

4.6.5.2 Application and Review Process/Completing Permit Application Forms/ Permit Fees/POTW Service Fees

Applicability:

Discusses the annual fees payable to the state of Missouri for residential, industrial and commercial connections to the sewer systems of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs).

Content:

Persons with direct or indirect sewer service connections to the public sewer system owned or operated by a city, public sewer district, public water district, or other publicly owned treatment works, including private sewer companies regulated by the Public Service Commission, must pay an annual sewage service fee. The annual fee is based on the number of drinking water service connections that the residential, commercial or industrial customer has, except that no single customer served by more than one drinking water service connection shall pay more than \$700 per year in annual sewer service fees.

The agency or organization that bills such customers for sewer service collects the fees. The fees may be collected monthly, quarterly or annually and are to be submitted to the department no less frequently than annually. The agency or organization that collects and remits the fees to the department may retain 5% of the fees collected as reimbursement for the billing and collection expenses. Fees may be submitted to a regional office, the Water Pollution Control Branch or the department's Accounting Program. All fees are finally processed by the Department of Natural Resources, Accounting Program, the mailing address of which is P.O. Box 477, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

The annual fee per drinking water service connection for residential customers is:

- \$0.40 per connection for sewage service areas having more than 35,000 customers;
- \$0.50 per connection for sewage service areas having from 35,000 to 20,001 customers;
- \$0.60 per connection for sewage service areas having from 20,000 to 7,001 customers;
- \$0.70 per connection for sewage service areas having from 7,000 to 1,001 customers; and
- \$0.80 per connection for sewage service areas having less than 1,000 customers.

The annual fee per drinking water service connection for commercial and industrial customers is:

- \$3 per connection to public drinking water service lines one (1) inch in diameter or less;
- \$3 per connection to a private water supply system (e.g. a private well);
- \$10 per connection to public drinking water service lines that are greater than 1 inch but less than 4 inches in diameter; and
- \$25 per connection to public drinking water service lines that are greater than 4 inches in diameter.

The maximum annual fee to each commercial or industrial facility is not to exceed \$700. The size of the service line connection is measured at the service meter. Service connections (taps) for fire suppression and irrigation systems are excluded from the fee requirement.

Legal References:

Missouri Clean Water Law, Chapter 644, RSMo

[644.052.10](#), .11 Permit types, fees, amounts--requests for permit modifications--requests for federal clean water certifications.

Code of State Regulations:

10 CSR 20-6.011(2)(B) , (C) and (D) and Appendix A	Fees - Operating Fees - (2)(B) Sewer Service Connection Fees (2)(C) St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District Fee Reduction (2)(D) Reimbursement of Billing and Collection Expenses Appendix A - Human sewage discharges—annual fees
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Other Links:

[Water Pollution Control Permit Fees](#), summary sheet with examples, revised 11/7/2000

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