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SEWER SERVICE SYSTEM

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The purpose of this chapter is to establish rules and regulations to promote and preserve the public sanitation within the town and to establish rules and regulations and sewer services rates and charges within Eagle Lake sewer utility district of the town. (Prior code § 5.01(1))

- 13.04.020 Definitions.

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of the terms used in this chapter shall be as follows:

“B.O.D.” (denoting biochemical oxygen demand) shall mean the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter in five days at twenty (20) degrees Celsius (20° C), expressed in milligrams per liter.

“Building sewer” means the extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal.

“Commission” means the duly appointed commission of the sewer utility district.

“Foundation drain” means a pipe or conduit receiving the discharge from the soil under and around the outside wall of a building.

“Garbage” means the residue from the preparation, cooking and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage and sale of food products and produce.

“Natural outlet” means any outlet, including storm sewers and sewer overflow, into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake or other body of surface or groundwater.

“Person” means any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation or group.

“pH” means the reciprocal of the logarithm of the hydrogen ion concentration. The concentration is the weight of hydrogen ions, in grams, per liter of solution.

“Plumbing inspector” means the plumbing inspector appointed by the town chairperson, subject to confirmation by the town board, or his or her designee.

“Properly shredded garbage” means the wastes from the preparation of cooking and dispensing of food that have been shredded to such degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than one-half inch in any dimension.

“Public sewer” means any sewer provided by or subject to the jurisdiction of the sewer utility district.

“Sewage” means a combination of water-carried wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions and industrial establishments.

“Sewage treatment plant” means any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewage.

“Sewage works” means all facilities for collecting, pumping, treating and disposing of sewage.

“Sewer utility district” means Eagle Lake sewer utility district of the town, and all present and future additions thereto.

“Shall” is mandatory; “may” is permissive.

“Storm sewer” or “storm drain” means a sewer or drain for conveying water, groundwater or unpolluted water from any source.

“Superintendent” means the superintendent of the sewer utility district, or his or her authorized deputy, agent or representative.

“Suspended solids” means the solids that either float on the surface of, or are in suspension in, water, sewage or other liquids; and which are removable by laboratory filtering as prescribed in “Standard Methods for Examination of Water and Wastewater.”

“Watercourse” means a channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently.

“User” means any person who, as owner, tenant or otherwise, has an interest in a premises or property which is connected to the sanitary sewer system of the sewer utility district. (Prior code § 5.01(3))

13.04.030 User rules and regulations.

The rules, regulations and sewer charges of the sewer utility district set forth in this chapter shall be considered a part of the contract with every person who is connected with the sewer system to the sewer utility district, and every such person by connecting with the sewer system

shall be considered as expressing his, her or their assent to be bound thereby. Whenever any of the rules and regulations of the sewer utility district are violated, the service for the building or place of such violation may be terminated pursuant to applicable rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission of the state of Wisconsin, if any. A violator shall also be subject to any penalties provided by law or in these rules and regulations. The right is reserved to the town board and the sewer utility district to change the rules, regulations and sewer rates and contracts in all proper cases. (Prior code § 5.01(12))

13.04.040 Use of public sewer required.

A. It is unlawful for any person to place, deposit or permit to be deposited upon public or private property within the sewer utility district or in any area under the jurisdiction of the sewer utility district, any human or animal excrement (other than the normal type of fertilizer), garbage or other objectionable waste.

B. It is unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet within the sewer utility district, or in any area under the jurisdiction of the sewer utility district, any sanitary sewage, industrial wastes or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with this chapter and the laws of the state.

C. The owner of all houses, buildings or properties used for human habitation, occupancy, employment, recreation, business or any other purposes, situated within the sewer utility district and abutting on any streets, alley, right-of-way or easement in which a public sewer is located, or in which the extension of the public sewer may be deemed feasible by the commission of the sewer utility district, is required, at his or her expense, to connect any such building or facility which is within three hundred (300) feet of the public sewer to the public sewer within six months after date of written notice from the sewer utility district that the public sanitary sewer is available. The sewer service charges provided in Section 13.04.100 which are applicable to such a parcel of property shall become due and payable at such time that the sewer lateral is run from the sewer main to the proposed structure on the property. Such charges shall be due and payable regardless of whether or not the proposed structure is connected to the lateral. (Ord. 2001-03; Ord. 98-2; Ord. 92-33 § 1; prior code § 5.01(13))

13.04.050 Private sewage disposal.

A. Except as provided in this chapter, it is unlawful to construct or maintain with the sewer utility district any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage or human excrement.

B. Where a public sanitary sewer is certified by the sewer utility district as not available to serve any house, building or property under the provisions of Section 13.04.040C of this chapter, the building sewer shall be connected to a private sewage disposal system complying with the provisions set forth by the Wisconsin Plumbing Code and the ordinances of the town.

C. At such time as a public sanitary sewer becomes available to a property served by a private sewage disposal system, as provided in Section 13.04.040C of this chapter, a direct

connection shall be made to the public sewer in compliance with this chapter, and any septic tanks, cesspools and similar private sewage disposal facilities shall be abandoned and filled with suitable material.

D. The owner shall operate and maintain the private sewage disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times, at no expense to the sewer utility district. (Prior code § 5.01(14))

13.04.060 Building sewers and connections.

A. No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connection with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the plumbing inspector.

B. No connections shall be made to any of the sewers of the utility district from any building, premises, excavation, place or property of any kind whatsoever by any drain, tap or sewer intended or designed to, or capable of, discharging any matter, whether fluid or solid, into the sewers of the sewer utility district unless a permit has first been issued therefor by the plumbing inspector.

C. No permit to connect to public sewer shall be issued for any lot, excavation or open basement unless construction is in progress or to start immediately. A permit to connect to the public sewer shall be issued upon payment of the required fee when a building permit issues for a new building. Sewer laterals may be installed and connected to the public sewer during the excavation and construction of basements and/or foundations for new buildings, provided that the owner or contractor notify the building inspector and (the sewer utility district inspector) designee of the sewer utility district commission when the connection is to be made and the lateral available for inspection. No laterals shall be covered until an inspection is completed. Laterals installed to buildings under construction shall be capped, with caps securely glued to the lateral inlet, preventing any water or debris from entering the sewer line. Such caps shall not be removed nor any connection of interior sewer piping made until interior plumbing has been completed and inspected. No person, firm or corporation shall cut into the sewer lines of the district for any purpose without first notifying the (utility district inspector) designee of the sewer utility district commission nor shall any such work commence unless and until the (district inspector) commission's designee is present at the work site. In addition to any fines imposed for violation hereof, the cost of exposing and inspecting any work completed and covered without inspection shall be paid by the landowner involved and, if not paid, shall be levied as a special assessment against the affected property.

D. All costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the town and the sewer utility district from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.

E. Old building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found on examination and test by the plumbing inspector to meet all requirements of this chapter.

F. In all buildings where a foundation drainage system is provided and there is no natural drain for this subsurface water to drain into, the owner shall provide or build a suitable pit, minimum size fifteen (15) inches diameter by thirty (30) inches deep, to collect all water that may enter the foundation drainage system; the drain must be a minimum of two inches higher than the floor; also he or she shall install, operate and maintain a sump pump, cellar drainer or some suitable pump and he or she shall pump this foundation water to a storm sewer or outside the building to a natural drain, or discharge water at least fifteen (15) feet from the foundation wall of the building. It is unlawful to connect any foundation drainage system to the sanitary sewer system. It is unlawful to willfully allow any sump pit to overflow into the basement floor drain that is connected to the sanitary sewer.

G. The building sewer shall be installed in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code, Chapter H62, "Design, Construction, Installation, Supervision and Inspection of Plumbing," and specifically, Section H62-04(4), "Building Sewers," as amended from time to time.

H. All excavations required for the installation of a building sewer shall be open trench work unless otherwise approved by the plumbing inspector. Pipe laying and backfill shall be performed in accordance with regulations as set forth in the plumbing code, and no backfill shall be replaced until the work has been inspected.

I. All joints and connections made in laying sewer and drain pipes shall be made gastight and watertight.

J. In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary sewage carried by such drain shall be lifted by approved artificial means and discharged to the building sewer at the expense of the building owner.

K. The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall be made at the "Y" branch. If no suitable "Y" branch is available, a neat hole may be cut into the public sewer to receive the building sewer with entry in the downstream direction at any angle of about forty-five (45) degrees. Pipes should also be tapped on the top, and not within six inches of the joint, or within twenty-four (24) inches of another lateral connection. A forty-five (45) degree "ell" may be used to make such connection, with the spigot and cut so as not to extend past the inner surface of the public sewer. The invert of the building sewer at the point of connection shall be at the same or at a higher elevation than the invert of the public sewer. A smooth, neat joint shall be made, and the connection made secure and watertight. Special connections may be used for the connection only when approved by the plumbing inspector and the designee of the sewer utility commission, if within the area serviced by the district. If the public sewer is broken or damaged in any manner by making a connection, the owner shall replace all damaged pipe in the public sewer at his or her expense.

L. When opening any street surface or other public way, such shall be done in conformity with the requirements of the governmental body with jurisdiction over such street or right-of-way. In making excavations in streets or highways for laying service pipe or to make repairs, the paving and earth removed must be deposited in a manner that will occasion the least inconvenience to the public. No person shall leave any such excavation made in any street or

highway open at any time without barricades; and during the night, warning lights must be maintained at such excavations. In refilling the opening, after the service pipes are laid, the backfill must be laid in layers of not more than nine inches in depth, and each layer thoroughly compacted to prevent settling. And this work, together with the replacing of sidewalks, ballast and paving, must be done so as to make the street as good, at least, as before it was disturbed, and satisfactory to the plumbing inspector.

M. No person, except plumbers licensed by the state as provided in this chapter, shall be permitted to tap or make any connection with the sanitary sewerage system or any part thereof. Such information as the plumbing inspector, superintendent, the commission or its engineer may have with regard to the location of sewer junctions or slants will be furnished to plumbers, but neither the town nor the sewer utility district shall assume any risk as to the accuracy of the same.

N. All owners shall keep their water and drain pipes in good repair and protected from frost, at their own risk and expense, and shall prevent any unnecessary over-burdening of the sewer system. All expenses relating to the connection to the sewer system shall be paid by the applicant.

O. No owner shall allow others or other services to connect to the sewer system through his or her lateral.

P. Every owner or user shall permit the town and the sewer utility district, or their authorized agents, at all reasonable hours of the day, to enter their premises or building to examine the pipes and fixtures, and the manner in which the drains and sewer connections operate; and they must at all times, frankly and without concealment, answer all questions put to them relative to its use.

Q. It is expressly stipulated that no claim shall be made against the town or the sewer utility district by reason of the breaking, clogging, stoppage or freezing of any sewer pipe; nor from any damage arising from repairing mains, making connections or extensions or any other work that may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cut off the service at any time for the purpose of repairs or any other necessary purposes, any permit granted or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding. Whenever it shall become necessary to shut off the sewer service, the sewer utility district shall, if practicable, give notice to each and every owner or user affected by it. (Prior code § 5.01(15))

13.04.070 Use of the public sewers.

A. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, cooling water, air conditioning water or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer.

B. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described liquids or solid wastes to any sanitary sewer:

1. Any gasoline, benzene, Naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid or gas;

2. Any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, paunch manure or any other solid or sticky substance capable of causing obstruction of the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works;

3. Any water or wastes containing a toxic or poisonous substance in sufficient quantity to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constituting a hazard to humans and animals, or create any hazard in the receiving treatment facility;

4. Any waters or wastes containing suspended solids of such character and quantity that unusual attention or expense is required to handle such material at the sewage treatment plant;

5. Any noxious or malodorous gas or substance capable of creating a public nuisance;

6. Any garbage that has not been properly shredded;

7. Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than one hundred fifty (150) degrees F;

8. Any water or waste which may contain more than one hundred (100) parts per million by weight of fat, oil or grease;

9. Any waters or wastes having pH lower than 5.5 or higher than 9.0 or having any corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment and personnel of the sewage works.

C. Grease, oil and sand interceptors shall be according to state code and shall be provided when, in the opinion of the superintendent, they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing such substance in excessive amounts, or any flammable wastes and other harmful ingredients, except that such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units. All interceptors shall be of a type and capacity approved by the superintendent and shall be located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection.

D. Where installed, all grease, oil and sand interceptors shall be maintained by the owner or user at his or her expense, in continuously efficient operation at all times.

E. The admission into the public sanitary sewers of any waters or wastes having: (1) a five-day biochemical oxygen demand greater than two hundred (200) parts per million by weight, or (2) containing more than two hundred (200) parts per million by weight of suspended solids, or (3) containing any quantity of substances having the characteristics described in subsection B of this section, or (4) having an average daily flow greater than two percent of the average daily sewage flow of the sewer utility district, shall be subject to the review and approval of the superintendent. Where necessary in the opinion of the superintendent, the owner shall provide, at his or her expense, such preliminary treatment as may be necessary to, (1) reduce the biochemical oxygen demand to two hundred (200) parts per million by weight, or (2) reduce

objectionable characteristics and constituents to within the maximum provided for in subsection E of this section, or (3) control the quantities and rates of discharge of such waters or wastes. Plans, specifications and any other pertinent information relating to proposed preliminary treatment facilities shall be submitted for approval to the Department of Natural Resources of the state and the commission of the sewer utility district. No construction of such facilities shall be commenced until the approvals are obtained in writing.

F. Where preliminary treatment facilities are provided for any waters or wastes, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation by the owner at his or her expense.

G. When required by the superintendent, the owner of any property served by a building sewer carrying industrial wastes shall install a suitable control manhole in the building sewer to facilitate observation, sampling and measurement of the wastes. Such manhole, when required, shall be accessibly and safely located and shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the superintendent. The manhole shall be installed by the owner at his or her expense and shall be maintained by him or her so as to be safe and accessible at all times.

H. No statement contained in this section shall be construed as preventing any special agreement or arrangement between the town or the sewer utility district and any concern whereby an industrial waste or unusual strength or character may be accepted by the town or the sewer utility district for treatment, subject to payment therefor by the industrial concern. (Prior code § 5.01(16))

13.04.080 Vacating premises and discontinuance of service.

A. Whenever any building served by sewer has been or is about to be vacated, whether by razing, destruction or moving; or whenever a building served by sewer has been rendered uninhabitable by the removal of all plumbing and plumbing fixtures, and the owner thereof makes application in writing for and is granted permission to discontinue sewer service, the lateral shall be cut off and plugged at the property line by an approved means and inspected by the plumbing inspector and the designee of the sewer utility commission if within the area serviced by the commission, prior to the refilling of any excavation. Where any building is to be razed under Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.05, the town board shall notify the plumbing inspector, who shall cause the necessary work to be done and the cost thereof charged to the property as part of the cost of such razing. Upon discontinuance of service in such manner, the usage fee for sewer service shall cease. Premises disconnected in such manner shall be liable for the connection fee provided in Section 13.04.100 upon reconnection to the public sewer. The owner of the premises, in addition to the costs incurred for such disconnection, shall be liable for any damage to the utility district's property, other than such as may be caused by the district's employees or representatives.

B. Whenever any building has two or more users on one lateral connection and the owner wishes to discontinue service for one or more users, a written request must be filed with the chairperson of the Eagle Lake sewer utility district. The governing body of the sewer utility district shall, within thirty (30) days after receipt of such request, make a determination whether

such request should be approved or denied. Failure to make such a determination within thirty (30) days of such written request shall be deemed a denial. In the event the request for discontinuance of service is granted, it shall be made conditioned upon compliance with all terms and provisions as established by the sewer utility district. There shall be a disconnect fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00). The building inspector for the town and an authorized designee of the sewer utility district shall inspect the subject property to insure that all plumbing fixtures have been removed, that all drains have been properly plugged and that the water supply for such usage is disconnected. In the event the water supply cannot be disconnected, then all drains must be plugged consistent with the requirements of the sewer utility district. In the event there is a request to reconnect the subject property within a period of two years of the date of the request for disconnection, such reconnection shall be granted only upon the payment by owner of a reconnection fee in an amount equal to all user fees that would have been paid by the owner of the subject property had the subject property not been disconnected. (Ord. 93-5 § 1; prior code § 5.01(17))

13.04.090 Report of existing unsanitary conditions.

Whenever it shall be reported to the plumbing inspector or to the sewer utility commission that the plumbing in any building is contrary to ordinances of the town or is a menace to health, or when, upon complaint made to the town plumbing inspector by any person that the plumbing in any building is defective as aforesaid, then the plumbing inspector and the sewer utility commission, if within the area serviced by the commission, shall investigate the cause for complaint in the building and report his or her findings in writing to the town board, suggesting such changes as are necessary to put the building in proper sanitary condition. The plumbing inspector thereupon shall direct such changes to be made as he or she deems necessary and fix a time for having the same done. Any person refusing to comply therewith shall be deemed guilty of a violation of these sections and each day's continuance thereof shall constitute a separate offense. (Prior code § 5.01(18))

13.04.100 Sewerage service charges.

A. It is determined and declared to be necessary and conducive to the protection of the public health, safety, welfare and convenience of the town to provide for the receipt of adequate revenues to meet the requirements of debt service, operation and maintenance, and the establishment of adequate cash reserves by levying upon and collecting from all lands, lots and premises served by having connections with or where connection to the sewer system of the sewer utility district is available, monthly sewerage charges. The proceeds of such charges shall be used and set aside to provide for debt service, operation and maintenance.

B. There is levied and assessed upon each improved lot, parcel of land or premises having any sewer connection with the sanitary sewer system of the sewer utility district or for which sewer connection is available, a monthly sewage service charge in the sum of twenty-one dollars and thirty-three cents (\$21.33) per month or sixty-four dollars (\$64.00) per quarter, per unit, payable on or before the 30th day of March, June, September and December of each year. In addition to the charge, rental or rate of service, a further charge of fifteen (15) percent shall be added thereto in each case of failure to make payment on or before the above-stated dates. The

total thus obtained shall be the sewage service charge, rental or rate of service. In each case, the charges, rentals or rate of service are to be payable as directed by the town board and shall be collected by the treasurer of the town or his or her designee. Each charge, rental or rate of assessment levied pursuant hereto is made a lien upon the lot, land or premises served by the sewerage system of sewer utility district and additions thereto pursuant to law and shall be collected pursuant to Section Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.069(1), if not paid.

C. Assessment of charges to be levied pursuant to subsection B of this section, within the sewer utility district and additions thereto, shall be made upon the basis of the following residential equivalent units (REU). One REU is equal to one single-family connection and is based on a average daily flow of two hundred ten (210) gallons per day. The number of REU's to determine the user charge for other types of buildings has been set by using a multiplier based on size of business, number of units for multi-family structures or other factors for other types of uses, as listed below. Fees shall be charged on the basis of the use of the property at the time the user fee is levied.

Type of Building	Fee
Residential:	
Minimum fee	1 REU
Single	1 REU
Multi-family dwelling/ apartment/ condominium complex	1 REU/Unit
Church	1 REU
Commercial:	
Minimum fee	1 REU
Service station	2 REU
Office building/ service business	1 REU per 3,000 square feet of floor area
Factories/ warehouses (no industrial waste)	1 REU per 7,000 square feet of floor area
Motels/hotels	1 REU per 2 rooms
Self service laundry	1 REU per 2 washing machines
School	
No hot lunch/no showers	1 REU per 20 students
No hot lunch/showers	1 REU per 15 students
Hot lunch/no showers	1 REU per 15 students

Type of Building	Fee
Hot lunch/showers	1 REU per 12 students
Restaurant/bar	2 REU per first 1,000 square feet + 1 REU for each additional 250 square feet public area (restrooms not included)
Other	As established by utility district

When a combination of the uses set forth in this subsection C exists on any premises within the sewer utility district and additions thereto, the commission, after consideration of the facts in each case, shall determine and set the charge units for such premises by resolution.

D. The charge, rental or rate of service and the determination of the allocated units fixed in this section shall be subject to amendment or change from time to time by amending this chapter with respect to such charges, rentals or rates of service.

E. Where the number of charge units specified in this section are variable or where the user is not identified, the commission shall determine the amount of such charge unit or charge units as shall reflect the volume of sewage as will emanate from such user in comparison with the usual volume emanating from a single-family dwelling. (Ord. 2000-8; Ord. dated 9/25/95 § 5.01(19); Ord. 94-11 § 1: prior code § 5.01(19))

13.04.110 Sewerage connection charge.

A. There shall be paid to the sewer utility district and collected by the treasurer of the town on each lot, parcel of land or premises on which a unit or connection charge shall not have been assessed or paid prior to the time that a permit for and connection is made to the sanitary sewerage system of the sewer utility district, a unit connection charge represented in residential equivalent units (REU). Each REU will represent a four thousand dollar (\$4,000.00) charge.

Type of Building	Residential Equivalent Units (REU)
Residential:	
Minimum connection fee	1 REU
Single-family residential	1 REU
Multi-family dwelling/ apartment/condo-minium complex:	
Three or more bedrooms/units	1 REU/Unit
Two bedroom/unit	0.75 REU/Unit

Type of Building	Residential Equivalent Units (REU)
One bedroom/unit	0.50 REU/Unit
Church	1 REU
Commercial:	
Minimum connection fee	2 REU
Service station	2 REU
Office building/ service business	1 REU per 3,000 square feet of floor area
Factories/ warehouses (exclusive of industrial wastes)	1 REU per 7,000 square feet of floor area
Motels and hotels	1 REU per 2 rooms
Self-service laundry	1 REU per 4 washing machines
School	1 REU per 12 students
Restaurant/bar	2 REU per first 1,000 square feet + 1 REU for each additional 250 square feet public area (restrooms not included)
Other	As established by sanitary district

B. In addition to the sewerage connection charge designated in this section, there shall be paid an additional connection fee to the sewer utility district and collected by the treasurer of the town on each lot, parcel of land or premises on which a unit or connection charge has been previously assessed and on which properties there has been a change of use or an addition increasing the size of the existing building. Such property shall be subject to additional connection charges consistent with the charges imposed under Section 13.04.110, less a credit in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). A change of use shall be determined by comparing the use of the premises at the time of the initial connection with any of the uses set forth in Section 13.04.110. To determine whether an addition to the existing building would require an additional connection charge, reference should be made to Section 13.04.110 to determine whether the addition would result in an REU in excess of one. (Ord. 2000-10; Ord 2000-9; Ord. dated 9/25/95 § 5.01(20); prior code § 5.01(20))

13.04.120 Maintenance of services.

A. All public sewer services within the limits of the sewer utility district from the street main to the property line and including all controls between the same, without expenses to the property owner, except when they are damaged as a result of negligence or carelessness on the part of the property owner, a tenant or an agent of the owner, in which case they will be repaired at the expense of the property owner. All sewer services from the point of maintenance by the system

to and throughout the premises must be maintained free of defective conditions, by and at the expense of the owner or occupant of the property.

B. When any sewer service is to be relayed and there are two or more buildings on such service, each building shall be disconnected from such service and a new sewer service shall be installed for each building. (Prior code § 5.01(21))

13.04.130 Payment of bills.

A. Every reasonable care will be exercised in the proper delivery of sewer bills. Failure to receive a sewer bill, however, shall not relieve any person of the responsibility for payment of sewer rates within the prescribed period, or exempt any person from any penalty imposed for delinquency in the payment thereof.

B. The property owner is held responsible for all sewer bills on premises that he or she owns. All sewer bills and notices of any nature, relative to the sewer service, will be

addressed to the owner and delivered to the premises referred to on such bill or notice. (Prior code § 5.01(22))

13.04.140 Vacating of premises and discontinuance of service.

Whenever premises served by the system are to be vacated, or whenever any person desires to discontinue service from the system, the sewer utility district must be notified in writing. The owner of the premises shall be liable for any damages to the property of the system by reason of failure to notify the system of a vacancy or any such damage which may be discovered having occurred to the property of the system other than through the fault of the system or its employees, representatives or agents. (Prior code § 5.01(23))

13.04.150 Charges are a lien on property.

All sewer services, charges and special assessments shall be a lien on a lot, part of a lot, or land on which sewer services were supplied. All sums which have accrued during the preceding year and which are unpaid by the first day of October of any year shall be certified to the town clerk to be placed on the tax roll for collection as provided by Wisconsin Statutes. (Prior code § 5.01(24))

13.04.160 Injury to sewer system.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully injure the public sewer system, or any building, machinery or fixture pertaining thereto, or to willfully and without authority of the sewer utility district, bore or otherwise cause to leak, any tunnel, aqueduct, sewer, pipe or other thing used in the system for holding, conveying or distributing sewage. (Prior code § 5.01(25))

13.04.170 Damage recovery.

The sewer utility district shall have the right of recovery from all persons any expense incurred by the system for the repair or replacement of any sewer pipe damaged in any manner by any person by the performance of any work under their control, or by any negligent act. (Prior code § 5.01(26))

13.04.180 Additional regulations.

Except only as specifically limited to the area within the sewer utility district, the provisions of this chapter shall apply with uniformity throughout the territory of the town and shall be enforced by the town plumbing inspector. (Prior code § 5.01(27))

13.04.190 Violations—Penalties.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon adjudication to that effect, forfeit to the town not less than the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), as determined by the court in the action for the collection thereof, together with the costs of such action and, in default of payment thereof, in the case of an individual, shall be imprisoned in the county jail for Racine County, for such time, not exceeding ten days, as such court shall determine, unless the judgment is sooner paid. In the case of a person other than an individual, any party or official thereof, may be so imprisoned. Each day or part thereof upon which any such violation occurs shall be deemed a separate violation. (Prior code § 5.01(28)(part))