

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE

BY-LAW NO. 3424/6/97

BEING A BY-LAW FOR THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF  
SEWAGE SERVICE RATES AND SEWER RATES

**WHEREAS** Section 221 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, chap.M.45 provides that Councils of local municipalities may, by by-law establish a sewage rate structure upon which sewage service rates and sewer rates shall be based and calculated.

**AND WHEREAS** in establishing the rate structure, the Council may have regard to differentiating between classes of users, nature, volume and frequency of use and all other relevant matters to ensure that sewage service rates and sewer rates are imposed upon a basis that is equitable and just, and where the sewage service rate and sewer rate is based on the water rate, it shall be collectable in the same manner as water rates.

**NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE  
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COLBORNE ENACTS AS  
FOLLOWS:**

1. RATES AND CHARGES

- (a) The rates, charges and penalties for the use of the sanitary sewer system and any other costs or charges for the management, maintenance, installation or otherwise in connection with supplying the sanitary sewer system shall hereinafter be called the rates and shall be as outlined on Schedule "A" attached to this bylaw and as determined from time to time by bylaw of Council;
- (b) Pursuant to Section 218 of the Municipal Act R.S.O. 1990 any amount payable to the Corporation is a lien upon the land on which the building is erected, and may be collected in the same manner and with the same remedies as provided by Section 218 of the Municipal Act for the collection of real property taxes. These charges form a lien, whether they belong to the owner or a tenant.

2. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Subject to the provisions of the Municipal Act and the Provincial Offences Act, every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine in accordance with the Municipal Act.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED  
BY COUNCIL THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1997.**



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**Neal Schoen  
MAYOR**



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**L.C. Hunt  
CITY CLERK**

SCHEDULE "A"

TO BYLAW NO. 3424/6/97

**- RATES FOR SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM -**



(1) METERED RATES

The Sewage Service Rate is subject to a metered rate of \$0.662/cubic meter per billing period. No minimum usage charge per billing period. Rates shown in this Section shall be applied to 92% of the total residential water consumption. All other sectors shall be billed at 100% of water consumed unless otherwise detailed within the by-law.

(2) (a) SEWER RATES SERVICE CHARGE

All users are subject to a fixed sewer rate service charged based on meter size.

The sewer rate service charge is \$107.46 per annum for a 15 mm(5/8") and 19 mm (3/4") meter.

(b) For all other meter sizes, the fixed cost rate will be multiplied by the following factors:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Meter Factor</u>
25mm (1")	1.4
31mm (1 1/4")	1.5
40 mm (1 1/2")	1.8
50 mm (2")	2.9
75 mm (3")	11.0
100 mm (4")	14.0
150 mm (6")	21.0

All vacant land property directly abutting the sanitary sewer system will be charged the annual fixed cost rate of \$107.46.

(3) FLAT RATE (RESIDENTIAL)

Rate where water service is active and connected to the system but no water meter has been installed (water meter refusal) - \$150.00 per billing period.

(4) PENALTIES

A ten percent (10%) penalty chargeable on the first day of default will be levied to all uses. Sewer payments must be received at the Municipal Office on or before the due date.



(5) N.S.F. CHARGES

A charge of \$20.00 will be levied for cheques returned for the bank due to non-sufficient funds.

(6) BILLING CYCLE

- (a) All large users with water meters greater than 50 mm (2") are to be billed monthly.
- (b) All other users are to be billed quarterly on an alternating basis between three (3) defined areas designated by the Corporation.
- (c) Vacant land properties will be billed annually. Seasonal properties will be billed annually.

(7) EXEMPTIONS FROM BILLING FOR SANITARY SEWER COSTS

- (a) Bulk water haulers accessing City bulk water facilities.
- (b) Port Colborne Poultry Limited.
- (c) Any property that does not directly abut any part of the sanitary sewer system.
- (d) Any other property that is covered by a separate bylaw enacted by Council.