Connection Charges Administrative Guidance

Areas Connected Before 2018

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Summary

Any area that connected to the district prior to Jan. 1, 2018 and that was not a current open account as of Jan. 1, 2018 is deemed paid with respect to past unpaid connection charges.

Redevelopment charges may still apply to such areas in the future.

Guidance

Customer communities owe connection charges for areas in their jurisdiction that are served by the district. In the past, certain areas connected to the district but did not pay required connection fees. Modern geographic information systems and district record keeping methods make this occurrence unlikely in the future.

In recognition of improved record keeping and to provide clarity on the payment status of past unpaid areas, the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission adopted two resolutions in 2017 and 2018.

Together, they provide that any area that connected to the district prior to Jan. 1, 2018 and that was not a current open account as of Jan. 1, 2018 is deemed paid with respect to connection charges. The resolutions apply to past unpaid amounts only. Redevelopment charges may still apply in the future (see separate guidance).

Authority

General:

- State law: chapter 200, subchapter I
  https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/200/I
- District sewer use ordinance: http://www.madsewer.org//Planning/Permits-Ordinances
- Connection charges regulations: http://www.madsewer.org/ConnectionCharges
This Guidance:

- Commission resolution 2017-12-14-R10 (past unpaid conveyance facility connection charges)
- Commission resolution 2018-11-15-R4 (past unpaid treatment plant connection charges)

Both resolutions are available under item 6 of the November 15, 2018 commission agenda. 
https://www.madsewer.org/About-Us/Commission-Meeting-Archive

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