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COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

November 4, 2011

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Erie County Sewer District Nos. 1-6 and 8
User Charge Rates**

Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum from the Department of Environment and Planning pertaining to Erie County Sewer District Nos. 1-6 and 8 User Charge Rates.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CHAS COLLINS", is written over a horizontal line.

CHRIS COLLINS
Erie County Executive

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Department of Environment & Planning
Re: Erie County Sewer District Nos. 1-6 and 8
User Charge Rates
Date: November 4, 2011

SUMMARY

The Erie County Legislature receive and file the attached copies of the User Charge Resolutions approved by the various Boards of Managers.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications.

REASONS FOR RECOMENDATION

The submittal of Sewer District User Charge Resolutions is for the Legislature's information only.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION


Pursuant to Article 5A of County Law, Section 266, the administrative heads of the Sewer Districts, i.e., the Boards of Managers, are responsible for determining a system of rates and charges to raise the necessary revenues to satisfy budgetary appropriations.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

There are no consequences of a negative action.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

No further action is required following receipt and filing of the enclosures.



Jeffrey Hart
Deputy County Executive

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**ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1
USER CHARGE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Erie County Sewer District No. 1 has submitted and has received approval of their User Charge System from E.P.A.;

WHEREAS, a formula has been established, a system of rates established and collection of said charges was initiated for a surcharge of flow and pollutants in 1981;

WHEREAS, from time to time, Out-of-District Customer Agreements are negotiated with certain property owners to provide sewer service to properties outside of the Sewer District;

WHEREAS, after public notice in the official County newspapers, a public hearing to discuss the user charges was held on September 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers for Erie County Sewer District No. 1 did at their meeting of October 7, 2011 review and approve new rates for the 2012 budget year as follows:

Flow (water use):	\$ 2.75 /1000 gallons
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅):	\$ 0.1226 /lb.
Suspended Solids (SS):	\$ 0.1666 /lb.
Phosphorous (P):	\$ 0.0203 /lb.
Waste Hauler	\$ N/A /1000 gallons

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Managers for Erie County Sewer District No. 1 does hereby agree to adopt the aforementioned system of user charges more fully defined as the system of charges approved by the E.P.A. pursuant to Section 266 of the County Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the user charge for flow will be based on water use unless the property owner(s) can substantiate actual sewage volumes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 266, Out-of-District Customers be assessed sewer charges as if the properties were located within the Sewer District using the same system of charges assessed against properties within the Sewer District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is determined the collection of such revenues shall be in the same manner and fashion as the regular sewer district tax bills collected pursuant to Section 271 of the County Law with the existing tax bill; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature be directed to request the Director of Budget and Management to collect said user charges from subject properties and parcels of land at the same time as the regular tax bills for the Sewer District and the County are collected.

MOVED BY: MR PIOTROWSKI
SECONDED BY: MS HOLTZ (S.O.)
APPROVED/DISAPPROVED: 10-7-11
DATE: 10/7/11


MATT SALAH, P.E.
SECRETARY

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**ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2
USER CHARGE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Erie County Sewer District No. 2 has submitted and has received approval of their User Charge System from E.P.A.;

WHEREAS, a formula has been established, a system of rates established and collection of said charges was initiated for a surcharge of flow and pollutants in 1981;

WHEREAS, from time to time, Out-of-District Customer Agreements are negotiated with certain property owners to provide sewer service to properties outside of the Sewer District;

WHEREAS, after public notice in the official County newspapers, a public hearing to discuss the user charges was held on September 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers for Erie County Sewer District No. 2 did at their meeting of October 13, 2011 review and approve new rates for the 2012 budget year as follows:

Flow (water use):	\$ <u>2.75</u> /1000 gallons
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅):	\$ <u>0.15</u> /lb.
Suspended Solids (SS):	\$ <u>0.16</u> /lb.
Phosphorous (P):	\$ <u>0.88</u> /lb.
Waste Hauler	\$ <u>60.00</u> /1000 gallons

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Managers for Erie County Sewer District No. 2 does hereby agree to adopt the aforementioned system of user charges more fully defined as the system of charges approved by the E.P.A. pursuant to Section 266 of the County Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the user charge for flow will be based on water use unless the property owner(s) can substantiate actual sewage volumes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 266, Out-of-District Customers be assessed sewer charges as if the properties were located within the Sewer District using the same system of charges assessed against properties within the Sewer District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is determined the collection of such revenues shall be in the same manner and fashion as the regular sewer district tax bills collected pursuant to Section 271 of the County Law with the existing tax bill; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature be directed to request the Director of Budget and Management to collect said user charges from subject properties and parcels of land at the same time as the regular tax bills for the Sewer District and the County are collected.

MOVED BY: G. Swyers

SECONDED BY: J. CRISTA

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED: 6-6

DATE: 10/13/2011


JAMES A. CARR, P.E.
SECRETARY

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**ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3
USER CHARGE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Erie County Sewer District No. 3 has submitted and has received approval of their User Charge System from E.P.A.;

WHEREAS, a formula has been established, a system of rates established and collection of said charges was initiated for a surcharge of flow and pollutants in 1981;

WHEREAS, from time to time, Out-of-District Customer Agreements are negotiated with certain property owners to provide sewer service to properties outside of the Sewer District;

WHEREAS, after public notice in the official County newspapers, a public hearing to discuss the user charges was held on September 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers for Erie County Sewer District No. 3 did at their meeting of October 12, 2011 review and approve new rates for the 2012 budget year as follows:

Flow (water use):	\$ <u>2.80</u> /1000 gallons
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅)	\$ <u>0.05</u> /lb.
Suspended Solids (SS):	\$ <u>0.11</u> /lb.
Phosphorous (P):	\$ <u>1.21</u> /lb.
Waste Hauler	\$ <u>60.00</u> /1000 gallons

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Managers for Erie County Sewer District No. 3 does hereby agree to adopt the aforementioned system of user charges more fully defined as the system of charges approved by the E.P.A. pursuant to Section 266 of the County Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the user charge for flow will be based on water use unless the property owner(s) can substantiate actual sewage volumes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 266, Out-of-District Customers be assessed sewer charges as if the properties were located within the Sewer District using the same system of charges assessed against properties within the Sewer District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is determined the collection of such revenues shall be in the same manner and fashion as the regular sewer district tax bills collected pursuant to Section 271 of the County Law with the existing tax bill; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature be directed to request the Director of Budget and Management to collect said user charges from subject properties and parcels of land at the same time as the regular tax bills for the Sewer District and the County are collected.

MOVED BY: DAVID KACZOR

SECONDED BY: GLENN NEELIS

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED: APPROVED, 8-0

DATE: OCT. 12, 2011



DAVID C. MILLAR, P.E.
SECRETARY

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**ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 4
USER CHARGE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Erie County Sewer District No. 4 has submitted and has received approval of their User Charge System from E.P.A.;

WHEREAS, a formula has been established, a system of rates established and collection of said charges was initiated for a surcharge of flow and pollutants in 1981;

WHEREAS, from time to time, Out-of-District Customer Agreements are negotiated with certain property owners to provide sewer service to properties outside of the Sewer District;

WHEREAS, after public notice in the official County newspapers, a public hearing to discuss the user charges was held on September 22, 2011 ; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers for Erie County Sewer District No. 4 did at their meeting of October 12, 2011 review and approve new rates for the 2012 budget year as follows:

Flow (water use):	\$ 2.45 /1000 gallons
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅)	\$ 0.1226 /lb.
Suspended Solids (SS):	\$ 0.1666 /lb.
Phosphorous (P):	\$ 0.0203 /lb.
Waste Hauler	\$ N/A /1000 gallons

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Managers for Erie County Sewer District No. 4 does hereby agree to adopt the aforementioned system of user charges more fully defined as the system of charges approved by the E.P.A. pursuant to Section 266 of the County Law; and be it further

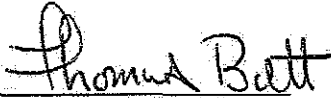
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RESOLVED, that it is determined the collection of such revenues shall be in the same manner and fashion as the regular sewer district tax bills collected pursuant to Section 271 of the County Law with the existing tax bill; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature be directed to request the Director of Budget and Management to collect said user charges from subject properties and parcels of land at the same time as the regular tax bills for the Sewer District and the County are collected.

MOVED BY: KEEFE
SECONDED BY: LABENSKI
APPROVED/DISAPPROVED: 4-0
DATE: 10/12/11


THOMAS M. BATT, P.E.
SECRETARY

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**ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 5
USER CHARGE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Erie County Sewer District No. 5 has submitted and has received approval of their User Charge System from E.P.A.;

WHEREAS, a formula has been established, a system of rates established and collection of said charges was initiated for a surcharge of flow and pollutants in 1981;

WHEREAS, from time to time, Out-of-District Customer Agreements are negotiated with certain property owners to provide sewer service to properties outside of the Sewer District;

WHEREAS, after public notice in the official County newspapers, a public hearing to discuss the user charges was held on September 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers for Erie County Sewer District No. 5 did at their meeting of October 19, 2011 review and approve new rates for the 2012 budget year as follows:

Flow (water use):	\$ 4.20 /1000 gallons
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅)	\$ N/A /lb.
Suspended Solids (SS):	\$ N/A /lb.
Phosphorous (P):	\$ N/A /lb.
Waste Hauler	\$ N/A /1000 gallons

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Managers for Erie County Sewer District No. 5 does hereby agree to adopt the aforementioned system of user charges more fully defined as the system of charges approved by the E.P.A. pursuant to Section 266 of the County Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the user charge for flow will be based on water use unless the property owner(s) can substantiate actual sewage volumes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 266, Out-of-District Customers be assessed sewer charges as if the properties were located within the Sewer District using the same system of charges assessed against properties within the Sewer District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is determined the collection of such revenues shall be in the same manner and fashion as the regular sewer district tax bills collected pursuant to Section 271 of the County Law with the existing tax bill; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature be directed to request the Director of Budget and Management to collect said user charges from subject properties and parcels of land at the same time as the regular tax bills for the Sewer District and the County are collected.

MOVED BY: FIEGL
SECONDED BY: SCHULTZ
APPROVED/DISAPPROVED: 4-0
DATE: 10/19/11


JOSEPH L. FIEGL, P.E.
SECRETARY

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**ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 6
USER CHARGE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Erie County Sewer District No. 6 has submitted and has received approval of their User Charge System from E.P.A.;

WHEREAS, a formula has been established, a system of rates established and collection of said charges was initiated for a surcharge of flow and pollutants in 1981;

WHEREAS, from time to time, Out-of-District Customer Agreements are negotiated with certain property owners to provide sewer service to properties outside of the Sewer District;

WHEREAS, after public notice in the official County newspapers, a public hearing to discuss the user charges was held on September 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers for Erie County Sewer District No. 6 did at their meeting of October 11, 2011 review and approve new rates for the 2012 budget year as follows:

Flow (water use):	\$ <u>2.54</u> /1000 gallons
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅):	\$ <u>0.16</u> /lb.
Suspended Solids (SS):	\$ <u>0.07</u> /lb.
Phosphorous (P):	\$ <u>1.08</u> /lb.
Waste Hauler	\$ <u>N/A</u> /1000 gallons

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Managers for Erie County Sewer District No. 6 does hereby agree to adopt the aforementioned system of user charges more fully defined as the system of charges approved by the E.P.A. pursuant to Section 266 of the County Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the user charge for flow will be based on water use unless the property owner(s) can substantiate actual sewage volumes; and be it further

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MOVED BY: J. Carr

SECONDED BY: M. Polanski

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED: 2-0

DATE: 10/11/2011


JAMES A. CARR, P.E.
SECRETARY

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**ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 8
USER CHARGE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Erie County Sewer District No. 8 has submitted and has received approval of their User Charge System from E.P.A.;

WHEREAS, a formula has been established, a system of rates established and collection of said charges was initiated for a surcharge of flow and pollutants in 1981;

WHEREAS, from time to time, Out-of-District Customer Agreements are negotiated with certain property owners to provide sewer service to properties outside of the Sewer District;

WHEREAS, after public notice in the official County newspapers, a public hearing to discuss the user charges was held on September 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers for Erie County Sewer District No. 8 did at their meeting of October 4, 2011 review and approve new rates for the 2012 budget year as follows:

Flow (water use):	\$ 3.25 /1000 gallons
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅):	\$ 0.05 /lb.
Suspended Solids (SS):	\$ 0.11 /lb.
Phosphorous (P):	\$ 1.21 /lb.
Waste Hauler	\$ N/A /1000 gallons

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Managers for Erie County Sewer District No. 8 does hereby agree to adopt the aforementioned system of user charges more fully defined as the system of charges approved by the E.P.A. pursuant to Section 266 of the County Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the user charge for flow will be based on water use unless the property owner(s) can substantiate actual sewage volumes; and be it further

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MOVED BY: S. FRICSS

SECONDED BY: M. HOETH

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED: 3/0

DATE: 10/4/2011



EDWARD A. PAOLINI, P.E.
SECRETARY

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c: 8.4.2.User Charge