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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

MEMORANDUM

To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
Cc: Nancy Lueck, Finance Director
From: Roger Kirby, Director WPCP
Date: July 1, 2011
Re: Resolution adjusting rates for sewage from private waste facilities

INTRODUCTION: The WPCP currently receives private waste from licensed haulers and charges \$.01/gallon for the service. A number of hours are spent directing the program, testing samples, maintaining and periodically pulling and repairing the pumps.

BACKGROUND: We have checked with a number of other communities and I have attached a list of those cities and their charges. We appear to be the cheapest of all the cities contacted. We are currently averaging around \$20K-\$25K per year from our regular haulers. During 2008 through 2010 we were getting a substantial amount of waste from an ethanol plant and a storage site in Buffalo, Iowa. These two generated an extra \$50K for each of those years. We did set up a special rate for them and also some extra testing. We are having maintenance issues with our aging pumps and may need to spend \$20K-\$25K for a grinder or a new pump soon.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE: I have also attached a resolution adjusting the fees for this private waste from the current \$.01/gallon to \$.03/gallon. This should help us take care of administration, testing and maintenance issues related to the cost of the program. Staff recommends the city council pass this resolution. We have sent out a notification earlier to all of our licensed haulers and not received any comments.

Please include this item for the city council meeting on July 7th, 2011. Let me know if you have any questions.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE FEES FOR DISCHARGING
WASTES FROM PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS,
HOLDING TANKS FOR WASTES, IMPERVIOUS VAULTS,
PORTABLE OR CHEMICAL TOILETS, OR OTHER
SIMILAR TYPES OF PRIVATE WASTE FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, Title 4, Chapter 6, Section 3.6 (C) (1) (f) of the City Code of Muscatine provides that fees for discharging waste from private sewage disposal systems, holding tanks for wastes, impervious vaults, portable or chemical toilets, or other similar types of private waste facilities be established as part of the industrial user fee system as authorized in Section 4-6-15.0;

WHEREAS, Section 4-6-15.1 of the Code of Muscatine provides that the City shall adopt and periodically review reasonable charges and fees for the recovery of the cost of setting up and operating the City's Pretreatment Program which includes in subsection (F) fees for the dumping of hauled wastewater;

WHEREAS, Section 4-6-15.1 further provides that these fees and charges shall be adopted by resolution and published per Section 362.3 of the Iowa Code;

WHEREAS, the fee for hauled wastewater has been reviewed by staff and is recommended to be increased from \$.01 per gallon to \$.03 per gallon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, that the fee for hauled wastewater be set at \$.03 per gallon effective September 1, 2011 and that this resolution be published in the Muscatine Journal as required by Section 4-6-15-1.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 7TH DAY OF JULY, 2011.

Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

Hauled Septage and Grease Interceptor Wastes

| City | Septage (per 1000 Gallons) | Grease (per 1,000 Gallons) | Last Increase |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Ames | \$253.40 | \$223.40 | 10/1/2009 |
| Burlington | \$144 In/ \$216 Out | \$267 In/ \$401 Out | |
| Cedar Rapids | \$65.60 | \$93.10 | 7/1/2008 |
| Clinton | | | |
| Davenport | \$40 In City/ \$60 County | \$40 In/ OUT N/A | 7/1/2007 |
| Des Moines | \$120 In / \$170 Out | \$20 | 7/1/2007 |
| Fairfield | \$76.50 | | |
| Fort Madison | \$50 | | 7/1/2003 |
| Galesburg, Ill | \$20 | | 7/1/2005 |
| Iowa City – Permit \$864 | \$30 | \$30 | 7/1/2004 |
| Keokuk | | | |
| Macomb, Ill | \$100 | \$250 | |
| Marshalltown | \$85 In/ \$127 Out | \$127 In/ \$190 Out | |
| Mt. Pleasant | | | |
| Muscatine | \$10 | N/A | 7/1/2005 |
| Ottumwa | \$100 | | 7/1/2005 |
| Washington | | | |