

**SOUTH BERWICK SEWER DISTRICT
USER CHARGE RATES
CALENDAR YEAR 2007**

DEBT SERVICE RATE

The amount of annual debt and interest payments for 2007 is \$378,163.99. \$47,035.99 will be applied from the sinking fund.

Trustees have reviewed the number of equivalent units and determined them to be 1533.

The debt service rate shall be \$216.00 per equivalent unit.

VARIABLE SERVICE RATE

The variable portion of the budget is \$694,650.00. \$139,218.00 will be offset by septic treatment revenue. Trustees estimate that billing water meter readings will be 72,000,000 gallons of water for the year.

The variable rate will be in the amount of \$0.0075 per gallon of water.

FRONTAGE RATE

The rate for property having frontage on public sewer shall be the amount of one half of a debt service unit, which is \$108.00 per year.

CONNECTION FEE

The rate for a connection fee shall be \$2,500 each unit.

INSPECTION FEE

The inspection fee is set at \$200.00

SEPTIC WASTEWATER

The rate for septic wastewater disposal is set at \$0.08 per gallon.

The rate for holding tank disposal is set at \$0.08 per gallon.

The rate for grease tank disposal is set at \$0.14 per gallon.

The rate for "other" per gallon is to be approved by the superintendent.

INTEREST RATE

The rate charged for interest shall be set at the same rate that the Town of South Berwick uses for unpaid taxes, currently at 11%.

SOUTH BERWICK SEWER DISTRICT RATES AND FEES

DEBT SERVICE RATE

Calculated as the total outstanding debt (bonds, notes payable, and loans) due and payable for the next calendar year divided by the number of equivalent residential units determined to be connected to the system at the end of the prior calendar year. This amount shall be a fixed rate for the year and shall be prorated on a day basis calculation for units abutting the sewer system during the year. It is applicable to all equivalent units whether sewer service is provided or not.

The quarterly billing shall separately show the debt service amount due for each customer. The debt service rates shall be due and payable within 30 days of the invoice date for each customer and interest shall be payable at the adopted interest rate for rates unpaid after that date.

Customers may elect, at their option, to make monthly payments on this debt service, which shall be credited to individual accounts without interest being paid on early payments or overpayments.

VARIABLE SERVICE RATE

This rate shall be on the basis of water consumption as metered by the South Berwick Water District. The rate per gallon for the next calendar year will be established by dividing the District's total budget, less the debt service and other anticipated revenues described herein, by the volume of billed water consumption for the immediate past calendar year. The rate per gallon will then be multiplied by the quarterly metered gallons of each customer to determine the amount of that customer's invoice. The invoice will identify separately that portion of the quarterly amount related to the water consumption.

This variable rate amount shall be invoiced quarterly and shall be due within thirty (30) days from the date of invoice with interest chargeable at the rate established by the Trustees for unpaid amounts beyond that 30 day rate.

FRONTAGE RATE

This rate shall be a flat rate amount established by the Trustees at the beginning of each calendar year. The rate shall be applicable to vacant lots which have frontage on municipal streets, private right-of-ways, or easements which contain sewer systems connected directly or indirectly to pipes draining to the South Berwick Sewer District's collection and treatment systems. The purpose of this assessment is to collect rates for those properties, which are benefited by the District's ability to provide sewer service to that lot.

Lots assessed here under shall be considered as separate lots if so identified by the Town's tax records.

CONNECTION FEE

Connection fees shall be assessed for each new unit connection to the sewer system. Residential users shall be assessed for each separate unit. All other users shall be assessed on an equivalent unit basis. This fee amount shall be fixed at the beginning of each calendar year by the Trustees and shall be payable at the time a permit for connection is issued.

INSPECTION FEE

An inspection fee shall be assessed against all new connections to the sewer system and all new extensions of the sewer system when those extensions are installed by other than the District. The inspection fee amount shall be commensurate with the time and effort necessary to make inspections. The minimum fee for a single family residence connection to an existing sewer main and the hourly rate for establishing other connection fees shall be established by the Trustees on an annual calendar year basis.

SEPTIC WASTEWATER

The rate for septic wastewater receiving shall be established annually by the Trustees on a calendar year basis. Payment for invoices for septic wastewater disposal shall be due in 30 days from the date of invoice and interest shall be assessed for unpaid amounts after that due date.

INTEREST RATE

Trustees shall establish on an annual calendar year basis the interest rate that will be charged on unpaid amounts due to the District beyond the due dates. Considerations for the interest rate shall include the adopted rate established by the State and Town governing bodies for unpaid taxes, however these rates need not be the same.

CONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENTS

The amount of construction assessments shall be determined by the Trustees for each sewer extension project in accordance with the District's legislative charter.