

13.08.040 User charges.

(a) Each user shall pay for the services provided by the city based on his use of the wastewater treatment works as indicated by the amount of water metered to the user. Water meter readings will be the normal basis for computing usage but other methods may be necessary.

(b) If a user has no water meter, has a private water supply, or in some manner uses water which is not returned to the wastewater treatment works, the user charge for that user may be based on a wastewater meter(s) or separate water meter(s) installed and maintained at the user's expense, and in a manner acceptable to the city of Fairfield.

(c) Effective on the first full billing cycle for each user that occurs after **July 1, 2009**, the minimum (base) charge per month of each user shall be **twelve dollars** regardless of use or non-use. In addition, each user shall pay a user charge (rate) for operation and maintenance, replacements and debt retirement at the rate of **\$0.04 cents** per cubic foot of water (or wastewater) per month, as determined in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

(d) A surcharge, in addition to the normal user charge, will be collected from those "extra strength" users who contribute wastewater of greater strength than normal domestic wastewater. "Extra strength users" means those users who exceed the limitations established at Section 13.04.060(c). The surcharge for "extra strength" wastewater shall be as follows:

\$0.056 per pound BOD

\$0.029 per pound of suspended solids

\$0.490 per pound if ammonia nitrogen

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(e) Any user that discharges any toxic pollutants which cause an increase in the cost of managing, handling, or disposing of the sludge from the city's wastewater treatment works, or any other user that discharges any substance which singly or by interaction with other substances cause a decrease in the level in treatment or an increase in the cost of operation, maintenance, or replacement of the wastewater treatment works, shall pay a surcharge. The surcharge to each user will be as determined by the city administrator or his/her designee and approved by the city council.

(f) Rural sewer users shall pay a charge equal to the charges determined in subsections (c), (d) and (e) of this section, plus one hundred percent of the billing.

(g) The user charge requirements established in this section apply to all users, regardless of their location, or the location of the city's wastewater treatment works. (Ord. 1022 § 2, 2007; rd. 967 §§ 1, 2, 2002; Ord. 927 § 2, 1999).

13.08.050 Payment schedules and penalties.

(a) All user charges (including surcharges) shall be paid with and at the same time as payment of the user's water bill covering the same period of use. The user charges shall be due at the same time and shall be payable under the same conditions as the user's water bill.

(b) A late payment penalty of **seven percent** of the user charge bill will be added to each unpaid bill on the sixteenth day after the statement date. When any bill remains unpaid thirty days after the statement date, water and/or sewer service to such premises shall be discontinued until such bill is paid following due notice and opportunity for hearing. Bills unpaid sixty days after statement date shall be certified by the city clerk and submitted to the county treasurer as a tax lien against the property. (Ord. 733 § 5, 1986).