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Date: March 23, 2010

Subject: Adjusted FY 2010 Northbridge Schedule of Rates for Sewer Services

To: Northbridge Treasurer-Collector
Northbridge Building Department

Northbridge DPW Sewer Division
Whitinsville Water Company

Enclosed for your information and use is the approved Northbridge Sewer Rate Schedule for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010. This rate schedule was adopted by vote of the Northbridge Board of Selectmen on March 22, 2010 and replaces the schedule of sewer rates dated July 1, 2009.

The new schedule does not increase the rates being charged to sewer system customers. It establishes new billing procedures that create two categories of customers. All single family residences are included in the first category. These customers will be billed for sewer service using the winter quarter billing procedures included in the new rate schedule. This represents no change from the billing procedures established in July 2009.

All other customers of the sewer system are included in the second category of customers. These customers will be billed using 100 percent of the actual water consumption during each of the quarterly billing cycles. This is the billing procedure that was in place prior to the change to winter quarter billing that was implemented in July 2009.

This schedule of rates is in effect for all sewer bills issued after April 1, 2010 and will remain in effect until revoked or revised by vote of the Board of Selectmen.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

Richard R. Sasseville, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Enclosure

cc: Town Manager
Board of Assessors
Planning Board

Town Accountant
System Administrator

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
SEWER SYSTEM

SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR SEWER SERVICES
QUARTERLY BILLING CYCLE

Effective Date: April 1, 2010

WINTER QUARTER BILLING RATES FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES ONLY

The rates for sewer services for single family residences only will be:

For usage of 800 cubic feet or less per quarter	\$ 60.50
For the first 900 to 2,000 cubic feet used or fraction thereof	\$ 89.18
For each additional 100 cubic feet thereafter	\$ 6.25

Each single family sewer service shall be billed according the above rate schedule. Quarterly usage shall be determined using 100-percent of the winter quarter metered water consumption to arrive at sewer usage. The winter quarter is defined as the water billing cycles ending in the months of January, February and March of each calendar year. Each customer's winter quarter water consumption shall be the basis for sewer service charges for the three remaining billing cycles of the calendar year.

Sewer system customers who do not have metered water service shall be billed \$89.18 per quarter unless they can provide definitive proof that their quarterly usage is 800 cubic feet or less per quarter.

New sewer customers or customers who do not have an established winter quarter water consumption record shall be billed \$89.18 per quarter until winter quarter water consumption has been established.

QUARTERLY BILLING RATES FOR OTHER THAN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES

The rates for all sewer services that are not single family residences will be:

For usage of 800 cubic feet or less per quarter	\$ 60.50
For the first 900 to 2,000 cubic feet used or fraction thereof	\$ 89.18
For each additional 100 cubic feet thereafter	\$ 6.25

Each sewer service not serving a single family residence shall be billed in accordance with the above rate schedule. Quarterly usage shall be determined using 100-percent of the actual quarterly metered water consumption figure to arrive at sewer usage.

CONNECTION FEES FOR NEW SERVICES

A connection fee for a new service connection to Residential, Commercial or Industrial premises will be charged by the Northbridge Sewer System at the time application is made for service, as follows:

<u>Type of Connection</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Existing single family residence	\$ 924.00
Existing multi family residence (first unit)	924.00
Each additional existing unit	528.00
New single family residence	7,920.00
New multi family residence (first unit)	7,920.00
Each additional unit	6,600.00
Commercial or Industrial (minimum)	9,240.00
Commercial or Industrial (whichever is greater)	462.00 per fixture

The term "fixture" as used above is defined as: water closets, urinals, lavatories, service sinks, laundry sinks, washing machines, dishwashers, garbage disposal units, etc.

The term “existing residence” is defined as one that was occupied prior to July 1, 1997.

Whenever a commercial or industrial premise is served by more than one connection to the Town’s mains, the connection fee schedule above shall apply to each connection. The total number of fixtures will not be added together to determine the connection fee.

Adopted on March 22, 2010 by vote of the Town of Northbridge Board of Selectmen. These rates shall remain in effect until revoked or amended by vote of the Board of Selectmen.