

## TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2019

### COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND WATER POLLUTION

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

..Title

Request Authority to Amend the User Charge Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Dear Sir:

An in-house review of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (District) User Charge Ordinance (Ordinance) by the Monitoring and Research Department established the need to amend the Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Ordinance.

The amendments are summarized as follows:

1. Section 4(i) is amended to include the words "any commencement of its self-monitoring program, whether required by this Ordinance or any other District Ordinances" to require that all users notify the District of their self-monitoring programs for any purpose, whether required by the User Charge Ordinance, the Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance, or other monitoring requirements of the District.
2. Appendix F, Section I is amended to modify the User Charge rates applicable to Large Commercial-Industrial User and Tax-Exempt User classes. The 2020 billing rates for volume, Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Suspended Solids (SS) are as follows:

#### **LARGE COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL USER AND TAX-EXEMPT USER RATES:**

	<b>2019 Rates</b>	<b>Recommended 2020 Rates</b>
(1) Volume	\$269.04 per million gallons	\$273.88 per million gallons
(2) 5-day BOD	\$216.64 per thousand pounds of BOD	\$209.94 per thousand pounds of BOD
(3) SS	\$130.38 per thousand pounds of SS	\$124.16 per thousand pounds of SS

3. Appendix F, Section III is amended to modify the Operations, Maintenance and Replacement (OM&R) Factor as follows:

<b>2019 OM&amp;R Factor</b>	<b>Recommended 2020 OM&amp;R Factor</b>
0.328	0.319

The recommended rates and OM&R factor were the result of a collaboration between the District and its industrial community in 2013 to establish a more efficient cost recovery method starting in 2014.

Attached is "The Proposed Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's User Charge Ordinance, As Amended November 7, 2019." It is recommended that the Board adopt the proposed Ordinance, as herein amended. The Ordinance, as amended, will take effect on January 1, 2020.

Requested, Edward W. Podczerwinski, Director of Monitoring and Research, EWP:GY:MG:Ik  
Susan T. Morakans, General Counsel  
Jacqueline Torres, Clerk/Director of Finance

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for November 7, 2019.

Attachments