



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-03.002  
ENACTED: JUNE 03, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE  
CODE OF ORDINANCES, APPENDIX A  
RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 2  
SEWER SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES**

The Village of Stockbridge resolves that the Village of Stockbridge Code of Ordinances, Appendix A – Rates and Charges, Section 2 – Sewer System Rates and Charges is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**Section 2. Sewer System Rates and Charges.**

**2.1 Collection and disposal charges. All users.**

2.1.1 Readiness to serve charge: \$104.11 per Residential Equivalent Unit (REU) per quarter (regardless of sewer usage).

2.1.2 Commodity charge for usage.

a. \$7.10 per 1,000 gallons used.

b. Beginning March 1, 2024, the commodity charge for usage shall be adjusted and the rate increased by Resolution of the Village Council.

2.1.3 In addition to the sewer connection to Village system by Village code enforcement officers, the connection shall be inspected by the Village Department of Public Works (DPW). The cost of the DPW inspection is \$25.00 per sewer connection and is separate from the plumbing permit.

2.1.4 **Capital connection charge:** A capital connection charge of \$5,000 per residential equivalent unit (REU) shall be charged for connecting to the Villages sanitary sewer system. This fee will be deposited in the Village improvement fund and used to pay expenses of the sewer system as may be deemed necessary by the Village.

2.1.5. **Capital connection charge:** A capital connection charge of \$5,000 per residential equivalent unit (REU) shall be charged for connecting to the Villages storm sewer system. This fee will be deposited in the Village improvement fund and used to pay expenses of the storm sewer system as may be deemed necessary by the Village.

2.1.6 Garden water meters will no longer be sold by the Village. Garden water meters that have been previously purchased from the Village that can be temporarily connected to outside faucets or other locations which are located upstream from primary water meter can be used to receive a credit for sewer usage.

In order for the user to obtain a credit for water used that did not enter the Village sanitary sewer system, the user must present the garden water meter at the beginning of the irrigation season to record the starting read. The garden water meter must also be presented to the Village Clerk or Treasurer at the end of the irrigation season to obtain a credit on their utility bill. The Treasurer or a DPW employee will read the meter usage and record the reading.

2.1.7 Irrigation water meters that are hard plumbed into the system can be purchased from the Village office for the cost of the meter and remote reader device plus 10% of the market rate.

a. Irrigation meters must be installed by a licensed plumber with a proper plumbing permit and inspected not only by a plumbing inspector, but also by a Village DPW employee.

b. Meters installed without inspection by the DPW will be subject to a \$500 fine.

c. Meters purchased outside of the Village office will not be valid and replaced by a Village approved meter.

d. Meter reads will be taken from irrigation meters at the same time as a regular water meters are read.

e. The irrigation water meter reading will be entered into the billing system and sewer rates will not be charged for those gallons metered.

## 2.2 Meter replacement

a. Meters that have been tampered with, damaged or for any reason other than the normal use shall be charged 110% of the cost of the meter including any applicable charges incurred at the time of the replacement.

b. Meters that need to be replaced for normal wear and tear shall be replaced in compliance with Resolution Number 2024-06-03.002 Appendix A – Rates and Charges, Section 1 Water System Rates and Charges.

## 2.3 Table of Unit Factors

a. For all users of the system, except as provided herein, the Village adopts a table of units, entitled “Table of Unit Factors” for the Village of Stockbridge Wastewater Collection and Treatment System.

b. Interpretation of “Table of Unit Factors”:

i. In new construction, or in situations where it is impossible to install a water meter, or when water is provided by a private well, the minimum equivalent factor for all users shall be one (1) REU equal to 20,200 gallons per quarter.

ii. Equivalent units for users not originally contained in the table may be added by resolution of the Village Council.

iii. Where multiple businesses exist at one location, the various businesses shall be combined to determine the equivalent units (number or RE) at such location.

## 2.4 Sufficiency of rates: Revision or modification of equivalent units:

a. Review of the equivalent units of users having an equivalent unit factor of more than one (1.0) REU shall be reviewed by the Village at least once each year. Unless the equivalent unit factor of such user is changed by Resolution of the Village Council on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the last month preceding the commencement of the system fiscal year (February 15), the equivalent unit factor of such user shall remain the same as it was for the preceding fiscal year. Failure to review shall not cause said factor to be omitted and shall not be considered grounds for discontinuance of said factor.

b. Review of metered users where the user has been required by ordinance, or by agreement, to install a meter to register flow, the equivalent unit factor for purposes of determining the service charge of such user shall be reviewed and adjusted yearly to assure the equivalent unit factor assigned to said user is compatible with use. The factor for determining the service charge for the next fiscal year shall be as follows: “Average quarterly use during the previous year divided by 20,200 gallons equals the equivalent unit factors (number of RE).”

**2.5 Appeal:** A property owner having an equivalent unit factor of more than one may appeal, upon written request, to the Village Council.

**2.6 Effective dates for application of equivalent units:** Where equivalent units are used to determine the connection service and other charges of a property owner, the equivalent unit which shall be used in the calculation of such charges shall be the equivalent unit factor assigned.

**2.7 Village of Stockbridge use:** For the reasonable cost value of sewage disposal services rendered to the Village and its various departments by the system, the Village shall pay according to the amounts set forth in the Table of Unit Factors.

**2.8 Operating and maintenance surcharge:** The rates and charges set forth herein notwithstanding, if the character of the sewage of any user shall impose an unreasonable additional burden upon the sewage disposal and/or transmission system of the Village, then an additional charge shall be made over and above the rate herein established. Effluence in excess of the maximum limitations imposed by this ordinance shall be deemed prima facie subject to surcharge. If necessary to protect the system or any part of the system, the Village shall deny the right of any user to empty such sewage into the system. Surcharges required by this section shall be computed as the pro-rate share of the annual cost of

operation and maintenance, including replacement, attributable to treating the substance multiplied by the ration of weight of surcharge excess of the discharged substance to the total weight of such substance that is treated in that year. This amount shall be collected on the basis of estimated surcharge amounts with each periodic billing and shall be adjusted annually to reflect actual operation, maintenance and replacement costs. Surcharge rates shall be established by resolution of the Village Council and the amount and necessity of surcharge may be appealed by the user to the Stockbridge Village Council. The surcharge fee for treatment of sewage in excess of normal concentration shall be as follows:

2.8.1 Pollutant and Limit	Surcharge Rate	Instantaneous Maximum
Suspended solids in excess [200 mg/l limit]	\$0.15/lb	350 mg/L
BOD5 in excess of [220 mg/l limit]	\$0.38/lb	400 mg/L
Ammonia Nitrogen in excess [25 mg/l limit]	\$0.54/lb	50 mg/L

2.8.2 Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) in excess of 330 mg/l may be used at the discretion of the Village instead of Biochemical Oxygen Deman (BOD). In such cases, the excess COD concentration shall be multiplied by the known BOD/COD ratio or by a ratio of two-thirds to establish an equivalent BOD concentration and corresponding surcharge.

2.8.3 Calculation of sewer surcharge fee for treatment of sewage in excess of normal concentration:

- a. Excess lbs. = (gallons discharged/1,000,000) X 8.34 X (lab results) – (limit of particular pollutant)
- b. Surcharge fee (\$) = (Excess lbs.) X Surcharge rate
- c. Under no circumstance shall the customer exceed the instantaneous maximum concentration as set forth above.

2.8. **Inspection fees:** The cost of connecting private premises to the Village sewer shall not be paid from the proceeds of the bond issue or from the revenues of the system but shall be paid by the property owners. Each unit in a multiple commercial premise, each unit in a duplex, apartment or housing project and each mobile home space in a mobile home park shall be treated as a separate user and a separate inspection charge shall be made for each such user. Such charge shall be made only once for each sewer service to each mobile home space in a mobile home park upon application for sewer service to such park.

**2.9 Voluntary connections:**

- a. The owner shall pay the actual cost of all pipe, risers, stubs, or other apparatus and the cost of all labor necessary to accomplish said connection and, in addition, separate from the inspection authority, permit fees of \$50.00 is levied for inspection for installation prior to being put into service by the Village DPW.
- b. The connection to, and use of the system by such premises shall be by gravity flow except by prior approval of the Village.
- c. The surface of any right-of-way shall be returned to the condition at least equal to the existing condition prior to any excavation that was undertaken.
- d. The owner shall obtain prior approval from the Village of all plans and specifications and materials to be utilized to accomplish said connection.
- e. All wyes, stubs, pipes, risers or other apparatus not owned by the Village shall, after installation and inspection, become (for purposes of operation and maintenance) the responsibility of the owner. The responsibility of the Village for operation and maintenance shall be limited to sewer mains, manholes, lift stations, and the wastewater treatment plant located within the Village.

f. Upon voluntary connection as previously set forth, said owner and premises shall be subject to all ordinances, resolutions, rules and charges relating to the use of the system then in effect and thereafter amended.

**2.10 Denial of voluntary connection:** The Village may deny the application of any person for sanitary sewer use. Criteria for denial shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Compliance with relevant village sewer and land use ordinance, regulations and plans.
- b. The effect of such proposed use upon the Village sewer system as a whole.
- c. The current sewer transmission and treatment capacity.
- d. Prior commitments for sewer availability.
- e. Litigation or other contingency requirements which may result in additional sewer use.

**2.11 Contractual rates:** The foregoing provisions relating to rates shall not be construed as prohibiting any special agreement or arrangement between the Village and the users or class of users whereby the sanitary wastes of unusual strength or character of such user or class of users may be accepted into the system, subject to payment therefore by said user or class of users.

**2.12 Revision or rates and charges:** The rates established by this resolution shall be reviewed at least annually and are estimated to be sufficient to provide revenue for the payment of the operation and maintenance costs, debt service charges and expenditures for the system and the same may be revised and fixed by resolution of the Village Council as may be necessary to produce the amounts required to pay such charges and expenditures and provide the funds necessary for the maintenance of the financial integrity of the system. The rates and charges for operation, maintenance and replacement shall be proportional and comply with applicable state and federal regulations.

**2.13 Deferring charges:** No free service shall be furnished to any user of the system, and there shall be no waiver or forgiveness of charges levied pursuant to the terms hereof. The foregoing notwithstanding, any resident eligible for deferment of payment of such fees pursuant to the laws of the State of Michigan shall be afforded ample opportunity to request such deferment or partial payment in accordance therewith.

**2.14. Special assessments:** The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing contained in the ordinance shall be construed as limiting, modifying or amending the special assessments levied against certain properties within the Village in connection with the construction of sanitary sewers which special assessment charges shall be due and payable according to the terms of the resolutions and actions of the Village Council heretofore taken.

**2.15 Enforcement of charges:**

- a. Non-payment of special assessment connection, capital connection charges or service charges shall subject the property owner to liability for such charges and penalties as provided for a late or delayed connection.
- b. Collection by litigation: The Village shall have the option of collecting all such delinquencies and penalties due here under by legal proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- c. Collection by enforcement of lien: Service charges of areas within the Village, including penalties due thereon, which remain delinquent for a period in excess of three months shall constitute a lien on the premises served. Such a lien shall be performed by the Village official or officials in charge of the collection thereon, by certifying annually not later than May 1 of each year to the tax assessing officer the fact and the amount of such delinquency. Such charges shall then be entered by the tax assessing officer of the Village upon the next tax roll as a charge against the premises and shall be collected and the lien thereof enforced in the same manner as general taxes against such premises are collected, and the lien thereof enforced. Provision for collection of service charges, including penalties for delinquent service charges for areas outside the Village limits shall be by contractual agreement between the Village and owners of said connections outside the Village.

Motion by: Howlett

Second by: Cattell

Yeas: Howlett, Mullins, Morehouse, Fairbotham, Powers-Taylor, Cattell, Ogden

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the Stockbridge Village Council on June 3, 2024.




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Jill Ogden, Village President

### **CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the above is a true and complete copy of Resolution No. 2024-06-03.002 adopted by the Village Council at a Regular Meeting held on June 3, 2024.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Stockbridge, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 3rd day of June, 2024, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the Minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



By: Heather Armstrong  
Its: Village Clerk

Drafted by:  
Daryl Anderson  
Chair Planning Commission