

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2022

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 certain provisions of the Ordinance.

The amendments to the Ordinance are proposed as follows:

1. Appendix E, Section I is amended to modify the Minimum Pretreatment Requirement Charges applicable to Significant Industrial Users. The 2023 charges are as follows:

MINIMUM PRETREATMENT REQUIREMENT CHARGES:

SIU Annual Flow Volume (gallons)	2022 Charges	Recommended 2023 Charges
<1,296,760	\$1,000	\$1,050
1,296,760 to 3,478,200	\$2,000	\$2,100
3,478,200 to 6,036,040	\$4,000	\$4,200
6,036,040 to 10,464,520	\$6,000	\$6,300
10,464,520 to 18,613,980	\$8,000	\$8,400
18,613,980 to 28,329,770	\$10,000	\$10,500
28,329,770 to 56,498,000	\$12,000	\$12,600
>56,498,000	\$14,000	\$14,700

Activity	2022 Charges	Recommended 2023 Charges
Inspection	\$400	\$420
Each sample point specified in the SIU's Discharge Authorization	\$600	\$630

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 2023 billing rates for volume, Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Suspended Solids (SS) are as follows:

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

	2022 Rates	Recommended 2023 Rates
(1) Volume	\$277.48 per million gallons	\$282.47 per million gallons
(2) 5-day BOD	\$181.07 per thousand pounds of BOD	\$184.33 per thousand pounds of BOD
(3) SS	\$123.05 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:

2022 OM&R Factor	Recommended 2023 OM&R Factor
0.341	0.401

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 17, 2022." It is recommended that the Board adopt the proposed Ordinance, as herein amended. The Ordinance, as amended, will take effect on January 1, 2023.

Requested, Edward W. Podczewinski, Director of Monitoring and Research, EWP:JW:MG:lk
Susan T. Morakalis, 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 17, 2022

Attachments