

*approved as amended twice

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING SEWER USE RATES FIXED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

(Sponsored by Mayor William P. Sapelli)

WHEREAS, in the interest of the public health, the environment of the community, and the quality of our rivers and streams the municipality has constructed and operates and maintains a system of sanitary sewers to provide adequate wastewater treatment, and

WHEREAS the operation, maintenance, improvement of the sewer system as an enterprise system requires a revenue source separate and apart from the property tax and adequate to cover such expenses, and

WHEREAS the Agawam Town Council voted to proceed with the South West Sewer Area expansion and associated debt service to implement the expansion, and

WHEREAS, City Ordinance §175-60 and §175-61 state that all sewer users shall pay regular charges for service and that the sewer use charge shall be determined by the Department of Public Works with the approval of the Town Council.

NOW THEREFORE, THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL in accordance with §175-61A of the Code of the Town of Agawam hereby approves the following rates for sewer use:

Effective with the issuance of bills, charges will be applied on all bills render on or after July 1, 2022:

- A. A charge of \$5.01 per hundred cubic feet of wastewater discharged into the sewer system. Residential users without a separate irrigation meter account shall have their charge based on 90% of their metered water use.
- B. For sewer users without town water service shall be charged at a rate of 9,000 cubic feet per year per dwelling unit or 10,000 cubic feet per business unit at the appropriate rate for the use classification. (e.g. residential, commercial, etc...). This charge does not apply to where there is a sewer meter in use, in those cases the use shall be charged according to the rate for the use classification plus a service charge equal to the water account service charge.
- C. The minimum sewer charge is \$100.20 per year.
- D. Those elderly citizens that own and occupy single family homes and that qualify for clause 18 or clause 41C property tax exemption will be eligible to receive a 25% reduction in the sewer use rate on the first 1,250 cubic feet of water consumption in a three (3) month period with a minimum charge of \$75.16 per year. Those elderly citizens that own and occupy single family homes and that qualify for clause 17D property tax exemptions will be eligible to receive a 10% reduction in the sewer use rate on the first 1,250 cubic feet of water consumption in the a three (3) month period with a minimum charge of \$90.18 per year. Those citizens must apply

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for said sewer use abatement at the Office of the Department of Public Works prior to the due date of the sewer use bill and show proof of property tax abatement and occupancy. The Assessor's Office determination for the tax year containing any January 1 shall be used for determining sewer use abatements for meter reading taken in the calendar year containing the same January 1.

* E. Bills shall be due ~~30~~⁴⁵ days after issuance. Any unpaid balance of the new charges after ~~30~~⁴⁵ days shall have a 6% penalty charge applied. After ~~45~~⁶⁰ days from issuance, an additional 12% charge shall be applied on any unpaid balance of the new charges. Any charge on the sewer bill shall be subject to these charges.

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F. A charge of \$6.27 per hundred cubic feet of wastewater discharged into the sewer system. Residential users without a separate irrigation account shall have their charge based on 90% of their metered water use.

G. For sewer users without town water service shall be charged at a rate of 9,000 cubic feet per year per dwelling unit or 10,000 cubic feet per business unit at the appropriate rate for the use classification. (e.g. residential, commercial, etc...). This charge does not apply to where there is a sewer meter in use, in such case the use shall be charged according to the rate for the use classification plus a service charge equal to the water account service charge.

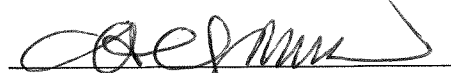
H. The minimum sewer charge is \$125.40 per year.

I. Those elderly citizens that own and occupy single family homes and that qualify for clause 18 or clause 41C property tax exemption will be eligible to receive a 25% reduction in the sewer use rate on the first 1,250 cubic feet of water consumption in a three (3) month period with a minimum charge of \$94.04 per year. Those elderly citizens that own and occupy single family homes and that qualify for clause 17D property tax exemptions will be eligible to receive a 10% reduction in the sewer use rate on the first 1,250 cubic feet of water consumption in the a three (3) month period with a minimum charge of \$112.88 per year. Those citizens must apply for said sewer use abatement at the Office of the Department of Public Works prior to the due date of the sewer use bill and show proof of property tax abatement and occupancy. The Assessor's Office determination for the tax year containing any January 1 shall be used for determining sewer use abatements for meter reading taken in the calendar year containing the same January 1.

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DATED THIS 10th DAY OF June, 2022.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL



Christopher C. Johnson, President

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



Stephen J. Buoniconti, Solicitor

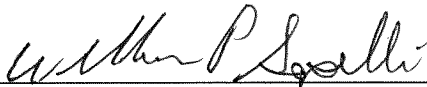
MAYORAL ACTION

Received this 7th day of June, 2022 from Council Clerk.

Signed by Council President this 6th day of June, 2022.

APPROVAL OF LEGISLATION

By the powers vested in me pursuant to Article 3, Section 3-6 of the Agawam Charter, as amended, I hereby approve the passage of the above legislation on this 7th day of June, 2022.



William P. Sapelli, Mayor

DISAPPROVAL OF LEGISLATION

By the powers vested in me pursuant to Article 3, Section 3-6 of the Agawam Charter, as amended, I hereby veto the passage of the above legislation on this _____ day of _____, 2022 for the following reason(s):

William P. Sapelli, Mayor

RETURN OF LEGISLATION TO COUNCIL CLERK

Returned to Council Clerk this 7th day of June, 2022.