

Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier  
Date of introduction: April 12, 2022

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-033**

**CALCULATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with *New Castle County Code* Chapter 38 (“Utilities”), Article 2 (“Sewers and Sewage Disposal”), Division 38.02.500 (“Sewer services charges”), Section 38.02.503 (“Schedule generally”), County Council must adopt applicable unit charges for sewer service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**

Section 1. County Council adopts the following sewer unit charges for Fiscal Year 2023:

The following unit charges shall be effective other than for certain contract users:

\$5.034399/1000 gals. flow rate	(q)
\$0.416813/lb. BOD	(b)
\$0.566035/lb. SS	(s)

The rates for certain contract users shall be as follows:

\$3.422731/1000 gals. flow rate	(q)
\$0.416813/lb. BOD	(b)
\$0.566035/lb. SS	(s)

The EDU rates shall be as follows:

Meter Size	EDU	Fixed Charge @ \$100 / EDU
1/2" or 5/8"	1.0	\$25*
3/4"	1.5	\$150
1"	2.5	\$250
1 1/2"	5.0	\$500
2.0	8.0	\$800
3.0	15.0	\$1,500
4.0	25.0	\$2,500
6.0	50.0	\$5,000
8.0	80.0	\$8,000
10.0	115.0	\$11,500

\* For Fiscal Year 2023, the base rate of \$100/EDU has been discounted by 75% for meters up to 5/8".


Section 2. Pursuant to Section 38.02.503.F., the annual minimum charge for sewer service shall be fifty-six dollars (\$56.00).

Section 3. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2022.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Adopted by County Council of  
New Castle County on: 5/24/2022

  
President of County Council  
of New Castle County

Approved on: June 1, 2022  


County Executive  
New Castle County

**SYNOPSIS:** This Ordinance establishes sewer service charges effective July 1, 2022, for Fiscal Year 2023.

**FISCAL NOTE:** This Ordinance proposes the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023 sewer user rates which, in conjunction with other related sources of revenue, are estimated to yield sufficient revenue to balance the Fiscal Year 2023 sewer fund budget.

If adopted, this Ordinance would establish EDU rates estimated to yield revenue as follows:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue
2023	\$7,100,000
2024	\$7,100,000
2025	\$7,200,000
2026	\$7,300,000

If adopted, this Ordinance would establish a Fiscal Year 2023 composite (flow \$5.034399 + (BOD \$0.416813 X 1.2510 (flow factor) = \$0.5214325) + (SS \$0.566035 X 1.5429 (flow factor) = \$0.8733356)) residential flow rate of \$6.42917 per 1,000 billable gallons. The composite rate remains unchanged from the FY2022 composite rate.

The rates contained in this Ordinance would, if adopted, be applied to all user classes as follows:

User Classification	Number of Users	Gross Billing
Residential	125,110	\$37,390,365
Industrial	21	\$10,419,167
Commercial	3,723	\$15,304,077
Apartment	226	\$8,913,121
Contract	5	\$6,100,000
Gross Billing	<u>129,085</u>	<u>\$ 78,126,730</u>

Allowance for Delinquent Accounts: (3,026,730)  
Net Billing \$ 75,100,000