



## Public Works – Clean Water Plant

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# MEMO

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To: Board of Public Works  
From: Tim Young, Pretreatment Coordinator  
Subject: **Amendment of Sewer Use Ordinance, Chapter 29**

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This draft amendment of Chapter 29 is designed to strengthen our ordinance and support source reduction of key pollutants affecting the Clean Water Plant and our sewer collection system. An overview of the amendments includes:

- Connection and connection charge – strengthens and clarifies definitions by applying to direct and indirect connections and upsizing of water meters.
- Chloride source reduction program – implements critical changes that will help ensure the success of the program. Defines optimization and sets optimization deadlines for high water users and all remaining softeners after the lake water switch. Prohibits use of non-optimized softeners starting January 1, 2025.
- Control of fats, oils and grease – expands authority to require grease traps to meet standards for sizing, type, cleaning, maintenance and record keeping.
- Modifications to various definitions as advised by the City Attorney.

The draft ordinance has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney, and was submitted for review to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, which issued its approval on July 12, 2022. The Board's recommendation to approve these amendments will support the Department's efforts to further protect the plant, the collection system and our water resources.