



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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TO: Board of Public Works

FROM: Fred Abadi, PhD, PE  
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RE: Wastewater Use Charge Refund for 314 Prairie Song Dr.  
BPW FILE ID # 18-1298

The City of Waukesha Municipal Code Chapter 29 requires sewer billing to be based upon the measured volume of water consumed and allows for a one-time unmetered credit. According to Chapter 29.6(d) titled One-Time Unmetered Credit, residential users may request an adjustment of sewer service charges for special circumstances such as installation of a new swimming pool or establishing a new lawn.

The property owner, Greg Jones, at 314 Prairie Song Dr., in a letter dated October 16, 2017, has requested to receive a credit on his sewer service charges for the quarter ending August 21, 2017. As stated in the letter, he recently had new grass put in and proceeded to water it at an accelerated rate. The water usage for the quarter with the lawn establishment taking place was 87,100 gallons. This work took place over one billing period.

Mr. Jones has requested a sewer credit of 75,900 gallons. The average water usage over the past two years is 19,142 per quarter. To calculate the refund based on the difference from average usage is as follows:

- Estimated Additional Usage:  $87,100 - 19,143 = 67,957$
- Calculated Refund:  $67,957 \text{ gallons} \times \$6.02/1000 \text{ gallons} = \$409.10$

The Department of Public Works recommends approval of a one-time sewer credit totaling \$409.10.

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