

SECTION 1.

TITLE. This Local Law shall be known as the Town of Dryden SS8 Sewer Benefit District Sewer Rent Law. This Local Law shall apply to Sewer Benefit District SS8 as established by the Town Board of the Town of Dryden by acceptance of the consolidation plan for sewer benefit districts SS2, SS4, SS5, SS6, SS7 on October 17, 2019, and finalized after a public hearing on November 21, 2019.

SECTION 2.

AUTHORITY. This sewer rent law is enacted pursuant to Article 14-F of the New York General Municipal Law.

SECTION 3.

BASIS OF THE CHARGE OF SEWER RENTS. The basis of the charge for sewer rents shall be on a unit basis and water usage basis as herein set forth. In calculating such charges, the following shall apply:

- a) Each single-family dwelling shall be one (1) unit.
- b) The number of units assigned to a boarding house or for student housing shall be determined by dividing the number of lawful potential occupants by three (3). Any fraction shall be increased to the next whole number.
- c) Residences other than single family dwellings shall be counted as one unit for the first apartment therein, plus three-quarters (3/4) of a unit for each additional apartment.
- d) Each trailer or mobile home in a mobile home park shall equal one unit.
- e) Each laundromat shall equal ten (10) units.
- f) Each car wash shall be assigned two (2) units for each four (4) bays. Any fraction shall be increased to the next whole number.
- g) Commercial establishments with less than five (5) full time employees or equivalent shall be assigned one and one-quarter (1-1/4) units. The number of units to be assigned commercial establishments with six (6) or more full-time employees or equivalent shall be determined by dividing the number of employees by three (3). Any fraction shall be increased to the next whole number.

SECTION 4. PAYMENT DATES; PENALTIES; and ENFORCEMENT.

- 1) Payment of the sewer rents shall be made within 20 days of billing without penalty.
- 2) Any payment received after 20 days of billing shall include a 10% penalty of the amount due.
- 3) If payment of the amount due, plus penalty if applicable, is not made within 60 days of when due, then the amount due plus penalty shall be certified to the Town Clerk and

the Town Board and shall be collected and enforced in the same manner and at the same time as may be provided by law for the collection and enforcement of Town taxes.

#### SECTION 5. MEASUREMENT OF WATER USAGE.

The District shall install or shall cause to be installed water meters for each user of the sewage system in the District for the purposes of measuring water usage and calculating the sewer rent charges. The District may impose a charge for the installation and the cost of the water meter.

#### SECTION 6. CALCULATION OF SEWER RENT

The District shall charge and collect for the use of the SS8 Sewer District the sewer rents as provided in this local law. In computing the sewer rent, the following shall apply.

- a) The water meter for the premises connected to the sewer system shall be read and the water usage computed for each billing period.
- b) As of January 1, 2020, annual sewer rates shall be established at a rate of \$6.00/1000 gallons used for treatment of wastewater originating from properties located within the Town of Dryden sewer district SS8.
- b)(1) Since the sewer district will contract with the Town of Ithaca, Cornell University, and the Ithaca Area Wastewater Treatment Plant (IAWWTP), all of which are located within Tompkins County, New York, for the transportation, treatment and disposal of sewage from the district, the direct costs to the district shall be paid by the users of the sewer system. Billing for this service shall be conducted as set forth by the Special Joint Committee that operates and oversees the IAWWTP according to the operating agreements in effect at the time this law takes effect as may be amended from time to time.
- c) In the event that the product computed according to sub-section (b) above is less than \$30.00 then the bill shall be rounded up to \$30.00 which shall be a minimum bill for each billing period. In the event the premises are not connected to a water meter, then a minimum bill as set forth herein shall be imposed for each billing period, until such time as a water meter is installed. All premises served by a sewer system shall have a water meter installed within nine (9) months of connection of the premises to the sewer system.
- d) The District may impose additional sewer rents on a per unit and/or water usage basis for users of the sewer system to pay for the District costs of operation, maintenance and repairs of the sewer system other than those direct costs to be billed in [b] above.
- e) Amendments to sewer rents established under this local law may be made by Board Resolution.

## SECTION 7. SEWER RENT FUND.

Revenues derived from sewer rents, including penalties and interest, shall be credited to a special fund, to be known as the "sewer rent fund". Moneys in such fund shall be used in the following order:

- a) For the payment of the costs of operation, maintenance, and repairs of the sewer system or such part or parts thereof for which sewer rents have been established and imposed.
- b) For the payment of the interest on and amortization of, or payment of, indebtedness which has been or shall be incurred for the construction of the sewer system or such part or parts thereof for which sewer rents have been established and imposed, other than indebtedness, and the interest thereon, which is to be paid in the first instance from assessments upon benefited real property).
- c) For the construction of sewage treatment and disposal works with necessary appurtenances including pumping stations, or for the extension, enlargement, or replacement of, or additions to, such sewer systems, or part or parts thereof. Such revenues from sewer rents shall not be used (1) to finance the cost of any extension or any part of a sewer system (other than any sewage treatment or disposal works with necessary appurtenances including pumping stations) to serve unsewered areas if such part has been constructed wholly or partly at the expense of the real property especially benefited, or (2) for the payment of the interest on, and the amortization of, or payment of, indebtedness which is to be paid in the first instance from assessments upon the benefited real property.

## SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State and the compliance with the provisions of the New York General Municipal Law.