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## **CITY OF NEW PRAGUE 2025 PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER BUDGET REPORT**

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## MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

The overall management goal for the City of New Prague is our commitment to the community to provide wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal services to protect public health and preserve the environment for current and future generations.

## FORECAST

The 2025 Wastewater Budget is projected to forecast the financial operation of the City of New Prague. A component of the Wastewater Budget is that there is 42 miles of sanitary sewer mains and 799 sanitary sewer manholes that are currently maintained by the Street Department. The Wastewater Treatment Plant also serves the residents of the Cedar Lake Area Water and Sanitary Sewer District which contributes average annual flows of up to 14 million gallons of wastewater.

## REVENUE

The 2025 Revenue Budget reflects a 3.5% increase for Residential and Commercial Wastewater Rates. Currently there are 2,941 wastewater connections.

### Sewer Hook-ups:

- The city is anticipating 10 new residential building permits. Each permit brings in \$5,934.50 in hook-up charges.

## EXPENSES

### Personal Costs:

- Wages Full-Time - reflect a 2.8% wage adjustment and step increases.
- Health Insurance – There will be a 4.7% premium increase for 2025; Employer cost share remains at 80% and HSA contributions will remain at \$2,250 (family) and \$1,125 (single).

### Operating Expenses:

#### Chemicals

- Due to demand and supply chain issues, supplier pricing continues to rise.

### Utilities:

- Electric, natural gas and water expenditures are all anticipated to increase for 2025.

## OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

The Wastewater Department consists of four (4) employees who are responsible for the operation and maintenance of a 1.8 million gallon per day capacity Biological Aerated Filtration Plant along with nine (9) lift stations.

- The lift stations are checked one (1) time per week by two (2) employees.
- Multiple samples are collected, tested in house and by private labs.

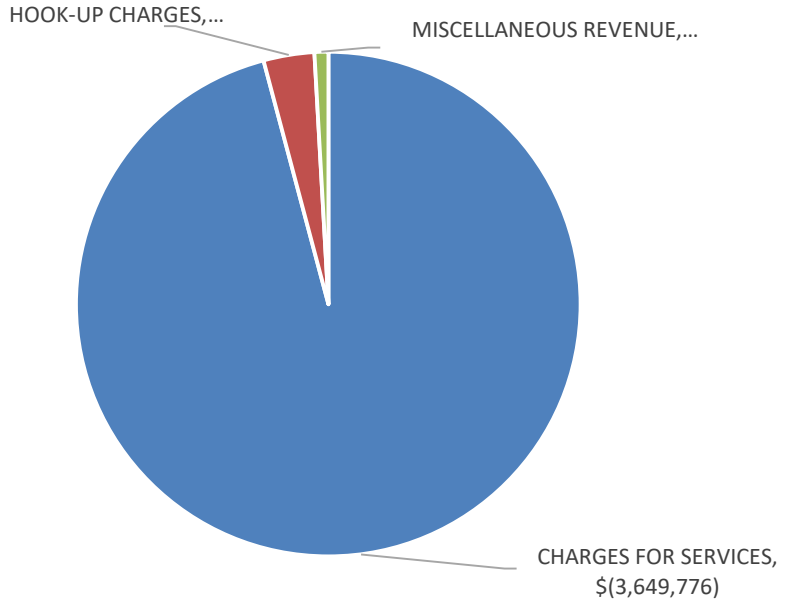
## ONGOING CHALLENGES FOR 2025

The Wastewater Treatment Plant has proven to be a constant financial and labor intense challenge. Following renewal of the Wastewater Permit, increased testing and testing limits requirements are changing. In 2024 we filed for a 15-year extension to meet the new requirements.

The cost of equipment maintenance at the plant is rising constantly due to the corrosive environment it is in, along with the cost of replacing some of the equipment out in the field at existing lift stations due mostly to age along with a large increase due to supply chain challenges and demand.

	2023	2024	2025	2024 TO 2025	2024 TO 2025
	ACTUAL	ADOPTED	PROPOSED	(\$)	(%)
SANITARY SEWER REVENUE	FUND	BUDGET	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE	DIFFERENCE
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ (3,476,554)	\$ (3,526,353)	\$ (3,649,776)	\$ (123,423)	3.50%
HOOK-UP CHARGES	\$ (111,753)	\$ (120,000)	\$ (124,200)	\$ (4,200)	3.50%
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ (359,691)	\$ (31,594)	\$ (33,300)	\$ (1,706)	5.40%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ (3,947,997)</b>	<b>\$ (3,677,947)</b>	<b>\$ (3,807,276)</b>	<b>\$ (129,329)</b>	<b>3.52%</b>
	2023	2024	2025	2024 TO 2025	2024 TO 2025
	ACTUAL	ADOPTED	PROPOSED	(\$)	(%)
SANITARY SEWER EXPENSES	FUND	BUDGET	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE	DIFFERENCE
EMPLOYEE WAGES & BENEFITS	\$ 659,942	\$ 738,537	\$ 790,865	\$ 52,328	7.09%
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 2,427,809	\$ 2,400,733	\$ 2,600,218	\$ 199,485	8.31%
CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 945,670	\$ 918,322	\$ 918,019	\$ (303)	-0.03%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 4,033,421</b>	<b>\$ 4,057,592</b>	<b>\$ 4,309,102</b>	<b>\$ 251,510</b>	<b>6.20%</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$ 85,424</b>	<b>\$ 379,645</b>	<b>\$ 501,826</b>	<b>\$ 122,181</b>	

### 2025 Sanitary Sewer Revenue Budget



### 2025 Sanitary Sewer Expenditure Budget

