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<b>Committee:</b> Board of Public Works	<b>Date:</b> 10/22/2020
<b>Common Council Item Number:</b> ID#20-1275	<b>Date:</b> 11/5/2020
<b>Submitted By:</b> Fred Abadi, P.E. Public Works Director	<b>City Administrator Approval:</b> Kevin Lahner, City Administrator
<b>Finance Department Review:</b> Bridget M. Souffrant, Finance Director BMS	<b>City Attorney's Office Review:</b> Brian Running, City Attorney
<b>Subject:</b> Review and act on the proposed 2021 Sanitary Sewer Rates.	

**Details:**  
The City's municipal financial advisor has prepared our annual sewer rate model for the past thirteen years. This 2021 model includes a detailed cost of service study for 2021 and an updated long-range cash flow analysis with a revised capital improvement plan. A separate Return Flow cost analysis has been prepared by the Water Utility's rate consultant. The 2021 Sewer Service Charge and Fee Schedule includes both the regular and Return Flow rates, itemized separately. Quarterly charges are also broken down into monthly charges in anticipation of a transition to monthly billing for all sewer users during 2021.

Attachments:

1. 2021 Sewer Rate Model
2. 2021 Sewer Service Charge and Fee Schedule
3. Sanitary Sewer Service Charge and Fee Resolution for 2021
4. Waukesha 2021 User Rate Presentation
5. Waukesha 2021 Return Flow Rate Presentation

**Options & Alternatives:**

**Financial Remarks:**  
A sewer rate increase with an effective date of January 1, 2021 is necessary to ensure adequate revenue to fund operations, maintenance and capital improvements for the treatment plant and collection system in the upcoming year. The recommended rate increase supports and maintains the City's 125% debt coverage requirement.

**Executive Recommendation:**  
Approve the proposed 2021 Sanitary Sewer Rates.

