

**South Portland City Council**  
*Position Paper of the City Manager*

***Subject:***

**ORDER #176-15/16 – Setting the sewer user fees for Fiscal Year 2017. Passage requires majority vote.**

***Position:***

This order sets the sewer user rates for Fiscal Year 2017. Ordinance Chapter 22, Section 37, requires the City Council establish the sewer system charges by order on or before June 30th of each year. The proposed rate schedule is based on a Sewer Fund Budget of \$5,855,781, an increase of \$163,947 or 2.88%.

The proposed fee for residential, commercial, and other non-industrial waste discharging directly into the sewer systems is \$4.92 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption, representing a \$0.12 increase from last year.

Included is a memorandum from Patrick Cloutier on this item. He will be at Monday's meeting to answer any questions.

***Requested Action:***

Council passage of ORDER #176-15/16.

  
City Manager



## *Water Resource Protection*

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*Patrick Cloutier, Director*

June 6, 2016

To: Jim Gailey, City Manager

From: Patrick Cloutier, Director, Water Resource Protection

Re: Sewer User Rates for FY 16/17

The following sewer rates have been calculated for Fiscal Year 16/17. The sewer rates are based on \$4.92 per hundred cubic feet of water used.

1. Residential, commercial, and other non-industrial waste generators discharging directly into the sewer system shall be charged at a rate of four dollars and ninety two cents (\$4.92) per one hundred cubic feet of water used. Water use shall be determined by the volume recorded by the Portland Water District's building water meter. The minimum sewerage system user charge each month shall be four dollars and ninety two cents (\$4.92) based on 100 cubic feet of water.

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\$4.27 per 1000 gallons discharged  
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5. An additional user surcharge for the use of privately owned submeters shall be assessed in the amount of \$2.00 per month per submeter.

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Health and Human Services (10-144 CMR 241), as may be amended. Where a particular use is not listed in the Rules, the Water Resource Protection Director shall establish the flow to be used as a basis for the calculation of the fee. All such fees collected shall be paid into the City's Sewer Rehabilitation Fund pursuant to Sec. 22-161 of the Code of Ordinances.



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**ORDERED**, pursuant to §22-37 of Chapter 22, SEWERS AND DRAINS, the following user rates be and hereby are adopted, effective July 1, 2016. This Order shall serve as commitment of the sewerage system user charges to the Treasurer/Finance Director for collection.

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Fiscal Note: \$5,855,781

Dated: June 20, 2016