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17.14.040 Terms and Conditions of Deferred Payment and Installment Payment Agreements.

- A. ~~5.~~ 5. ~~The City shall authorize the deferred payment of system development charges for periods not to exceed 18 months for new single family residential dwellings (detached, duplex, row house, townhouse) regardless of project value; this option shall include the requirements of Subsections 3. and 4. of this Section and shall be offered on projects for which complete building permit applications and SDC deferral applications in accordance with Section 17.14.030 are received between July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. Development for which a complete building permit application or a SDC deferral application under Section 17.14.030 are received after June 30, 2014 are not eligible for the deferral provided by this Subsection.~~

17.32.030 Permit Required.

- B. 3. The work is performed in compliance with standard City construction specifications, the Sewer and Drainage Facilities Design Manual, the Source Control Manual, and the Stormwater Management Manual; and

17.32.050 Work Allowed and Required Under Permit.

- C. 1. a. Sanitary, wastewater or other discharges to the sanitary or combined system must comply with the Sewer and Drainage Facilities Design Manual and the Source Control Manual.
- b. Stormwater, groundwater discharge or other waters discharged to the City's storm sewer and drainage system must comply with the Stormwater Management Manual, the Source Control Manual, and Chapter 17.38.

17.32.070 Maintenance of Sewer and Drainage Systems.

- B. 1. Limits of City Maintenance Responsibility. The City maintains City sewer and drainage improvements that are located in City rights-of-way and that are described as part of the City public sewer, storm sewer and drainage system. However, the City only maintains ~~sewer~~-laterals as follows:
 - a. For a City-paved street with curbs, the City will maintain a lateral from the sewer main to the street-side curb face nearest the property being served. If there is more than one curb, as with stormwater facilities, the City will maintain to the street-side curb face closest to the property line. Otherwise, the City will maintain only the wye or tee connection for ~~sewer~~-laterals.
 - b. [Unchanged]
 - c. [Unchanged]
 - d. For an unpaved street, the City will maintain those portions of any ~~sewer~~-lateral within an area of right-of-way up to 28 feet wide and centered on the centerline of the City right-of-way, as determined by the City, as follows:
 - (1) [Unchanged]
 - (2) When the sewer main is outside the 28-foot maintenance area and at least a portion of the ~~sewer service~~-lateral lies within the maintenance area, the City will maintain the lateral to the limit of the maintenance area; and

(3) When the sewer main is outside the 28-foot maintenance area and no portion of the ~~sewer service~~ lateral lies within the maintenance area, the City will maintain only the wye or tee connection for the lateral.

e. In City sewer, storm sewer and drainage system easements, the City will maintain public sewer mains and only the wye or tee connections for ~~sewer service~~ laterals.

f. Those portions of a ~~sewer service~~ lateral not addressed by Subsections 17.32.070 B.1.a. through d. are the responsibility of the property owner receiving service through the lateral.

17.32.090 Connection Permits.

B. 3. Flows from outside the City limits may be required to meet the standards in the Source Control Manual, the Stormwater Management Manual or the Sewer Drainage Facilities Design Manual, as determined by the BES Chief Engineer based on the needs of the City sewer, storm sewer and drainage system.

17.34.050 Pretreatment and Pollution Control Required.

~~D. Any person constructing or implementing pretreatment facilities or source control measures may be required to install and maintain at the discharger's own expense a sampling manhole or other suitable monitoring access for checking and investigating the discharge to the City sewer. The sampling manhole or monitoring access must be placed in a location designated by the Director and in accordance with specifications approved by the Director.~~

17.34.070 Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permits.

G. Renewal of Permits. A permittee shall apply for renewal of its industrial wastewater discharge permit at least within 90 days prior to the expiration date of the existing permit. Upon timely application for renewal, an existing permit will remain effective until the renewed permit is issued or denied ~~an application is acted upon~~.

17.36.020 Definitions.

A. "Billing Error" means an instance in which a calculation used by the City for billing is not consistent, in the determination of the City, with adopted City Code and Administrative Rules for billing sewer volume and stormwater management charges.

AB. "Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)" means the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter per Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants, contained in 40 CFR 136.

- BC.** “**Branch**” means the public portion of the horizontal piping system connecting from the plumbing system of a building or buildings to a public or private sewer.
- CD.** “**Branch Charge**” means a connection charge that reimburses the City for the costs of designing and constructing a public sewer extension and providing individual service laterals.
- DE.** “**Connection Charge**” means a charge assessed by the City for providing public sewer and stormwater management services to a property. A connection charge may include a line charge, branch charge, sanitary sewer system development charge, and a stormwater system development charge. Connection charges are for use or expansion of use of City sanitary or stormwater management services.
- EF.** “**Director**” means the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Services or the Director’s designee.
- FG.** “**Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)**” means the estimated average sanitary flow from a single-family dwelling charged to a sewer account.
- GH.** “**Extra Strength Charge**” means the additional charge to wastewater dischargers who have constituent discharges at concentrations above levels normally expected in domestic wastewater, as determined by this Chapter and general ordinance.
- HI.** “**Groundwater**” means subsurface water that occurs in soils and geological formations that are fully saturated. Groundwater fluctuates seasonally and includes perched groundwater.
- IJ.** “**Groundwater Discharge**” means a discharge of water pumped or directed from the ground. Groundwater discharges include but are not limited to subsurface water from site remediation and investigations, well development, Brownfield development, discharges from footing and foundation drains, and subsurface water associated with construction or property management dewatering activities.
- JK.** “**Impervious Area**” means the area of a property that does not allow rainwater to percolate naturally into the ground.
- KL.** “**ITE Manual**” means the manual used per Section 17.15.020 to determine transportation system development charges.
- LM.** “**Line Charge**” means a connection charge that reimburses the City for the costs of designing and constructing sanitary sewer lines that serve multiple connecting properties.
- MN.** “**Net New Impervious Area**” means the difference between existing impervious area on a property, and any increase in impervious area that results from a proposed use(s) of the property.

- NO.** “**Net New Vehicular Trips**” means the difference between the vehicular trips generated by the existing use of a property, and any increased number of the vehicular trips generated from a proposed use(s) of the property.
- OP.** “**Non-Routine Discharge**” means a definable/explainable uncontrolled release or spill to the sanitary sewer system that is not representative of the normal or expected characteristics of a facility’s wastewater discharge and that may include discharges defined as slugloads under Chapter 17.34.
- PQ.** “**Rate**” means the multiplication factor used to generate a connection or user charge based on cost-per-unit proxies such as gallons of discharge, square feet, or feet of road frontage. Rates can be multiplied by other factors
- QR.** “**Ratepayer**” means a person who has the right to possession of a property and:
1. Who causes or permits the discharge of sanitary sewage into the public sewer system, or
 2. Whose use of the property directly or indirectly benefits from stormwater management services provided by the City.
- RS.** “**Rolling Average**” means the average of the 10 most recent monthly averages of representative City- and/or self-monitoring events for the purpose of calculating an extra-strength sewage charge rate, unless another period is approved by the Director.
- ST.** “**Sanitary Sewage**” means wastewater discharged to the public sewer system by permit or other approval of the Director and includes, but is not limited to, domestic wastewater, industrial and commercial process wastewater and contaminated stormwater.
- TU.** “**Sanitary Sewer Conversion Charge**” means the charge to convert a nonconforming sewer, as that term is defined in Chapter 17.33. This charge is assessed in lieu of line and branch connection charges.
- UV.** “**Sanitary System Development Charge (SDC)**” means a connection charge for new or increased demand of the public sewer system. This charge reimburses the City for an equitable portion of the costs of major sewer facilities such as wastewater treatment facilities, pump stations and interceptor sewers.
- VW.** “**Seed**” means a population of microorganisms capable of oxidizing biodegradable organic matter that is added to a wastewater sample as part of the analysis of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD). Only seed prepared using primary effluent from the City’s Columbia Boulevard Waste Water Treatment Plant may be used for this analysis.
- WX.** “**Stormwater Management Facility**” means a facility or other technique used to reduce volume, flow rate, or pollutants from stormwater runoff. Stormwater facilities may reuse, collect, convey, detain, retain, or provide a discharge point for stormwater runoff.

XY. “**Stormwater Management Services**” means services and actions used to collect, convey, detain, retain, treat or dispose of stormwater. These services include managing stormwater runoff from public streets, mitigating flooding, preventing erosion, improving water quality of stormwater runoff, collecting and conveying stormwater runoff from private properties when runoff exceeds the capacity of private facilities to manage stormwater onsite, mitigating impacts to natural habitats caused by stormwater runoff, and protecting properties and natural habitats from hazardous soils and materials that are discharged from private properties and public rights-of-way.

YZ. “**Stormwater System Development Charge (SDC)**” means a connection charge for new or increased demand of the public stormwater and drainage system. This charge reimburses the City for an equitable portion of the costs of public stormwater management facilities such as collection and conveyance facilities, detention and disposal facilities, and water pollution reduction facilities.

ZAA. “**Temporary Connection**” means a connection to the sanitary sewer system where the duration of the connection is less than three years and connection and disconnection occur only once. Connections made to the public sewer, stormwater or drainage system made for the purpose of environmental remediation will not be considered a temporary connection unless approved by the Director.

AABB. “**Temporary Structure**” means a structure that is separate and distinct from all other structures and is created and removed in its entirety within 3 years, including all impervious area associated with the structure.

BBCC. “**Total Suspended Solids (TSS)**” means the total suspended matter that either floats on the surface or is suspended in water or wastewater and that is removable by laboratory filtering in accordance with 40 CFR 136 Table B.

CCDD. “**Transportation SDC Study**” means the transportation system development methodology established by Chapter 17.15.

DDDE. “**User Charge**” means a charge paid by a ratepayer for the use of public sanitary or stormwater management services. User charges are calculated on a routine basis such as monthly or annually.

17.36.040 Sewer System Connection Charges.

D. Sanitary Line Charge.

- 1.** Residential Property. The line charge is based on the charge rate as established by City Council and the square footage of that portion of the property receiving service that lies within 100 feet of the public right-of-way or easement where a sewer has been constructed or is planned. Such street or easement line is considered as continuing 100 feet beyond the end

of the main line sewer or beyond where the sewer turns away from the property. ~~The minimum line charge is based on a minimum assumed lot size of 1,200 square feet.~~ Owners of flag, oddly shaped or landlocked properties must pay at least a minimum line charge based on an assumed minimum lot size of 1,200 square feet.

2. Non-Residential Property. The line charge is based on the charge rate as established by City Council and the square footage of the portion of the property receiving service that lies within 300 feet of the public right-of-way or easement where a sewer has been constructed or is planned. Such street or easement line is considered as continuing 300 feet beyond the end of the main line sewer or beyond where the sewer turns away from the property. ~~The minimum line charge is based on a minimum lot size of 3,600 square feet.~~ Owners of flag, oddly shaped or landlocked properties must pay at least a minimum line charge based on an assumed minimum lot size of 3,600 square feet.

17.36.090 Adjustment of Bills.

- A. The Director may ~~authorize~~ make an adjustment of up to \$500 to a ratepayer's utility account when it is deemed necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the Bureau to do so.
- D. Adjustments will be in the form of credits or additional charges to active utility accounts. ~~The Bureau~~ City may not issue refunds for billing adjustments unless approved by the Director. Refunds are chargeable to the Sewer System Operating Fund.

17.37.080 Program Enforcement.

Any property whose downspouts have not been granted an exception and remain connected to the combined sewer system in violation of Subsection 17.37.030 B.3: is hereby declared a nuisance and subject to abatement or correction. Whenever the Director believes such a nuisance exists, a notice shall be posted on the property directing that the nuisance be abated or corrected. The City retains the right to take any or all of the following enforcement actions if the property owner or their agent fails to abate this nuisance:

17.39.020 Definitions.

- L. **"Illicit Discharge"** means any discharge to the storm sewer and drainage system that is not composed entirely of stormwater and is not authorized under Sections 17.39.030 or 17.39.045.
- U. **"Underground Injection Control (UIC) System"** ~~means as defined by DEQ as any system or structure, or activity that is intended to discharge fluids below the ground surface. Examples of UICs include, but are not limited to, such as sumps, drywells, and soakage trenches.~~ drains, and infiltration galleries.

17.39.060 Discharge Permits and Other Authorizations.

- A. 1. Interfere with or harm the City storm sewer and drainage system;

