

**CITY OF WARRENSBURG**  
FINANCE

Council Letter No.17-123

August 28, 2017

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council  
City of Warrensburg, Missouri

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

**SUBJECT:** An Ordinance Amending Section 24-39.1, Sewer Service and Volume Charges, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg.

**BACKGROUND:**

Missouri American Water provides the City with residential and commercial water usage rates that the City uses to calculate waste water rates for its customers. The City has several waste water customers that are outside of the City limits, and/or are not customers of Missouri American Water. The City does not have a way to determine the usage for these customers unless the user provides readings from their water provider or readings from a meter installed for this purpose.

**ISSUE:**

Amend the current ordinance to address the issue of sewer customers without water usage readings provided by Missouri American Water. The following statements will address the issue within the ordinance:

“For residential users not receiving water service from Missouri American Water Company, or its successor, the sewer volume charge shall be based upon the winter months' average water volume based upon data provided by the residential user in the form of billings from the water provider or readings of a meter installed by the user for this purpose, or failing the user providing this data in an amount set by separate ordinance.”

“For any new sewer customer that does not receive water service from Missouri American water or its successor, the sewer customer shall notify the City of the new service within 10 days of establishing residency at the service address. Failing such notification and receipt of usage information as called for herein, the bills shall be issued in the name “occupant,” and the owner of the property held responsible for any delinquency pursuant to Section 250.140 RSMo, and as the same may be amended.”

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Focus I: Investment in Infrastructure, Goal: Allocate resources efficiently to maintain existing infrastructure, while forecasting future needs and properly providing standards that ensure quality infrastructure for future growth.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The funding is required for operations and maintenance of the sewer system along with future funding of required Sewer Capital Improvement Projects.

**ECONOMIC BENEFITS/IMPACT:**

This ordinance will help to ensure that all users of the City's Waste Water facilities pay their fair share.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance as submitted

Sincerely,

Matthew Lue  
Director of Finance



CC: City Manager  
CC: Director of Public Works

Attachment: 1. Ordinance