

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2018-13
RESOLUTION NO. 28-2018 As Amended

Title of Resolution: Fees – Wastewater Rates

Synopsis: A Resolution to increase the rates of the Cecil County Wastewater system.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on: July 17, 2018

Public Hearing scheduled on: August 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Scheduled for consideration: September 4, 2018

By: 
Council Manager

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of this Resolution having been posted on July 17, 2018 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland, and having been published on August 8, 2018 and August 15, 2018. A public hearing was held on August 21, 2018 and concluded on August 21, 2018.

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Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
Strike Through indicate language deleted.
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.
~~Double Strike Through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

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Fees - Wastewater Rates

1 **WHEREAS**, Cecil County has a wastewater enterprise fund and, as such, must operate as a business
2 and set fees and rates to cover all expenses; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Section 97 of the Cecil County Code authorizes the County to charge connection, sewer,
4 and other service fees and penalties for the maintenance of the Sanitary District; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the County desires to adopt a Wastewater Division Fee Schedule as set forth on Appendix
6 A hereto, to cover the expenses of the Cecil County Sanitary District; and

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that
8 the attached Wastewater Division Fee Schedule, identified as Appendix A, is hereby adopted, effective
9 October 1, 2018 to cover the expenses of the Cecil County Sanitary District; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that the County
11 Executive, the Director of Public Works, and the Director of Finance will cause the fees, rates, and penalties
12 to be collected in the manner provided by law.

13 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, THAT THE**
14 **WASTEWATER DIVISION FEE SCHEDULE WILL BE REEXAMINED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2020, TO DETERMINE IF**
15 **THE WASTEWATER FEE SCHEDULE SHOULD BE ADJUSTED.**

16 **AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that this
17 Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage by the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland.

INTRODUCED: July 17, 2018
ADOPTED: September 4, 2018

ATTEST:

Council Manager


President of the Council

**Cecil County Department of Public Works
Wastewater Division Fee Schedule
(Effective October 1, 2018)**

Wastewater Major Facilities Fee (MFF)		
Classification	Fee	Notes
Residential	\$6,000 per ELU	1,2,8
Commercial/Industrial	\$12,000 per ELU	1,2

Wastewater User Rates				
Description	Effective Date			Notes
	10/1/2018	7/1/2019	7/1/2020	
Metered (0-100,000 gallons)	\$11.87	\$13.65	\$15.70	3
Metered (100,001-max gallons)	\$12.38	\$14.86	\$17.83	3
Non-Metered (per quarter)	\$178.05	\$204.75	\$235.50	4

Septage Disposal				
Description	Effective Date			Notes
	10/1/2018	7/1/2019	7/1/2020	
Septage Dumping Fee	\$11.67	\$12.22	\$12.78	9
Per Ton	\$52.50	\$55.00	\$57.50	9
Per 1000 gallons				

Miscellaneous		
Description	Fee	Notes
Septage Discharge Permit	\$100.00 per permit	5
Labor Cost for Emergency Response	\$40.00 per man-hour	
Interest on Past Due Accounts	1% per month	6
Insufficient Funds Fee	\$35.00 per check (effective 7/1/18)	
Delinquent Account Closure Fee	\$25.00 per account per occurrence	7

Notes:
(1) The Major Facilities Fees (MFF) is a one-time charge for all new or increased discharges. The MFF is charged per Equivalent Living Unit (ELU). One ELU = 80,300 gallons per year of usage (220 gallons per day x 365 days = 80,300 gallons). Bulk users are calculated as the projected usage divided by 220 gpd. The MFF is charged in whole increments, rounded up. The MFF is non-refundable. The Cecil County Department of Finance has the authority to approve an installment payment plan; contact the Department of Finance for more information. In addition to the MFF, applicants are solely responsible for all construction costs required to connect to the County sewer system.
(2) In addition to the MFF, Benefit Assessments (BA) for sanitary subdistricts, as established by resolution of the Board of Cecil County Commissioners and/or Cecil County Council, may apply. Contact the Development Plans Review Division of the Cecil County Department of Land Use & Development Services to determine the applicable BA, if any.
(3) The rate is per 1000 gallons and is based on total usage per quarter. The minimum charge is for 9,000 gallons usage per quarter.
(4) The non-metered rate is a flat fee per ELU. It is based on 15,000 gallons of usage per quarter.
(5) A separate Septage Discharge Permit is required for each septage truck.
(6) The minimum charge is \$5.00 per occurrence.
(7) Assessed in the event a septage hauler credit account is closed due to failure to pay the invoice within the specified time.
(8) In accordance with the provisions of County Council Resolution No. 31-2017, the decrease in MFF for Residential ELU's will sunset 24 months after the date of passage of the Resolution, or July 18, 2019. Effective July 19, 2019 the MFF for Residential ELU's will revert to \$12,000 per ELU unless otherwise changed by act of the Cecil County Council. Per Resolution No. 31-2017, the Cecil County Executive has the option to extend the period of reduction until January 18, 2020 for individuals having a valid building permit in hand as of July 18, 2019.
(9) Septage is assumed to weigh 9 lbs. per gallon.