

Town of Edgecomb

Sewer Ordinance

Section I

To promote the general welfare, prevent disease and promote health; to provide for the public safety and comfort of the people, and to protect the environment, the following Sewer Use Ordinance is hereby enacted.

Section II Prohibited Uses

- 2.1 No person, firm, corporation or other legal entity shall introduce or allow to be introduced into the sewerage system or treatment system of the Town of Edgecomb, any pollutant which:
 - 2.2 is a toxic pollutant in toxic amounts as defined in standards issued from time to time under Section 307(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 (hereinafter called the "Act");
 - 2.3 creates a danger of fire or explosion in the treatment system;
 - 2.4 causes corrosive structural damage to the treatment works of the Town of Wiscasset treatment plant or of the Town of Edgecomb including all wastes with a pH lower than 5.0 or greater than 8.5;
 - 2.5 contains solid or viscous substances or grease in amounts which would cause obstruction to the flow in sewers or other interference with proper operation of the treatment works; or,
 - 2.6 contains a pollutant in an amount or concentration in excess of that allowed under standards or guidelines issued from time to time pursuant to Sections 304(d)(1) or 307(b) of the "Act," – Clean Water Act
- 2.7 Disposal of unpolluted waters prohibited:

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water, or unpolluted process waters to any sanitary sewer.

Discharge Method

3.1 Discharge method specified:

Stormwater and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such public sewers as are specifically designated as storm sewers, or to a natural outlet approved by the Board of Selectmen. Industrial cooling water or unpolluted process waters may be discharged, on approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, to a storm sewer or natural outlet.

3.2 No person, firm, corporation or other legal entity shall discharge or allow to be discharged into the sewerage or treatment system of the Town of Edgecomb in any one day amounts in excess of five per cent (5%) of the average total daily discharge into said system, or discharge which contains any toxic pollutant unless they shall notify the Selectmen of the Town of Edgecomb at least 45 days before the date of such discharge.

3.3 Every person, firm, corporation or other legal entity which discharges commercial or industrial waste into the sewerage or treatment system of the Town of Edgecomb, shall perform such monitoring of its discharges as the Town may reasonably require, shall keep permanent records of the results of such monitoring and shall report results of such monitoring to the Town annually.

3.4 The Selectmen shall have the power to establish regulations for the installation, use and maintenance of monitoring equipment. The Selectmen of the Town of Edgecomb or their representatives shall have the right to enter into, upon or through the premises of any business or industry discharging into the system for the purpose of inspecting monitoring records, monitoring equipment and for the purpose of sampling any discharge into the system.

3.5 Any person, firm, corporation or other legal entity that shall be in violation of the provisions of any section of this ordinance, shall be liable for a fine of not more than \$500.00. Each day a violation of said section exists shall constitute a separate offense.

3.6 No person, firm, corporation or other legal entity shall connect a private drain with the sewerage or treatment system of the Town of Edgecomb without obtaining a permit for said connection from the Plumbing Inspector, who shall supervise and inspect said connection.

3.7 Any person, firm, corporation or other legal entity being in violation of Section 3.6 shall be liable for a fine of not more than \$50.00 and shall be further subject to the provisions of 30-A.M.R.S.A. Section 3423 and any amendments thereto.

Validity/Severability Clause

4.0 The invalidity of any provision of this ordinance shall not invalidate any other part.

Sewer Fees

5.1 Definitions

CONNECTION FEE shall mean a fee charged to connect to the Town's sewer.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR shall mean a person appointed by the Board of Selectmen to perform duties set out in 30 M.R.S.A. 3222.

CUSTOMER shall mean an owner or tenant of real estate, which is connected to the Town's sewer system. All owners and tenants in a structure or a group of structures who are connected to a single meter shall constitute one customer.

USAGE FEE shall mean a fee charged based upon water used.

IMPACT FEE shall mean a fee charged for a new connection. The impact fee is the cost associated with the treatment plant capacity designated for use by the new user.

5.2 Connections and Metering

Sewer connection applications will be accompanied by payment of a nonrefundable connection fee.

A sewer connection authorization will expire one year after the date the Town issued it. If a structure for which the connection authorization was obtained is not connected to the Town's sewer within this one-year period, a new connection application must be submitted to the Town together with another connection fee.

A separate application along with appropriate fees will be required for each connection to the Town's sewer system after November 4, 2004. Water meters are mandatory for all customers who connect to the Town's sewer system after November 4, 2004. Only water meters approved by the Water District may be installed for measuring water usage.

5.3 Inspections

The Selectmen and their duly appointed officials shall be permitted to enter upon all properties, upon reasonable notification and at times mutually convenient for the Town and the property owner, for the purpose of verifying compliance with this ordinance.

5.4 Fees

CONNECTION FEE: A nonrefundable connection fee will be charged to each person when he or she applies to connect to the Town's sewer system.

USAGE FEE: A usage fee will be charged to each customer based upon water used as follows:

Unmetered residential customers will be billed at 1200 cubic feet of water per quarter.

Metered customers will be billed quarterly at a minimum of 900 cubic feet of water per quarter year plus the cubic foot charge for each cubic foot over 900 used during the quarter of the year in question.

A customer, who in the opinion of the Edgecomb Selectmen generates substantial volume of wastewater, may be billed monthly for each cubic foot of water used.

IMPACT FEE: A one-time nonrefundable fee charged to each new customer who connects to the sewer system. The impact fee is based upon the estimated volume of wastewater to be generated by the new customer in relation to the overall flow into the Edgecomb system that flows into the Wiscasset Sewer Treatment Plant and the amount of the impact fee shall be based in part upon the impact fee assessed by the Town of Wiscasset pursuant to the inter-local agreement between the Town of Edgecomb and the Town of Wiscasset.

LATE CHARGE: There shall be a late charge equal to 1% per month or any part thereof assessed to all delinquent accounts effective 30 days from the date of billing.

LIENS: Accounts eight months in arrears will be subject to liens as provided by law.

RATES: The Edgecomb Board of Selectmen will set all fees provided for in this ordinance. All fees shall be reviewed at least annually and adjusted from time to time as the Selectmen may determine. Prior to setting, reviewing or adjusting a fee, the Edgecomb Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing on the issue.