

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2017**

**COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND WATER POLLUTION**

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

..Title

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

..Body

Dear Sir:

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

The amendments are summarized as follows:

- 1. Appendix F, Section I is amended to modify the User Charge rates applicable to Large Commercial-Industrial and Tax-Exempt User classes. The 2018 billing rates for flow, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and suspended solids (SS) are as follows:

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

	<b>2017 Rates</b>	<b>Recommended 2018 Rates</b>
(1) Volume	\$259.61 per million gallons	\$264.28 per million gallons
(2) 5-day BOD	\$229.13 per thousand pounds of BOD	\$223.03 per thousand pounds of BOD
(3) SS	\$142.47 per thousand pounds of SS	\$136.48 per thousand pounds of SS

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

<b>2017 OM&amp;R Factor</b>	<b>Recommended 2018 OM&amp;R Factor</b>
0.339	0.301

The recommended rates were agreed upon by the User Charge Blue Ribbon Panel in 2013. Attached is “An Ordinance to Amend the User Charge Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, As Amended.” We recommend adoption of the proposed Ordinance amendments. These Ordinance amendments will take effect on January 1, 2018.

Requested, Edward Podczerwinski, Acting Director of Monitoring and Research, EWP:MJ:MAG:tj  
Susan T. Morakalis, Acting General Counsel  
Jacqueline Torres, Clerk/Director of Finance  
Respectfully Submitted, Frank Avila, Vice Chairman, Committee on Industrial Waste and Water Pollution

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for September 14, 2017

Attachment