
ITEM 1402 – REQUIRING PERMITS FOR CONNECTIONS TO THE SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN THE PORTAGE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT, FUND 5200

Section 1402.01 Permits Required

No person, corporation, political subdivision, partnership or association whatsoever shall connect, reconnect or alter the size of a connection to a sewer in the District for the purpose of discharging sanitary sewage or industrial waste for any building, or other structure, connected either directly or indirectly, without first securing a permit for such purpose in a form prescribed by the County Sanitary Engineer.

The aforementioned permit and connection charges shall not be applicable in the event of a connection to a sewer in the District by another political subdivision of the State of Ohio which connections shall be subject to the terms of an agreement with such political subdivision pursuant to Section 6117.02, Revised Code, or other applicable provisions of Ohio law.

Section 1402.02 Payment of Charges

A. Payment

The applicant for the permit required by Section 1402.01 shall deposit cash, check or money order payable to the County in the amount of the connection charge determined in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1402.03 through 1402.07.

The County Sanitary Engineer or his duly authorized agent shall not issue a permit for the purpose described in Section 1402.01 until such payment has been received, or has Board approval for installment payments.

B. Installment Payments

1. The applicant may make installment payments provided that the applicant for such permit submits a written request to the Board requesting that such connection charge be paid in installments.

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2. A request for installment payment of the connection charges shall include all of the following:
 - a. A description of the property to be served by such connection.
 - b. The name of the owner of record of such property.
 - c. The recording references under which such owner acquired title to the property.
 - d. The time period requested.

 3. If the Board determines that the granting of such request would be equitable, such request shall be approved and the Board shall, in a resolution approving such request, establish the period of time over which such installments shall be paid, the rate of interest to be paid, the manner and place of payment of such installments, the security of assured payment of all such installments, and the identification of property.
 - a. The Board shall also direct the Sanitary Engineer to certify to the County Auditor such information as will identify the parcel of property to be served by the connection, the total amount of the connection charges to be paid in installments, the amount of each installment and the total number of installments to be paid.
 - b. The County Auditor shall be directed to record such information in the Sewer Improvement Record for the District provided for by Section 6117.33, Revised Code, and to maintain such record until the connection charges are paid in full.
 - c. In the event the applicant is permitted to pay the connection charges in installments, the permit fees, if any, must be deposited prior to the issuance of any such permit.

 4. Parameters:
 - a. Installment payments may be for a period of 1 to 10 years with no penalty for early payoff of connection charges.
 - i. Except that such period may be for whatever number of years as may be approved by the Board in the case of property owned by Portage County or another political subdivision.
 - b. The interest rate charged for single family residential (owner occupied) installment payment accounts shall be

½ (one half) of the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Market Rate Program as of the date of the request.

- c. The interest rate charged for other than single family residential (owner occupied) time payment accounts shall be based on the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) Market Rate Program as of the date of the request.

Section 1402.03 Local Sewer Service Benefit

The term "local sewer service benefit" shall represent the local service benefit to be utilized by the property owner. Local service benefit shall be as determined by the County Sanitary Engineer's calculation of the "adjusted front footage" benefiting from the local service sewers (not to exceed 150.00 linear feet per residential connection). Local sewer service benefit connection charges shall be applicable in all cases except for any local service benefit for which an assessment has been levied by the Board pursuant to Section 6117.32, Revised Code and except for benefit from any local service sewers which were constructed at the Owner's expense pursuant to an agreement recognizing such investment with the Board.

Should a property owner be required to install a lateral under a roadway to the edge of the right of way or easement limit then the cost of such lateral construction shall be deducted from the owner's front foot charge if applicable.

Section 1402.04 Lateral Sewer Connection Unit

The term "lateral sewer connection unit" shall represent the benefit received from a lateral sewer connection provided or to be provided for direct access for connection to a building or other structure. Lateral sewer connection unit charges shall be applicable to each building or other structure except where:

- A. The property has been assessed for the benefit obtained from the lateral sewer connection pursuant to Section 6117.32, Revised Code; or
- B. The building or other structure is served by lateral sewers which were installed by a developer for such property; or

- C. Where the lateral sewer service was constructed at the Owner's expense pursuant to an agreement recognizing such investment with the Board.

Section 1402.05 Trunk Unit

The term "trunk unit" represents the volume discharge benefit attributable to a single family residential unit which is hereby determined to represent a design flow of 400 gallons per day to the sewerage trunk system. Trunk unit connection charges for any building or structure other than a single family residential unit shall be according to the Sanitary Engineer's calculation of the equivalent number of trunk units by the use of accepted Sanitary Engineering practices and Item 1401. Trunk unit connection charges shall be applicable in all cases except:

- A. For trunk sewer capacity to which the property owner is entitled by virtue of an assessment levied by the Board upon the subject property; or
- B. For trunk sewer capacity which was constructed at the property owner's expense pursuant to an agreement recognizing such investment with the Board.

Section 1402.06 Plant Unit

The term "plant unit" represents the volume and/or loading benefit attributable to a single family residential unit which is hereby determined to represent a design flow of 400 gallons per day to the treatment plant. Plant unit connection charges for any building or structure other than a single family residential unit shall be according to the Sanitary Engineer's calculation of the equivalent number of plant units by the use of accepted Sanitary Engineering practices and Item 1401. Plant unit connection charges shall be applicable in all cases except:

- A. For plant capacity to which the property owner is entitled by virtue of an assessment levied by the Board upon the subject property; or
- B. For plant capacity which was constructed at the property owner's expense pursuant to an agreement recognizing such investment with the Board.

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Section 1402.07 Connection Charges

For premises tributary to the sewage treatment facilities of the District the connection charge shall be determined according to the sum of the local sewer service benefit, lateral sewer connection unit, trunk unit and plant unit benefits, as outlined in Sections 1402.03 through 1402.06, in accordance with the following rates:

Year	Rate per Local Service	Rate per Lateral	Rate per Trunk Unit	Rate per Plant Unit
2012	\$25.00	\$675.00	\$1,638.00	\$3,175.00
2013	\$25.00	\$675.00	\$1,687.00	\$3,270.00
2014	\$25.00	\$675.00	\$1,738.00	\$3,368.00
2015	\$25.00	\$675.00	\$1,790.00	\$3,469.00
2016	\$25.00	\$675.00	\$1,844.00	\$3,573.00
2017	\$25.00	\$675.00	\$1,899.00	\$3,681.00

Note: Applications for permits submitted to the Water Resources Department prior to December 31 will be honored at the rate of the year of submittal through January 31 of the following year or until changed by the Board of County Commissioners per 1402.98.

Section 1402.08 Obligation

The Board and the Sanitary Engineering Department shall not be obligated to the extension of any local service sewers, or lateral sewers at the rates established herein; nor shall the Board or the Sanitary Engineering Department be obligated to provide trunk sewer and/or sewage treatment plant capacity that is not available for utilization at the rates established herein.

Section 1402.09 Sanitary Sewerage System Revenue Fund

The connection charges provided for in Sections 1402.03 through 1402.07 hereof shall be paid to the County Treasurer and shall be kept in a separate and distinct fund to be known as the Portage County Regional Sewer District Revenue Fund (Fund 5200) and shall be used only in accordance with the provisions of Section 6117.02, of the Ohio Revised Code, including the payments, if any, required to be made to the Ohio Water Development Authority.

Section 1402.10 Special Rates

- A. Blackhorse Area: A special rate for the Blackhorse South Sewer Service Area (RV-0 98-100) as provided by grant conditions for this Project will be adopted as follows:
 - 1. The Blackhorse service area shall be defined to be the same as described as the Blackhorse South Sewer Assessment boundaries established in Resolution 00-993, duly adopted on December 26, 2000.
 - 2. All existing residences, businesses and institutions in the Blackhorse Service area shall pay a residential equivalent tap in charge equal to 1 trunk and 1 plant unit at the rate in effect plus the capital surcharge.
 - 3. Delinquent payments shall be in accordance with section 7 (Charges and Certification) of Resolution 00-993 or the then current rate resolution.
 - 4. All future customers in the Blackhorse Service Area without existing onsite systems as of January 1, 2001, are required to pay the then current normal front foot, trunk and plant charges as part of their normal sewer permit process.
 - 5. Resolution 01-276 establishes a capital surcharge of \$30.60 per equivalent residential unit per quarter or until a total amount of \$612.00 per residential equivalent unit is paid, (in place of normal front foot charges) for existing residential businesses and institutions in the Blackhorse Service Area.

Section 1402.11 Charges and Certification

- A. Connection Charges – Installments

Connection charges to be paid in installments pursuant to a separate resolution adopted by the Board under Section 1402.02 shall be due and payable within 21 days after the quarterly billing date.

If an installment is not paid when due on any two consecutive occasions, the Board may, by notice in writing to the applicant, or his successor, declare the unpaid balance of the connection charges

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to be due and payable immediately as an additional installment then due and owing in that quarter. Upon such declaration such additional installment shall become due and payable, provided that the applicant, or his successor, may cure such default and the acceleration of the additional installment by paying within 21 days of such declaration the two quarterly installments then due and the carrying charges hereon, together with the penalty applicable thereto.

In the event such default is not cured by such payment within the specified period, the installments that are delinquent, together with any unpaid carrying charges, and the balance of the connection charges, all of which shall be due and payable by reason of such declaration, shall be certified by the Board to the County Auditor who shall place the same upon the real property tax list and duplicate against the property served by such connection and such charges shall be a lien on such property from the date the same are placed on the real property tax list and duplicate by the Auditor and shall be collected in the same manner as other taxes.

Section 1402.98 Expiration of Fees and Charges

The rates established in Item 1402 – Requiring Permits For Connections to the Sanitary Sewerage System in The Portage County Regional Sewer District, Fund 5200 shall remain in full force and effect until the Board of Commissioners, modifies or deletes said rate.

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