

**Chapter 29, Sewer Use Ordinance**  
**Proposed Amendment to Section 29.10(5)**

**(5) Sewer Credits.** (Rep. & Recr. #24-14)

**(a) General.** ~~Sewer billing is generally based upon water consumption. In some circumstances, water consumption may not be a reliable measure of wastewater output because the water does not enter the System, such as water used for irrigation, water lost by evaporation, or water consumed in commercial processes. Therefore, Credit may be given against sewer billing in cases where it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Board of Public Works, as provided below, that water usage differs materially from does not correspond to wastewater output. This credit is available only to Commercial, Industrial, and Public Users, and only for the uses listed in subsection (b), except as provided in subsections (c) and (d).~~

**(b) Credit Meters.** Commercial, Industrial, and Public Users only may install, at their expense, a credit meter or meters to measure usage of water only for the following uses:

- (i) Replenishing evaporative losses from cooling towers, boilers, swimming pools, commercial car washes, and other, similar commercial and industrial uses.
- (ii) Water incorporated into products.
- (iii) Irrigation of greenhouse, nursery or garden center stock.
- (iv) Irrigation of athletic fields.
- (v) Refilling of commercial and public swimming pools and aquatic parks, but only if those facilities are drained into storm sewers and not sanitary sewers.

~~which does not enter the System. Credit meters must measure the actual usage only of water which is not discharged to the System.~~ Installation, certification, maintenance and use of credit meters, as well as the application of credits resulting from credit meter readings, shall be according to the Sewer Credit Meter Guidelines published and amended from time to time by the Department of Public Works.

**(c) Phase-Out of Residential Credit Meters.** All credit meter accounts for Residential Users shall terminate as of January 1, 2017, except that credit-meter accounts for Residential Users established between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2016 shall expire 7 years from the date they are established.

**(ed) One-Time Unmetered Credit.** All Users without a credit meter, including Residential Users, may, ~~once,~~ request an adjustment of sewer service charges for special circumstances demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Board of Public Works, such as the filling of a swimming pool or the sprinkling of new landscape as defined in Municipal Code §13.11(3)(c)(2). All adjustment requests and appeals shall be submitted in the form of a letter submitted to the Department of Public Works, and shall be approved or denied by the Board of Public Works, in the Board's sole discretion. Users may receive only one unmetered credit.