Revisions Groton Center Sewer District

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SEWER CONNECTION FEE

The fee established by the Sewer Commission which it will charge the owner of the property for each building space at the time of connection to the common sewer. Changes in building space use, or addition of new space to an existing Building Space which result in increased wastewater flow [as set forth in 310 CMR 15.00 (Title V)] will be charged a sewer connection fee for the increased flow at the time a permit is issued for the change of use.

§396-5 Charges established; calculation

A. A sewer connection fee shall be charged to the owner of the property at the time: 1. A building permit is requested for work described to be new building space, or a modification to existing building space which will result in increased wastewater flow, or a connection to the common sewer, or; 2. An application for a sewer connection or change of use is filed with the Sewer Commission. The sewer connection fee shall be paid prior to the issuance of a building permit. For new property connections to the common sewer, each building space within a building or structure shall be assessed a separate sewer connection fee. For properties already connected to the common sewer, changes in a building space which result in increased wastewater flow [as set forth in 310 CMR 15.00 (Title V)] will be charged a connection fee for the increased flow.

B. Calculation of fee.

(1) The Groton Center Sewer District connection fee shall be calculated as follows for new connections to the common sewer: The daily waste water flow for each building space shall be calculated using design flow figures contained in 310 CMR 15.203 (or its successor). This figure shall be divided by 330 gal/day and the result shall be known as the "equivalent residential unit" (ERU). If the result is less than one, the result shall be rounded up to one. All other results shall be the actual number as calculated to the fourth decimal place. For example: A four-bedroom

house has a flow of 440 gal/day. 440/330 = 1.3333. The ERU is 1.3333. The ERU shall then be multiplied by the then-current minimum connection fee and the product shall be the sewer connection fee.

(2) The Groton Center Sewer District connection fee for properties already connected to the common sewer, changes in a building space or changes in use which will result in increased flow, the increase shall be determined using the design flow figures contained in 310 CMR 15.203 (or its successor), and subtracting the current use design flow from the proposed use design flow. The increase shall be divided by 330 gal/day and the result shall be known as the "equivalent residential unit" (ERU). For example: (1) A house which adds a bedroom would be calculated as follows: A bedroom has a flow of 110 gal/day. 110/330 = 0.3333. The increased ERU is 0.3333. (2) A building which has 2000 square feet of retail space is converted to 2000 square feet of office space would be calculated as follows: (2000 x 75 gal/1000) – (2000 x 50 gal/1000) = 50 gal/day increase in flow. 50/330 = .1515. The increased ERU is .1515. (3) A building which has 2000 square feet of Office Space is demolished and in its place a building containing 5 residential Building Spaces with a total of 13 bedrooms would be calculated as follows: (13 x 110 gal) - (2000 x 75 gal/1000) = 1430gal – 150gal = 1280 increase in flow. 1280/330 = 3.8787. The increased ERU is 3.8787. All results shall be the actual number as calculated to the fourth decimal place. The increased ERU shall be multiplied by the then-current minimum connection fee and the product shall be the Sewer Connection Fee. Changes in building space or use which will result in a decreased flow shall not be subject to a sewer connection fee; nor shall any such decreased flow result in a refund of any previously paid sewer connection fee; and any future change in building space or use shall be based upon the new lower design flow.