

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

USER CHARGES

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NOS. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8

Erie County Sewer District Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 will hold a Public Hearing on their proposed user charge rates on August 16, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. local time in Room 1004 of the Erie County Rath Building, 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202. At that time, the following information will be considered:

Charges for the users of Erie County Sewer District sanitary sewers have been based on flat, parcel, assessed valuation and footage charges. In addition, a system of user charges for high strengths or high volume was adopted for the first time in 1981 in order to meet Federal mandates for user charges and more accurately apportion the cost of sewerage service to the taxpayers. In 2013, the following rates will apply:

COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NOS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	8
Biochemical Oxygen Demand 5 day (BOD ₅) \$ per lb.	\$0.1226	\$0.13 ⁽¹⁾	\$0.04	\$0.1226	N/A	\$0.15	\$0.04
Suspended Solids (SS) \$ per lb.	\$0.1666	\$0.08	\$0.11	\$0.1666	N/A	\$0.06	\$0.11
Phosphorous \$ per lb – (as P)	\$0.0203 ⁽²⁾	\$0.70	\$0.66	\$0.0203 ⁽²⁾	N/A	\$0.84	\$0.66
Flow (water use) - \$ per 1000 gallons	\$2.90	\$2.95	\$2.80	\$2.45	\$4.25	\$2.87 ⁽³⁾	\$3.50 ⁽³⁾
Wastehaulers - \$/1000 gal. ⁽⁴⁾	N/A	\$60.00	\$60.00 ⁽⁵⁾	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(N/A means not applicable)

- (1) Based on CBOD Data
- (2) Based on TP04
- (3) Based on Water Usage
- (4) Properties located within a County Sewer District which in 2013 have septage disposed of by a wastehauler at a County Sewer District may apply to the District Office (call 858-8383 for information) for a rebate of the debt service portion of wastehauler charges paid, up to one third of the District's wastehauler charge but not exceeding the District sewer taxes actually paid.
- (5) Only at Southtowns Sewage Treatment Plant

Non-residential users discharging below the base levels of normal strength sewage, (i.e., BOD₅ = 250 mg/l, suspended solids = 250 mg/l, phosphorous = 5 mg/l), will only be subject to a user charge for flow. Non-residential users using less than 91,250 gallons per year will not be subject to a user charge, except for Erie County Sewer District Nos. 6 & 8 where all users are charged based on flow (water use). (Water use is used in lieu of sewage flow unless the property

owner(s) can substantiate actual sewage volume.)

Property owners will have thirty (30) days from the date of publication of the notice of adoption to appeal this schedule of rates and charges to the Erie County Legislature. Appeals should be sent to the Erie County Legislature, 92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202, Attention: Clerk of the Legislature.

The aforesaid schedule of charges will be collected annually with the regular County Sewer (special) District charges and they will be identified separately as the Sewer District's User Charge. These aforesaid charges only apply to non-residential users of the sewerage facilities, except as noted in E.C.S.D. Nos. 6 & 8.

User charges are due and payable on the same date and time as the general County taxes. Late payment penalties will be assessed in the same manner as the penalties for late payment of the general County taxes.

EFFECTIVE DATE - January 1, 2013

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