



## **Town of Baileys Harbor**

### **Wastewater Rate Updates**

Baileys Harbor serves a very dispersed and diverse area. The Wastewater Treatment Facility receives flow from the Baileys Harbor community collection system and holding tank/septic hauler customers, including Town and extra-territorial customers. The waste originates from residents, resorts, campgrounds, restaurants, breweries, outdoor and indoor recreation facilities and more. The Baileys Harbor Town Board reviews the fees being charged to the various users every two years. The last rate evaluation was done in 2021 and implemented Jan 1, 2022.

#### **Factors influencing rate updates:**

- Significant inflation;
- DNR and other regulatory requirements;
- Plant age including additional upkeep, maintenance, depreciation, and replacement needs;
- Service increases – 50% increase to dispose of sludge to Sturgeon Bay Sewer Utility; electricity, fuel, insurance and other operating expense increases;
- User rates are the primary means of financing the wastewater treatment system.

#### **Factors mitigating rate changes:**

- 35-year-old plant has been kept in good condition, well past the typical 20-year expected life.
- Population and customer growth in the area, with more tourism and visitors.
- There have not been recent *major* changes to the DNR's permit and discharge requirements.
- Efficient staffing and work-management, personnel filling multiple roles and meeting permit levels.
- Seasonality of wastewater flows is managed by the flexibility of the current plant configuration.

A table showing newly adopted fees is included on the back of this document. These fees will take effect January 1, 2024.

The Town of Bailey's Harbor is continuing to work to keep rates affordable while maintaining and upgrading the plant and collection system. The Town is working with MSA Professional Services, Inc. to evaluate the plant and identify necessary upgrades for treatment, environmental protection, and energy efficiency.

**TOWN OF BAILEYS HARBOR  
DOOR COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

October 9, 2023

Resolution #2023-04

**A Resolution Increasing the Rates for Wastewater System Use Effective January 1, 2024 and Thereafter Unless and Until Subsequently Revised or Changed.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15.01 of the Baileys Harbor Sewer Use and Sewer Service Ordinance requires that the Town review, at least every two years, the wastewater contribution of its sewer users, the operation and maintenance expenses of the wastewater collection and treatment facilities, and the sewer service charge system, and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Board has deemed it necessary to increase the rates to cover operating, repair and depreciation costs, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of the Town Board to adjust Sanitary Wastewater Fixed Charge (Commercial) fee to \$75.00/EHU/Quarter, Sanitary Wastewater Fixed Charge (Residential) fee to \$130.00/Quarter, Sanitary Wastewater Rate (Commercial) fee to \$11.00/1,000 Gallons, Septic Tank Treatment Charge fee to \$155.00/1,000 Gallons, Out of Town Septic Tank fee to \$155.00/1,000 Gallons, Out of Town Holding Tank to \$18.50/1,000 Gallons, In Town Grease Treatment to \$295.00/1,000 Gallons, Out of Town Grease Treatment to \$295.00/1,000 Gallons, Industrial Strength Waste to \$195.00/1,000 Gallons, EHU Sewer to \$6,500.00, to incorporate EHU Septic/Holding Tank for \$3,000.00, and to combine the Holding Tank Fixed Charge and Holding Tank Treatment Charge into one charge of \$18.50/1,000 Gallons.

**RESIDENTIAL /COMMERCIAL USER FEES**

Sanitary Wastewater Fixed Charge (Commercial)	\$75.00/EHU/Quarter
Sanitary Wastewater Fixed Charge (Residential)	\$130.00/Quarter
Sanitary Wastewater Rate (Commercial)	\$11.00/1,000 Gallons
Holding Tank Treatment Charge	\$18.50/1,000 Gallons
Septic Tank Treatment Charge	\$155.00/1,000 Gallons

**OTHER CHARGES**

Out of Town Septic Tank	\$155.00/1,000 Gallons
Out of Town Holding Tank	\$18.50/1,000 Gallons
EHU Sewer	\$6,500.00
EHU Septic/Holding Tank	\$3,000.00
In Town Grease Treatment	\$295.00/1,000 Gallons
Out of Town Grease Treatment	\$295.00/1,000 Gallons
Industrial Strength Waste Meeting one or more of the following requirements: BOD>2500, TSS>5000, PHOS>25, pH <6>9	\$195.00/1,000 Gallons

Certification:

I, Haley Adams, Clerk of the Town of Baileys Harbor  
certifies that the above is a true and correct copy  
of a resolution that was adopted on the 9th  
day of October 2023, by the  
Town of Baileys Harbor Board of Supervisors.

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Haley Adams, Clerk, Town of Baileys Harbor