

Proposed Sewer Ordinance Amendment

Introduced March 25, 2019

Sec. 18-131. Connection charges; permit fees; accounting.

(a) A schedule of permit fees and connection charges established for the connection of any building or property to a sanitary, combined or interceptor sewer within the town whether constructed by the town or the Portland Water District or conveyed to the town is on file in the town clerk's office.

(b) Permit fees and connection charges shall be due and payable upon application for a sewer connection, or plumbing, permit. The town council may by order readjust the amounts of the connection charges. ~~according to the then prevailing costs of construction and the anticipated number of such connections.~~ The purpose of the connection charge is to ensure that new users and current users with change of use bear a proportionate share of the cost of capital expenditures necessary to replace and upgrade sewer facilities in order to maintain excess capacity within the system and to protect the public health and welfare. Connection charges shall, annually or at other intervals chosen by the town council, be determined and/or adjusted by the council based on the value of the town wastewater system and a capacity assessment of the proposed new or expanded connection. ~~Such connection charges shall not be required for connections from any property assessed for a portion of the cost of sewer construction under section 18-233.~~

(c) The funds collected by the town as sewer connection charges shall be placed in a separate fund for future sewer construction, sewer debt retirement, contributions to sewer capital costs and any other sewer-related purposes which do not conflict with the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq., or its successor provisions and applicable federal regulations.

~~Sec. 18-233. Exemption from connection charges.~~ Repealed

~~Any property owner, builder or developer who constructs, or contractually participates in the construction of a sewer extension pursuant to section 18-231 which sewer extension is then conveyed to the town shall not be charged a sewer connection fee under section 18-131.~~

~~(Ord. of 8-26-85, § 8.4)~~