

ORDINANCE 779

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADJUSTING CITY OF ALGOMA
WASTEWATER UTILITY RATES AS SET OUT IN
SECTION 13.08(5) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHERE AS: it is imperative for the effective and efficient management of the City of Algoma Wastewater Utility that rates be regularly adjusted in order for the Wastewater Utility to pay for itself through its sewer user fees, and

WHERE AS: for several years the sewer user charges collected were insufficient to support the operation and maintenance of the Wastewater Utility, thus requiring that additional funds be provided by the City of Algoma General Fund to meet utility expenses, and

WHERE AS: in October 2012 the City of Algoma retained the services of a professional utility rate analyst to complete a comprehensive and quantitative wastewater utility rate study, and

WHERE AS: this study illustrated a significant need to adjust rates annually.

NOW, THEREFORE: THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALGOMA DOES ORDAIN THAT WASTEWATER RATES ARE ADJUSTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 13.08 (5) of the City of Algoma Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(5) AMOUNT OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

(a) CATEGORY A USERS:

(i) Monthly Facilities Charge:

Meter Size (inches)	Charge
5/8	\$ 15.60
¾	\$ 15.60
1	\$ 28.08
1 ¼	\$ 34.32
1 ½	\$ 43.68
2	\$ 65.52
3	\$ 118.56
4	\$ 190.32
6	\$ 374.40
8	\$ 592.80
10	\$ 882.96
12	\$1,173.12
No water or sewer, but main runs past property	\$ 15.60

(ii) Volume Charge:

Based on Water Meter Usage \$8.94/1,000 gallons

(iii) Monthly Flat Rate for Unmetered Users

1-2 occupants	\$ 38.85
3 or more occupants	\$ 77.71

(b) CATEGORY B USERS:

- (i) Monthly Facilities Charge: Same as Category A users.
- (ii) Volume Charge: Same as Category A users

(c) SURCHARGE per lb. for Category B users over Category A strength:

BOD	\$ 0.692
TSS	\$ 0.821
Phosphorus	\$14.848
NH3-N	\$ 1.704

(d) REASSIGNMENT OF SEWER USERS. The Approving Authority will reassign sewer users into appropriate sewer service charge categories if wastewater sampling programs or other related information indicate a change of categories is necessary.

(e) OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPLACEMENT FUND ACCOUNTS. All sewer service charge revenues collected for replacement costs shall be deposited in a separate and distinct fund to be used solely for replacement costs as defined in Section. (1). All sewer service charge revenues collected for other operation and maintenance expenses shall also be deposited in a separate and distinct fund.

All revenues for the replacement fund and for operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment facilities shall be used solely for the replacement fund and operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment facilities.

(f) DISPOSAL OF SEPTIC TANK SLUDGE AND HOLDING TANK SEWAGE. No person in the business of gathering and disposing of septic tank sludge or holding tank sewage shall transfer such material into any disposal area or public sewer unless a permit for disposal has been first obtained from the Approving Authority. Written application for this permit shall be made to the Approving Authority and shall state the name and address of the applicant; the number of its disposal units; and the make, model, and license number of each unit. Permits shall be non-transferable except in the case of replacement of the disposal unit for which a permit shall have been originally issued. The permit may be obtained upon payment of a fee of \$50.00 per calendar year. The Approving Authority will designate the time and place of disposal. The Approving Authority may impose such conditions as it deems necessary or, any permit granted.

Any person or party disposing of septic tank sludge or holding tank sewage agrees to carry public liability insurance in an amount not less than one Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to protect any and all persons or property from injury and/or damage caused in any way or manner by an act, or the failure to act, by any of the person's employees. The person(s) shall furnish a certificate certifying such insurance to be in full force and effect.

All materials disposed of into the treatment system shall be of domestic origin, or compatible pollutants only, and the person(s) agrees that he will comply with the provisions of any and all applicable ordinances of the Municipality and shall not deposit or drain any gasoline, oil, acid, alkali, grease, rags, waste, volatile or flammable liquids,

or other deleterious substances into the public sewers, nor allow any earth, sand or other solid material to pass into any part of the wastewater treatment facilities.

Persons with a permit for disposing of septic tank sludge and/or holding tank sewage into the wastewater treatment facilities shall be charged a handling charge of \$5.00 per discharge and a volume charge as follows:

Septic Tank Sludge (BOD 290mg/l, TSS 869 mg/l, P 12mg/l, NH3-N 24mg/l)
\$36.00/1,000 gal.

Holding Tank Sewage (BOD 1400mg/l, TSS 3000 mg/l, P 50mg/l, NH3-N 30mg/l) \$11.00/1,000 gal.

The person(s) disposing wastes agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Municipality from any and all liability and claims for damages arising out of or resulting from work and labor performed.

(g) CHARGE FOR TOXIC POLLUTANTS. Any person discharging toxic pollutants which cause an increase in the cost of managing the effluent or sludge from the Municipality's wastewater treatment facility shall pay for such increased costs, as may be determined by the Approving Authority.

(h) FEES FOR INDUSTRIAL MONITORING. The POTW may adopt charges and fees, which may include:

1. Fees for reimbursement of costs of setting up and operating the POTW Pretreatment Program.
2. Fees for monitoring, inspection and surveillance procedures including the cost of reviewing monitoring reports submitted by the Industrial User;
3. Fees for reviewing accidental discharge procedures and construction;
4. Fees for permit applications including the cost of processing such applications;
5. Fees for filing appeals;
6. Other fees as the POTW may deem necessary to carry out the requirements contained herein. These fees relate solely to the matters covered by this ordinance and are separate from all other fees chargeable by the POTW.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, THAT THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALGOMA hereby authorizes the Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer to execute any documents necessary to carry out this ordinance.

Adopted this ^{1st} ~~2nd~~ day of ^{December} ~~November~~, 2014, by a vote of 8 for and 0 opposed.

Attest: Jeffrey H. Wiswell, Jr.
Jeff Wiswell, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: Wayne R. Schmidt
Wayne R. Schmidt, Mayor

Moved by: Roy Beyer
Second by: Bruce Charles

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