine~~ ELEVEN cents (\$~~39.29~~ 49.11) per unit.
 - (2) Mixed residential/commercial (Class 2A) = One hundred ~~forty-two~~ SEVENTY SEVEN dollars and ~~ten~~ SIXTY-THREE cents (\$~~142.10~~ 177.63) per unit.
 - (3) Nonresidential (Class 2 and 3) = One hundred ~~ffty-five~~ NINETY FOUR dollars and ninety ~~seven~~ SIX cents (\$~~155.97~~ 194.96) per unit.

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