

## **Sewer Development Fees**

**CALCULATION OF SEWER DEVELOPMENT FEE:** The sewer development fee for each meter size is as listed in the Public Works Fee Schedule. For those units or facilities without a water meter, a fixture count analysis will be completed in accordance with the Uniform Plumbing Code to determine the size of meter that would be required for the facility. That meter size will be used to determine the sewer development fee for the facility. A water meter attached to a water line that is devoted exclusively to providing fire protection services or landscape irrigation services shall be exempt from the sewer development fee and shall not be considered in determining the meter ratio.

**EXEMPTIONS:** Sewer Development Fees for properties currently being assessed the sewer service charge per Section 13.02.030 of the Missoula Municipal Code shall be reduced by 10% for each year the property has been paying sewer service charges. If a property has been paying for more than 10 years, no Sewer Development Fee shall be charged.

**WATER METER INCREASE:** Whenever a property owner requests a permit to increase the size of the water meter serving the property, said owner shall pay to the City an incremental water development fee based upon the difference between the water development fee for the proposed meter size and the water development fee for the existing meter size. No refund shall be made to any water users who install a smaller meter.

**PAYMENT:** The sewer development fee is to be paid in full by the party seeking connection before a sewer or water connection permit for connection of the sewer or water to a building is issued. Arrangements for alternative means of payment may be made as described in the following: o The sewer development fee may be paid through a special improvement district at the discretion of the City. The sewer development fee may be considered part of the costs of the sewer connection in the Sewer Line Loan Program per Chapter 3.18 and 3.19 of the Missoula Municipal Code.

**USE OF FEE:** All funds received in payment of the sewer development fee shall be deposited in a segregated account. Funds shall be expended for expansion inclusive of payment of debt service for general benefit sewer facilities. General benefit sewerage facilities are defined as public sewer treatment facilities, public sewer lift stations, and public sewer collection system except sewer mains less than 10 inches in diameter. Expenditures of these funds shall be set forth by the City Council in its capital improvements program and/or annual budget.

**APPEALS:** A decision made by the Public Works Director under this ordinance may be appealed to the Utility Service Appeals Committee.