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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Hon. Mark D. Boughton via the City Council

FROM: David W. St. Hilaire, Director of Finance *DWH*

DATE: April 6, 2010

SUBJECT: Ordinance for Sewer Rates

Attached please find the ordinance required to set the Sewer Rates for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010.

I am requesting that the City Council consider this ordinance at its meeting in April.

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

Cc: David Day, Superintendent of Public Utilities



# ORDINANCE

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CITY COUNCIL

\_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 2010

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

THAT Section 16-4 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

(a) *Permit.* No person shall make any connection with any public sewer or increase the volume discharge or decrease the volume discharged to any public sewer without a permit from the city engineer and the superintendent of public utilities. No such permit shall be issued until the applicant has paid a nonrefundable permit fee of two hundred twenty five dollars (\$225.00) to cover administrative costs associated therewith. All such permits shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of issuance. Every permit issued hereunder shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Danbury Department of Public Works.

(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. (a) Except as otherwise provided herein, the connection fee for buildings devoted to residential uses shall be one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750.00) per dwelling unit.  
  
(b) The connection fee for buildings located with the CCBD zoning district and devoted to residential uses shall be five hundred ninety five dollars (\$595.00) per dwelling unit, but in no event shall said connection fee exceed two thousand nine hundred seventy five dollars (\$2,975.00) per building; and
2. (a) Except as otherwise provided herein, 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.	\$ 2,975.00
from 5,001 s.f. to 10,000 s.f.	\$ 11,890.00
from 10,001 s.f. to 25,000 s.f.	\$ 23,780.00
over 25,001 s.f. to 50,000 s.f.	\$ 35,670.00
over 50,000 s.f.	\$ 59,450.00 plus \$120.00 for each 1,000 s.f. or part thereof over 50,000 s.f.

(b) The connection fee for buildings located within the CCBD zoning district and devoted to either nonresidential or mixed uses shall be as follow:

Building Size (Floor Area s.f.)	Connection Fee
up to 5,000 s.f.	\$ 2,975.00
from 5,001 s.f. to 10,000 s.f.	\$ 5,945.00
from 10,001 s.f. to 25,000 s.f.	\$ 11,890.00
over 25,001 s.f. to 75,000 s.f.	\$ 17,835.00
over 75,000 s.f.	\$ 23,780.00

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.

(c) *Refund.* Said connection fee may be refunded if no actual connection is made prior to the expiration of the connection permit; provided that a written request for said refund is made within five (5) years of the date on which the permit is issued.

(d) *Penalty for violation.* Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

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(b) The connection fee for buildings located with the CCBD zoning district and devoted to residential uses shall be five hundred NINETY FIVE dollars (\$595.00) (~~\$500.00~~) per dwelling unit, but in no event shall said connection fee exceed two thousand NINE five hundred SEVENTY FIVE dollars (\$2,975.00) (~~\$2,500.00~~) per building; and

2. (a) Except as otherwise provided herein, 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.	\$ <del>2,500.00</del> 2,975.00
from 5,001 s.f. to 10,000 s.f.	\$ <del>10,000.00</del> 11,890.00
from 10,001 s.f. to 25,000 s.f.	\$ <del>20,000.00</del> 23,780.00
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# ORDINANCE

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CITY COUNCIL

\_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 2010

**Be it ordained by the City 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, 2010, 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) = \$2.51

2. Debt service values (Y) =

i. Residential, Class 1 and 1A = \$0.42

ii. Mixed residential / commercial, Class 2A = \$6.12

iii. Nonresidential, Class 2 and 3 = \$7.19

- b. The minimum quarterly sewer use charge shall be twenty seven dollars and sixty four cents (\$27.64).
  
- (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 thirty four dollars and fifty cents (\$134.50) per unit.
  - (2) Mixed residential / commercial (Class 2A) = two hundred and sixty seven dollars and forty two cents (\$267.42) per unit.
  - (3) Nonresidential (Class 2 and 3) = two hundred and sixty seven dollars and forty two cents (\$267.42) 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) = sixty three dollars and six cents (\$63.06) per unit.
  - (2) Mixed residential/commercial (Class 2A) = Two hundred twenty eight and ten cents (\$228.10) per unit.
  - (3) Nonresidential (Class 2 and 3) = Two hundred fifty dollars and thirty six cents (\$250.36) 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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(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) = ~~\$2.11~~ 2.51

2. Debt service values (Y) =

i. Residential, Class 1 and 1A = ~~\$0.35~~ 0.42

ii. Mixed residential / commercial, Class 2A = ~~\$5.15~~ 6.12

iii. Nonresidential, Class 2 and 3 = ~~\$6.05~~ 7.19

b. The minimum quarterly sewer use charge shall be twenty-SEVEN ~~three~~ dollars and SIXTY FOUR ~~twenty-five~~ cents (\$27.64 ~~23.25~~).

(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 THIRTY FOUR ~~and thirteen~~ dollars and FIFTY ~~twelve~~ cents (\$134.50 ~~113.12~~) per unit.
- (2) Mixed residential / commercial (Class 2A) = two hundred SIXTY SEVEN ~~and twenty-four~~ dollars and FORTY TWO ~~ninety-one~~ cents (\$267.42 ~~224.91~~) per unit.
- (3) Nonresidential (Class 2 and 3) = two hundred SIXTY SEVEN ~~and twenty-four~~ dollars and FORTY TWO ~~ninety-one~~ cents (\$267.42 ~~224.91~~) 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) = SIXTY THREE ~~forty-three~~ dollars and SIX ~~four~~ cents (\$63.06 ~~53.04~~) per unit.
- (2) Mixed residential/commercial (Class 2A) = TWO ~~One~~ hundred TWENTY EIGHT ~~ninety-one~~ DOLLARS and TEN ~~eighty-four~~ cents (\$228.10 ~~191.84~~) per unit.
- (3) Nonresidential (Class 2 and 3) = Two hundred FIFTY ~~ten~~ dollars and THIRTY SIX ~~fifty-six~~ cents (\$250.36 ~~210.56~~) per unit.

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