

## CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

### REQUEST FOR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

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**ITEM DESCRIPTION:** An ordinance amending Sections 54-397, 54-398, 54-399 of the Municipal Code relating to sewers and sewerage disposal so as to make changes to service charges.

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**REPORT PREPARED BY:** Jordan Skiff, Superintendent of Wastewater

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**REPORT DATE:** November 21, 2023

**MEETING DATE:** November 28, 2023

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#### FISCAL SUMMARY:

Budget Line Item: N/A  
Budget Summary: N/A  
Budgeted Expenditure: N/A  
Budgeted Revenue: N/A

#### STATUTORY REFERENCE:

Wisconsin Statutes: N/A  
Municipal Code: 54-397, 54-398,  
54-399

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**BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:** The referenced ordinance amendments include the 2024 User Charge Rates for users of the City of Sheboygan's sanitary sewers and wastewater treatment plant, as well as charges to the satellite communities. The amended sections also define the concentration of domestic strength wastewater.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** The present rates are adequate to support the operation of the wastewater treatment plant and sanitary sewer system. For 2024, the fixed charge will be increased by \$2.00/quarter, while the volume charge for City properties will remain unchanged at \$2.16 per 100 cubic feet. These changes will result in an overall cost increase of 1.96% for an average household. Volume rates for satellite communities would increase by 6.25%, and phosphorus concentrations higher than an established concentration would be billed at a rate that is increased by 6.2%. Any increases are based on calculations from a comprehensive rate tool we use each year to forecast which treatment categories—if any—are experiencing increased expenses.

Although we are not obligated to accept hauled-in waste (septic systems, etc.), we continue to accept such waste but have increased those rates for 2024.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** A motion to recommend the Common Council adopt Gen. Ord. No. 29-23-24 amending Sections 54-397, 54-398 and 54-399 of the Municipal Code relating to sewers and sewerage disposal so as to make changes to service charges.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- I. Gen. Ord. No. 29-23-24