

CITY OF WARRENSBURG
FINANCE

September 10, 2018

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

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

SUBJECT: An Ordinance Amending Section 24-41, Sewer Charges, Commercial Usage of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg.

BACKGROUND:

This ordinance amendment addresses the City commercial waste water users that are outside of the City limits. 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 commercial sewer customers without water usage readings provided by Missouri American Water. The following statements will address the issue within the ordinance:

“For Commercial users whose water service is not supplied by Missouri American Water Company, or its successors, the monthly volume charge shall be determined by the previous year's actual water usage for that business. The user shall be responsible to provide usage information in the form of copies of water bills for the prior year, or readings of a meter installed at the user's expense for this purpose. For any user that fails to provide water usage information as required, the volume charge shall be set by separate ordinance.”

“For any new sewer commercial 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 occupancy 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Lue", is positioned below the typed name and title.

CC: City Manager
CC: Director of Public Works

Attachment: 1. Ordinance