



# Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District

## MMSD Sewer Connection FAQ

### WHAT IS MMSD?

Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) is a separate entity from the City of Madison. MMSD was created under state statute to protect watershed areas which might span several municipalities. MMSD operates sewers and pump stations which convey wastewater to the Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant. This single treatment facility serves many of the municipalities surrounding the Yahara chain of lakes.

### WHAT IS A SEWER PLAN REVIEW?

- MMSD reviews all sewer extensions for the municipalities which we serve. Submittals for all publicly owned sewers are reviewed by MMSD staff, approved by MMSD Commissioners and then forwarded to the Wisconsin DNR for approval as required by Wisconsin Statute NR 110.05. MMSD reviews private sewers (sewer laterals) that connect to MMSD.
- During MMSD plan review for technical criteria, staff ensures that capacity is available and determines sewer connection charges due.

### WHAT ARE SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES?

- These are a one-time, area based fee for lands which benefit from the sanitary sewer system. Interceptor Connection Charges (ICC) and Treatment Plant Connection Charges (TPCC) are calculated using different methods, but are collectively known as sewer “Connection Charges” and apply to all new users of the public sanitary sewer system.

### WHAT ARE INTERCEPTOR CONNECTION CHARGES (ICC)?

- ICC represents the users “fair share” of collection system investments MMSD has made to install interceptor sewers and pump stations.
- MMSD policy states: “An interceptor connection charge will be imposed upon all lands”. Exceptions are made for lands designated as permanent open space but only if recognized by CARPC as environmental corridor.
- ICC rates are adjusted annually based on a construction cost index and follow closely with the rate of inflation.

### WHAT ARE TREATMENT PLANT CONNECTION CHARGES (TPCC)?

- TPCC represents the amount of annual debt service to provide excess treatment plant capacity.
- Paid by new users (including redevelopments).
- The CSM or plat process is typically a good indicator of changed land use when TPCC are due.

### WHAT ARE THE 2017 FEES?

- **\$1,350 Sewer Plan Review Fee**
  - o Flat fee for all publicly owned sewers that also require DNR review.
  - o Not applicable to replacement or rehabilitation projects.
- **\$1,025 Direct Connection Fee**
  - o Applies to all connections to an MMSD owned sewer or manhole.
  - o Permit is issued to plumber or contractor making the sewer connection.
  - o Plumber or contractor must coordinate with MMSD for inspection.