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~ PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WASTEWATER SYSTEM POLICIES ~

1. DEFINITIONS

EQUITY FEE

The fee charged to compensate for total costs associated with County-constructed improvements to benefit contractor/developer.

TAP FEE

The fee charged to each customer to connect to the County wastewater treatment system to help fund future operating and maintenance costs.

BENEFIT UNIT

A benefit unit is the average expected wastewater flow in gallons per day as set by resolution of the Board of Commissioners. It is the basis on which monthly service fees are charged, unless users elect the flow meter option as described in Section 3B below.

SERVICE FEE

The monthly fee charged to each customer to process wastewater generated by each customer. The fee is a rate charged per benefit unit, unless the rate is applied to usage as measured by a flowmeter.

2. BENEFIT UNIT PROCEDURES

The benefit unit(s) for each customer will be determined by the County Director of Environmental Services using the EPA Greenbook for guidance.

3. SERVICE FEE PROCEDURES

- A. Wayne County wastewater customers will be billed by the Benefit Unit, unless metered under election of Option B below.
- B. Commercial customers may elect to install a flow meter for billing purposes, provided that:
 - 1) Environmental Services will decide which meter to use based on engineer input. The customer will be responsible for installing and for the cost of the meter.
 - 2) The owner will be required to perform annual calibration of said meter by a certified provider and to submit such proof to County Environmental Services.

4. **DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES:** Wayne County procedures for wastewater system development based on contractor/developer needs.
 - A. Developers proposing residential or commercial developments may request an estimate of the projected monthly bill before starting construction. This will be given in writing based on questionnaire information furnished by owner/builder. Calculations for the purpose of estimating flow from proposed improvements will be based on definitions and anticipated service fees as set forth in Sections 1 and 2.
 - B. An "Equity Fee" will be established prior to start of construction to pay total project costs associated with County constructed wastewater system improvement for the benefit of the development. The contractor/developer will be required to pay the engineering design costs prior to bidding the project. The remainder of project costs benefiting the development will be required to be paid either prior to awarding the construction contract(s) or through providing an acceptable bond prior to award the construction contract(s) with payments made as required by the County. Payment of the "Equity Fee" will give the contractor/developer sole rights to the associated treatment system capacity for a period of six (6) years, followed by two (2) years during which any unused capacity will be available at pro-rate for purchase by others with sale proceeds returned to the contractor/developer; however, the County may purchase capacity at any time with a mutual agreement between parties. Following these eight (8) years, any unused capacity will revert to the County.
 - C. The "Tap Fee" will be paid by or on behalf of each customer upon connecting the lateral to the wastewater collection system. "Service Fee" charges will begin accruing at the beginning of the next billing cycle after lateral connection.
 - D. In the case of a builder/developer building a subdivision:
 - 1) Contractor/developer will be required to provide all "as built" prints, testing data for lines, manholes, forced mains, lift stations, inspection reports and any and all relevant paperwork to County Environmental Services at the completion of the project or upon request.
 - 2) Infrastructure built by contractor/developer will be subject to inspection at the County's request by a third-party agent of the County at contractor/developer expense.