

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

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

REPORT PREPARED BY: Jordan Skiff, Superintendent of Wastewater

REPORT DATE: November 13, 2024

MEETING DATE: November 26, 2024

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

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS: The referenced ordinance amendments include the 2025 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 proposed rates are adequate to support the operation of the wastewater treatment plant and sanitary sewer system. For 2025, the fixed charge for City properties will be increased by \$5.00/quarter, while the volume charge will increase 5% to \$2.27 per 100 cubic feet. These changes will result in an overall cost increase of 7.9% for an average household. Volume rates for satellite communities would increase by 5.9%. Concentrations of biological oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), and phosphorus that are higher than typical domestic use will be charged more by 5.0%, 5.0% and 4.0%, respectively. 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 and have kept those rates unchanged for 2025.

ACTION REQUESTED: A motion to recommend the Common Council adopt Gen. Ord. No. 25-24-25 amending Sections 54-397, 54-398 and 54-399 of the Sheboygan Municipal Code relating to sewers and sewerage disposal so as to make changes to service charges.

ATTACHMENTS:

- I. Gen. Ord. No. 25-24-25
- II. City Council Rate Memo 11-11-24