

**AN ORDINANCE  
TO AMEND SECTION 453-8(A)(3)C, “STORMWATER SERVICE CHARGES”  
OF “CHAPTER 453, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT,”  
AND  
TO AMEND SECTION 508-12(A), “DELINQUENCY”  
OF “CHAPTER 508, WASTEWATER FACILITIES, “  
OF THE WATERTOWN GENERAL ORDINANCES**

Sponsor: Mayor Emily McFarland

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Pandemic has caused a financial hardship for families, individuals, and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Pandemic requires both public and private entities to re-evaluate their charges and payment methods; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown does not want to penalize its citizenry for its inability to make a payment due to financial hardship caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown desires to waive any late fees associated with the Water, Sewer and Stormwater Management fees for overdue accounts after March 17, 2020 until the Emergency subsides; and

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown desires to place all its fees and charges on an easy to understand and access fee schedule; and,

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

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SECTION 1. Section 453-8(A)(3)C, LATE CHARGES, shall be amended as follows:

If stormwater service charges are not paid in full on the due date, ~~a one percent per month~~ a charge shall be made on the balance **as set forth in the fee schedule set by Common Council.**

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SECTION 2. Section 508-12(A), ADDITIONAL CHARGES, shall be amended as follows:

If sewer service charges are not paid in full on the due date, a charge ~~of 1 1/2% per month~~ shall be made on the balance **as set forth in the fee schedule set by Common Council.**

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SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

Adopted April 6, 2020  
Signed- Elissa Friedl – Clerk/Treasurer  
Approved April 6, 2020  
Signed- Emily McFarland- Mayor  
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