

2000-0403

INTRODUCED BY: BARRY MINNICH, COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT VII

ORDINANCE NO. 01-6-4

An Ordinance to amend the Parish Code of Ordinances to adjust the sewer use charge.

- WHEREAS, The St. Charles Parish Council borrowed \$47.3 million from the Municipal Facilities Revolving Loan Fund Program; and,
- WHEREAS, Per the agreement with the Municipal Facilities Revolving Loan Fund, the St. Charles Parish Council agreed to collect revenues from users of the sewer system in proportion to their use sufficient to offset the cost of operation, maintenance, and replacement of equipment; and,
- WHEREAS, Gulf South Engineers, Inc. completed an update of the sewer rate study for St. Charles Parish in July of 2000 which recommended that the sewer use charge be adjusted immediately from the current \$2.25 per 1000 gallons (80% of \$2.25 = \$1.80) to \$5.06 per 1,000 gallons (80% of \$5.06 = \$4.05) of water use effective prior to the end of 2000; and increased \$0.10 annually through 2003, and,
- WHEREAS, The St. Charles Parish Council implemented a partial rate increase in January 2001 pending an April 7, 2001 sales tax election; and,
- WHEREAS, Failure to collect the revenue required for the operation, maintenance, and replacement of equipment in the wastewater system will result in violation of the loan agreement and have a negative impact on the parish's ability to borrow against future revenues; and,
- WHEREAS, Failure to collect sufficient revenue to cover the cost of periodic maintenance and upkeep will result in a substantial decrease in the useful life and efficiency of the sewer system and new treatment plants.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That Chapter 22 of the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended in Section 22-80. (1) (a) by deleting the existing section (a) first paragraph and replacing it with the following:

(a) "Volume rate charge: To cover the cost of operation and maintenance, and where necessary, capital improvements to the wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system, a volume rate user charge is hereby established at \$5.06 (80% of \$5.06 equals \$4.05) per 1,000 gallons of water use on June 1, 2001; \$5.13 (80% of \$5.13 equals \$4.10) per 1,000 gallons of water use on January 1, 2002; \$5.19 (80% of \$5.19 equals \$4.15) per 1,000 gallons of water use on January 1, 2003; and, \$5.31 (80% of \$5.31 equals \$4.25) per 1,000 gallons of water use on January 1, 2004."

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: FAUCHEUX, HILAIRE, FABRE, BLACK, MARINO, MINNICH
 NAYS: RAMCHANDRAN, ABADIE, AUTHEMENT
 ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 18th day of June, 2001, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: Barry Minnich
 SECRETARY: Barbara J. Javel
 DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: 6/19/01
 APPROVED: DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT: Albert P. Lopez
 RETD/SECRETARY: 6/20/01
 AT: 10:20 Am RECD BY: SJF

AMENDED
Ord. 02-8-19

