

LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Manchester Board of Sewer Commissioners and Board of Water Commissioners adopted amendments to Chapter 10 of the Town Ordinances and the Water Department Regulations at meetings on April 1, 2014 and April 9, 2014. The amendments are summarized below.

CHAPTER 10 – REGULATION OF SEWER USE:

Statement of Purpose: Effective July 1, 2014, amends Chapter 10 of the Ordinances of the Town of Manchester by increasing certain fees.

Principal Provisions: This amendment increases the following fees: (1) per gallon user charge from \$0.0039 to \$0.0040; and (2) minimum quarterly charge from \$24.00 to \$24.50.

WATER DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS:

Statement of Purpose: Effective July 1, 2014, amends Water Department Regulations of the Town of Manchester by increasing fees.

Principal Provisions: Increases the per gallon fee to the following rates:

<i>Measurement (in gallons)</i>	<i>Gallon Cost (\$)</i>	<i>From – up to and including (GPD)</i>
<i>Up to 4,000</i>	<i>\$46.50 minimum</i>	<i>0 – 4,000</i>
<i>Next 4,000</i>	<i>+\$12.80 (\$0.0032)</i>	<i>4,001 – 8,000</i>
<i>Next 12,000</i>	<i>+\$40.80 (\$0.0034)</i>	<i>8,001 – 20,000</i>
<i>Next 20,000</i>	<i>+\$80.00 (\$0.0040)</i>	<i>20,001 – 40,000</i>
<i>Next 30,000</i>	<i>+\$141.00 (\$0.0047)</i>	<i>40,001 – 70,000</i>
<i>Next 30,000</i>	<i>+\$159.00 (\$0.0053)</i>	<i>70,001 – 100,000</i>
<i>Over 100,000</i>	<i>(\$0.0054)</i>	<i>100,001 and greater</i>

The amendment also increases the fee for residential, commercial and industrial units that do not have a meter from \$50.00 per quarter to \$60.00 per quarter.

Interested parties may contact Town Manager John P. O’Keefe, 6039 Main Street, Manchester Center, VT 05255, at (802) 362-1313 (option 2) or j.okeefe@manchester-vt.gov. The full text of the Ordinance and Regulation can be viewed at www.manchester-vt.gov or a paper copy can be obtained from the Office of the Town Manager at the address listed above during regular business hours.

Pursuant to State law, citizens have the right to petition for a vote on the Ordinances at an annual or special meeting as provided in Title 24, chapter 59, section 1973. Unless a petition is filed in accordance with said section 1973, this Ordinance shall become effective 60 days after the date of its adoption. If a petition is filed in accordance with section 1973 of this title, the taking effect of the Ordinance shall be governed by section 1973(e) of Title 24.

NOTE: These amendments were warned and adopted separately and must therefore be petitioned separately.

Chapter 10 – Regulation of Sewer Use (AMENDMENTS)

Effective Date: July 1, 2014; all bills issued on or after October 1, 2014 are subject to new rates contained herein.

Chapter 10 (Regulation of Sewer Use), section 10-5 of the Town Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out said section 10-5, as amended in July 2013, in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following new section:-

10-5 Rate and Fee Schedule

- (a) Usage Charge: Each customer shall be required to pay a quarterly usage fee. Charges shall be utilized for the operation and maintenance of the sewer system.
1. Customers who are also metered for water usage shall be charged at a rate of \$0.0040 per gallon of metered water use; provided that the minimum quarterly usage charge shall not be less than \$24.50 per unit.
 2. Customers who do not have municipal water service, and thus, are not metered shall be assessed a sewer usage fee based upon an estimated quarterly water usage of 19,160 gallons.
 3. Commercial Car Washes, when approved by the Sewer Superintendent, shall be charged a flat rate of \$2,400 per wash bay for establishments that use a water source not metered by a meter.
 4. Provided that a properly installed hose bib, subject to the approval of the Sewer Superintendent or the designee of the Superintendent, set up as a separate metered account and used for outdoor uses (such as gardens, irrigation and swimming pools) and does not enter the sewer system for wastewater treatment, shall not be subject to a Sewer Usage Charge.
- (b) Assessment Fee: A quarterly payment of an assessment fee shall be required of any person or entity who owns a building or property within 200 feet of a public sewer main. Said fee is hereby established at a rate of \$0.004240 per \$100 of the affected property's most recently assessed value. Revenue collected from said assessment fee shall be earmarked to retire any debt incurred by the Department or for current capital improvements.
- (c) Connection Fees: Fee for connection and Extension of Use permits shall be assessed at a rate of \$12.00 per the estimated number of gallons per day (GPD) of sewage generation.
1. Said GPD estimate shall be derived from Table M-1 "Estimated Design Flow Base on Type of Establishment,
 2. Provided, all connection fees collected shall be transferred to the special "Sewer Capital Improvement" fund established by the Town Treasurer. Expenditures from

said fund shall be utilized only for costs associated with capital improvements or repairs to the sewer system,

3. Provided further, that no credit shall be given for low flow devices.



Approved – Chair of Board of Sewer Commissioners

4-1-14

Date

Water Department Regulations (AMENDMENTS)

Effective Date: July 1, 2014; all bills issued on or after October 1, 2014 are subject to new rates contained herein.

Section 6 (Rate and Fee Schedule) of the Water Regulations is hereby amended by striking out said section in its entirety, as amended in July 2013, and inserting in place thereof the following new section:-

6.1 User Charges: The following water use rates are to be assessed upon residential, commercial and industrial units on a quarterly basis:

Measurement (in gallons)	Gallon Cost (\$)	From – up to and including (GPD)
Up to 4,000	\$46.50 minimum	0 – 4,000
Next 4,000	+\$12.80 (\$0.0032)	4,001 – 8,000
Next 12,000	+\$40.80 (\$0.0034)	8,001 – 20,000
Next 20,000	+\$80.00 (\$0.0040)	20,001 – 40,000
Next 30,000	+\$141.00 (\$0.0047)	40,001 – 70,000
Next 30,000	+\$159.00 (\$0.0053)	70,001 – 100,000
Over 100,000	(\$0.0054)	100,001 and greater

6.2 No Meter: In instances where a residential, commercial or industrial unit does not have a meter, and only as approved by the Water Superintendent, there shall be a \$60.00 quarterly fee.

6.3 Broken Meter: Residential, commercial and industrial units with broken meters shall be charged the average of the previous four quarters.

6.4 Connection Fee: A connection fee shall be required of applicants for the following:

- a. The connection of newly constructed structures to the municipal water system that necessitates a new service.
- b. The connection to the municipal water system of any structure not previously served by said system.
- c. The Extension of Use on a site served by the municipal water system, whereby additional water demand is created by a new or expanded use.

6.5 Connection Fees (Rates): Construction fees shall be assessed as set forth below:

- a. Residential Users: \$500.00 per unit.
- b. Commercial, Industrial and all other non-residential users: \$4.00 per the estimated number of gallons per day (GPD) of water demand. Said GPD estimate shall be derived from rules and regulations of “flow quantities” as promulgated by the State of Vermont.
- c. Provided, that no credit shall be given for low flow devices.

