

SEWER

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

SEWER FEES and CHARGES

AMENDED AND REISSUED

June 15, 2020

Effective July 1, 2020

Part 1

Sewer Rate Schedule

FY 2021 Commitments & Billing

<u>Metered Quarterly Consumption</u>	<u>Charge per hcf (100 Cubic Feet)</u>
First 500 cubic feet	\$4.26
Next 3,500 cubic feet	\$5.82
Next 15,000 cubic feet	\$7.68
Next 81,000 cubic feet	\$11.43
Over 100,000 cubic feet	\$15.45

Effective all bills issued after July 1, 2019

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Quarterly Base Charge</u>
5/8 inch	\$82.78
3/4 inch	\$91.32
1 inch	\$115.90
1-1/2 inch	\$149.03
2 inch	\$240.12
3 inch	\$910.47
4 inch	\$1,159.04
6 inch	\$1,738.67
8 inch	\$2,401.00
Unmetered	\$176.52
Septage Treatment	
-In Town	\$47.74/Thousand Gallons
-Out of Town	\$68.96/Thousand Gallons

Part 2
"User Charges for Sewer Service"

Town of Southbridge General By-Laws Article X, Section 11
SERVICE FEES SCHEDULE
Effective July 1, 2021

<u>FEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1. Return Check Fee	\$25.00 or 1% of check face value which- ever is larger	Insufficient Funds Charge
2. Illegal Sewer Use Charge 1st Offense 2nd Offense	\$300.00 up to \$1,000.00	Use of sewer without application for service or other unauthorized use
3. Turn Off at Main Charge	\$200.00	Turn off service at main or plug at Customer request
4. Fees for Application of sewer exception Meters	\$200	Fee includes only the cost of meter and inspection. Customer is responsible for actual cost of installation
5. Meter Test at Customer Request 1" or smaller 1-1/2" or 2" 3" or larger	\$ 100 \$ 150 \$ 200 or Actual cost to Town, which ever is larger	Test Meter at Town Meter Shop
6. Inspection Fees Inspection	\$2.50/LF of Sewer main installed	Fee paid by developers for inspection of the installation of the system
7. Sale of Blueprints per drawing	\$ 10.00	Sale by Sewer Department
8. Sale of Maps per map	\$ 10.00	Sale by Sewer Department
9. Repair of damaged Sewer mains	Actual Cost incurred by Town to repair damaged pipe	
10. Plan Review Fee per unit	\$5.00	Fee for Sewer Department
11. Testing Connections	\$ 75.00/hr.	Actual cost to Town including

	& Inspections after regular working hours		overtime
12.	Replacement of Damaged Exception Meter	\$ Actual Cost	Actual Cost to Town
13.	Lien Fee	\$25.00	Fee to levy delinquent Sewer charges to Real Estate tax bill
14.	Miscellaneous service -regular working hours	\$60.00	Any service work per hour not covered by specific charges
15.	Miscellaneous service -after regular working hours	\$75.00	Any service work per hour not covered by specific charges after regular working hours
16.	Final Sewer Charge	\$25.00	Fee to perform individual reading and billing for transfer/ sale of property or other purpose
17.	Sewer only Meter Meter Reading Charge	\$10.00/Qtr.	Fee to perform quarterly readings of Metered Sewer Only non-commercial accounts

Authority

As follows: Part I **Article II, Section 12 "The Sewer Connect Fees" of the "1997 Regulations for the Installation and Connection of Building Sewers and for the Use of Public Sewers in the Town of Southbridge"** (are amended and consolidated) republished herewith; Part II These changes are in addition to changing the **Sewer Rate Schedule for FY 2019**; Part III **Article X, Section 11 "User Charges for Sewer Service"** established by the Town Manager is amended and reissued as noted below.

Part 3
"The Sewer Connect Fees"

Article II Section 12

Sec. 12 Sewer Connect Fees are to be used to upgrade existing sewer collection lines in order to maximize capacities for the sewage to be contributed by new growth; and potentially to add any needed capacity to the Wastewater Treatment Plant for new growth.

Fees will be uniform Town-wide: \$5.46 per gallon of Average Daily Flow (ADF) as calculated by 310 CMR 15.203. Fees will be payable at the time of issuance of the Town Sewer Connect Permit.

The Town Sewer Connect permit will be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

The fee per unit will be reduced if found to be excessive following the determination of actual costs to be incurred. An abatement per unit fee paid will be made with interest.

- (a) New Residential Sewer Connections: \$5.46 per gallon ADF fee per unit for new residential construction.

Additions to Existing Sewered Properties: \$5.46 per gallon, ADF, for the additional discharge to the Town sewer from newly constructed properties currently connected to the Town sewer. Building permits will not be issued until this fee has been paid.

- (b) Sewer Connect Permit Fees will be waived for connections within 60 days to sewer lines constructed by funding under the authority of MGL Chapter 21 Section 30A, (Collection Systems Grant).

- (c) New Commercial/Industrial Construction shall be \$5.46 per gallon ADF.

Sewer connect permits will not be issued to projects which do not have a required State extension permit until extension permit is issued by the State. Additionally, permits will not be issued in any part of Town in which there is a moratorium.

The sewer connect permit fee will not be applicable to projects which had a building permit prior to September 2, 1986.

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Town of Southbridge
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