

**CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER**



**SEWERAGE SYSTEM USER CHARGE BYLAW NO. 4525, 1971**

EFFECTIVE DATE: APRIL 5, 1971

CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY  
(December 16, 2009)

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<u>AMENDMENT BYLAW</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
No. 4532 (Sec 4)	May 3, 1971
No. 4627 (Sec 3)	October 16, 1972
No. 4821 (Sec 5)	July 7, 1975
No. 6443	December 18, 1997
No. 6494	August 24, 1998
No. 6512	December 21, 1998
No. 6580 (Sch A)	December 13, 1999
No. 6791 (Sec 2 & Sch A)	December 16, 2002
No. 6893	December 1, 2003
No. 6984 (Sch A)	December 13, 2004
No. 7074, 2005	January 16, 2006
No. 7138	December 11, 2006
No. 7206 (eff 01/01/08)	December 10, 2007
No. 7291 (eff 01/01/09)	January 12, 2009
No. 7361 (eff 01/01/10)	December 14, 2009

The bylaw numbers highlighted in this consolidation refer to the bylaws that amended the principal Bylaw No. 4525. The number of any amending bylaw that has been repealed is not referred to in this consolidation.

Obtainable from the City Clerk's Office

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

BYLAW NO. 4525, 1971

A Bylaw to impose a charge for the use of the municipal sewerage system

WHEREAS the Corporation of the City of New Westminster (hereinafter called the "Corporation") has established and operates a municipal sewerage system, hereinafter called the "sewerage system".

AND WHEREAS the Council may by bylaw with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council impose a charge against the owner or occupier of real property for the use of a sewerage system and may vary the charge for sewerage or combination of sewerage and drainage facilities in accordance with:-

- (a) The number of outlets served; or
- (b) The quantity of water delivered to the premises by a utility;
- (c) A classification of users or effluents; or
- (d) Any combination of such methods;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster in open meeting assembled ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:-

1. This bylaw may be cited as "SEWERAGE SYSTEM USER CHARGE BYLAW, 1971".
2. (i) Unless in this bylaw otherwise provided the owner or occupier of any parcel of real property making use of the sewerage system as described in Bylaw No. 4524 "Sewerage and Drainage Regulations Bylaw, 1971" shall pay to the Corporation a charge calculated according to the table of rates setout in Schedule "A" annexed to and forming part of this bylaw.

**Bylaw No. 6791, 2002**

- (ii) The City Treasurer shall levy and collect the Residential charges, hereby imposed, annually in advance and other charges wither monthly or quarterly. Any charge due and payable on or before the thirty-first day of December that remains unpaid on the thirty-first day of December shall forthwith be entered on the real property tax roll as taxes in arrears.

3. (i) Notwithstanding Section 2 the Corporation may lessen or abate the charges shown in Schedule "A" in respect of real property any present or previous owners or present occupiers of which:-
  - (a) has constructed at his own expense any portion of the municipal sewerage system; or
  - (b) has paid all debts and debt charges, including interest, in respect of that portion of the municipal sewerage system that serves the real property.
- (ii) For the purposes of this bylaw:

**Bylaw No. 4627, 1972**

- (a) Any owner or occupier of real property being served by the sewerage system at the time this bylaw comes into force, or who commute for payment in cash the abatement portion of the user charge, is entitled to a lessening or abatement of the user charge.
  - (b) Any owner or occupier of real property not entitled to a lessening or abatement as provided in Section 3, subsection (ii), (a) shall, at the expiration of twenty years from the connection of the real property to the sewerage system, be entitled to the lessening or abatement of the user charge.
- (iii) The lessening or abatement of the user charge referred to in Section 3, subsection (ii) shall be calculated in accordance with Schedule "A".

**Bylaw No. 4532, 1971**

4. The charges imposed by this bylaw shall be due and payable as from the first day of July, 1971.

**Bylaw No. 4821, 1975**

5. A penalty of 10% shall be imposed on the current sewer user charges unpaid 60 days after each billing date.

**Bylaw No. 6443, 1997 & 6494, 1998, 6512, 1998, 6580, 1999, 6791, 2002, 6893, 2003, 6984, 2004, 7074, 2005, 7138, 2006; 7206, 2007; 7291, 2008; 7361, 2009**

SCHEDULE "A"

USER CHARGE PER DWELLING UNIT

A. <u>RESIDENTIAL RATES</u> (Classification of user as defined by Zoning Bylaw No. 6680, 2001 at the time of adoption of this bylaw)	<u>Basic Flat Rate</u>	<u>5% Discount If Applicable</u>	<u>Net Flat Rate</u>
(1) Single Detached Dwelling Annually	\$439.48	\$21.97	\$417.51
(2) Duplex and Row House Annually	\$439.48	\$21.97	\$417.51
(3) Secondary Suite Annually	\$219.74	\$10.99	\$208.75
(4) Townhouse Annually	\$343.32	\$17.17	\$326.15
(5) Apartment Building Annually (Apartment building does not include a hotel, boarding house or rooming house).	\$247.15	\$12.36	\$234.79
(6) Discount applicable if paid within 60 days of billing date.			

B. OTHER

- (i) Any owner or occupier of real property other than those subject to the user charge listed above shall be charged for the use of the sewerage system on the basis of the quantity of water discharged into the sewerage system which, subject to (iii) and (iv), is deemed to be eighty percent of the water delivered to the real property by the municipal waterworks system. This charge shall be calculated according to the following table of rates and shall be based on the water delivered to the real property in the month.

MONTHLY

0 – 700 cu. ft. (minimum charge)	\$34.79 (minimum charge)
Next 24,300 cu. ft.	4.177 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 25,000 cu. ft.	2.951 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 50,000 cu. ft.	1.698 per 100 cu. ft.
In excess of 100,000 cu. ft.	0.849 per 100 cu. ft.

- (ii) A user of the sewerage system who establishes to the satisfaction of the City Engineer that the discharge into the sewerage system is less than eighty percent of the water delivered by the municipal waterworks system to his parcel of real property.

- By using in whole or in part the water so delivered in an industrial or commercial process or product, or in irrigation; or
- By discharging the water so delivered or part thereof directly into a natural water course or body of water;

shall have the user charge reduced corresponding to the actual quantity of discharge.

- (iii) A user of the sewerage system who obtains water from a source other than or in addition to the municipal waterworks system shall have the charge increased corresponding to the actual quantity of discharge.
- (iv) A user identified by the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD) as subject to a charge in respect of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) for industrial discharges to the GVS&DD's sewerage system shall be billed by the City for the full amount of the charge levied by the GVS&DD.

#### C. SENIOR CITIZEN WAIVER

Council hereby waives 25% of the rate it imposes in this bylaw for the purpose of providing sewage for every person who certifies that he or she is 65 years of age or over during the calendar year, who was the sole occupier of the one family dwelling unit for which the charge is assessed during the calendar year, who is a registered owner of the property either solely or with others during the calendar year and who submits to the City an application in a form provided by the City.

#### D. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Sewerage System User Charges imposed by this bylaw shall be due and payable on or after the first of January, 2010.