

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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To: Board of Public Works

From: Tim Young, Pretreatment Coordinator

Subject: Annual Connection Charge Review

The sewer connection charge is a one-time charge for new connections to the sanitary sewer system. The purpose of the charge is to recover the proportionate share of capital costs for excess capacity in the sewer collection system reserved for new development. The charge is based on the connection's water meter size. The current connection charge schedule was updated effective January 1, 2019. The Board has requested an annual review of the schedule, and a full analysis every 4-5 years. Therefore, since the last full analysis was performed in 2014, another full analysis was completed for development of the proposed 2020 connection charge schedule. Collection system asset values have increased over the past 4 years, including the addition of assets from the Greenmeadow interceptor project and several pump station upgrades. We therefore advise the Board to make a recommendation to Council that the connection charge schedule be updated to reflect the current value of collection system assets, effective January 1, 2020.

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