

SOUTH BERWICK SEWER DISTRICT

2024 RATE DEFINITIONS

BASE SERVICE FEE

This amount shall be a fixed rate and shall be prorated on a day basis calculation for units abutting the sewer system. It is applicable to all equivalent units whether sewer service is provided or not.

The quarterly billing shall separately show the base service amount due for each customer. The base service rates shall be due and payable within 30 days of the invoice date for each customer and interest shall be payable at the adopted interest rate for rates unpaid after that date.

Customers may elect, at their option, to make monthly payments on this base service, which shall be credited to individual accounts without interest being paid on early payments or overpayments.

VARIABLE SERVICE RATE

This rate shall be on the basis of water consumption as metered by the South Berwick Water District. The rate per gallon for the next calendar year will be established by dividing the District's total budget, less the base service fee and other anticipated revenues described herein, by the volume of billed water consumption for the immediate past calendar year. The rate per gallon will then be multiplied by the quarterly metered gallons of each customer to determine the amount of that customer's invoice. The invoice will identify separately that portion of the quarterly amount related to the water consumption.

This variable rate amount shall be invoiced quarterly and shall be due within thirty (30) days from the date of invoice with interest chargeable at the rate established by the Trustees for unpaid amounts beyond that 30 day rate.

FRONTAGE RATE

This rate shall be a flat rate amount established by the Trustees at the beginning of each calendar year. The rate shall be applicable to vacant lots which have frontage on municipal streets, private right-of-ways, or easements which contain sewer systems connected directly or indirectly to pipes draining to the South Berwick Sewer District's collection and treatment systems. The purpose of this assessment is to collect rates for those properties, which are benefited by the District's ability to provide sewer service to that lot.

Lots assessed here under shall be considered as separate lots if so identified by the Town's tax records.

IMPACT FEE

Connections shall be assessed for each new unit serviced by the South Berwick Sewer District. Residential users shall be assessed for each separate unit. All other users shall be assessed on an equivalent unit basis of 48,000 gallons per year with flows determined from current State of Maine Plumbing Code flow guidelines. This fee amount shall be fixed at the beginning of each calendar year by the Trustees and shall be payable at the time a permit for connection is issued.

INSPECTION FEE

An inspection fee shall be assessed against all new connections to the sewer system and all new extensions of the sewer system when those extensions are installed by other than the District. The inspection fee amount shall be commensurate with the time and effort necessary to make inspections. The minimum fee for a single family residence connection to an existing sewer main and the hourly inspection rate for establishing other connection fees shall be established by the Trustees on an annual calendar year basis.

SEPTIC WASTEWATER

The rate for septic wastewater receiving shall be established annually by the Trustees. Payment for invoices for septic wastewater disposal shall be due in 30 days from the date of invoice and interest shall be assessed for unpaid amounts after that due date.

INTEREST RATE

Trustees shall establish on an annual calendar year basis the interest rate that will be charged on unpaid amounts due to the District beyond the due dates. Considerations for the interest rate shall include the adopted rate established by the Town for unpaid taxes.

CONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENTS

The amount of construction assessments shall be determined by the Trustees for each sewer extension project in accordance with the District's legislative charter.