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Adjustments to Sewage Treatment Charges

Sewer Billing Adjustments for Extraordinary Water Usage-

At the discretion of the Tatamy Borough Sewer Authority (TBSA), the following adjustments may be applied to billings for Tatamy sewage treatment charges in the event of an unanticipated and/ or extraordinary water use by property owners.

1. Extraordinary water usage due to a system failure which **did not enter** the collection system of the TBSA.

Example: An underground break in a water supply line to a residence, or between out-buildings of a property after the metered water service connection.

Under the above scenario, property owners (after providing appropriate evidence of the leak) may be reimbursed or credited for billed sewage treatment charges at the current rate per 1,000 gallons. The quarterly debit service charge portion will remain at \$15.00 regardless of water usage. The sewage treatment charge portion of the quarterly billing will be based on the average water consumption for that property over the previous four quarter billing period.

2. Extraordinary water usage due to a system failure which **entered** the collection system of the TBSA.

Example: A severely leaking toilet valve or a major failure of the plumbing system causing greater than a 100% increase in the "usual" average water usage volumes for a property.

Under the above scenario, property owners (after providing appropriate evidence of the leak) may be reimbursed or credited for billed sewage treatment charges at 50 % the current billing rate per 1,000 gallons. The quarterly debt service charge will remain at \$15.00 regardless of water usage. The sewage treatment charge portion of the quarterly billing will be based on the average water consumption for that property over the previous four quarter billing period.

Supplemental Water Meters-

The TBSA will allow for the installation of a second water diversion meter for non-sewage water use servicing a hose connection for car washing, watering gardens, filling swimming pools, etc., or other water uses that will not enter the sanitary sewer collection system. Please see the document regarding Diversion Meter Regulations.