

August 25, 2015

**To: City Finance & Other Interested Officials**

**Re: 2016 Municipal Wastewater Charges**

The Metropolitan Council adopted a Metropolitan Wastewater Charge for 2016 of \$201.0 million. This is an increase of 5.4% from the 2015 charge of \$190.7 million.

As you may know, metropolitan wastewater facilities nationwide are under a lot of cost pressure due to aging infrastructure, increasing regulation and decreasing federal and state financial support. The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) projects a national average increase of 5.8% for 2016 and predicts increases over 5% for the next several years.

MCES also faces these challenges, and future MCES rate increases in the near term are likely to be close to the national average. Nevertheless, our combined national competitiveness remains very good: At the retail level, the average single-family residence in the Twin Cities metropolitan area paid \$255 in 2014 compared to an average of \$404 for 25 peer wastewater service providers that treat more than 100 million gallons per day.

MCES continues to utilize the "firm flow" allocation method, which uses the 12-month flow values between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015 (as an estimate of 2016 service) to allocate the \$201.0 million of total metropolitan charges. Your municipality's percentage of the overall system flow during that period is the percentage of the Metropolitan Wastewater Charge that will be charged to your community in 2016. We have included the calculation on the attached table and will bill your municipality in equal monthly amounts in 2016. Note that overall system flow is down; therefore, municipalities that benefit from others who pay for inflow and infiltration (I/I) will realize less of a benefit.

MCES community rate survey results and additional information regarding our rates and billings are available at:

<http://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water/Funding-Finance.aspx>

<http://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water/Funding-Finance/Finance-Pubs/2014-Survey-of-Municipal-Residential-Wastewater-Ra.aspx>

Note that the numbers on the attached table DO NOT include any I/I Surcharges. Those communities that have a preliminary 2016 I/I obligation have received a separate letter from Bryce Pickart.

As always, MCES welcomes your comments, questions and suggestions on our services. Feel free to contact me at (651) 602-1162 or e-mail me at [ned.smith@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:ned.smith@metc.state.mn.us). For the NACWA data, please contact Dan Schueller at (651) 602-1624 or [dan.schueller@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:dan.schueller@metc.state.mn.us). Please contact Kyle Colvin with questions about your community's wastewater flows at (651) 602-1151 or [kyle.colvin@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:kyle.colvin@metc.state.mn.us).

Sincerely,  
Ned Smith  
Director, MCES Finance

## 2016 Metropolitan Disposal System Flows and Charges

2016 Metropolitan Wastewater Charge to be allocated:

**\$201,013,000**

Community	Flow (Mill. Gall.)	% of Total	2016 Annual Charge	2016 Monthly Charge
ANDOVER	482.30	0.563427%	\$1,132,561.80	\$94,380.15
ANOKA	584.20	0.682468%	\$1,371,848.65	\$114,320.72
APPLE VALLEY	1,175.60	1.373346%	\$2,760,604.71	\$230,050.39
ARDEN HILLS	288.99	0.337601%	\$678,621.26	\$56,551.77
BAYPORT	175.90	0.205488%	\$413,057.48	\$34,421.46
BIRCHWOOD	20.85	0.024357%	\$48,961.05	\$4,080.09
BLAINE	1,440.75	1.683097%	\$3,383,243.65	\$281,936.97
BLOOMINGTON	2,901.60	3.389675%	\$6,813,687.17	\$567,807.26
BROOKLYN CENTER	947.19	1.106516%	\$2,224,240.54	\$185,353.38
BROOKLYN PARK	2,022.20	2.362352%	\$4,748,634.61	\$395,719.55
BURNSVILLE	1,880.91	2.197296%	\$4,416,850.13	\$368,070.84
CARVER	88.10	0.102919%	\$206,880.98	\$17,240.08
CENTERVILLE	87.39	0.102090%	\$205,213.72	\$17,101.14
CHAMPLIN	553.40	0.646487%	\$1,299,522.50	\$108,293.54
CHANHASSEN	611.89	0.714815%	\$1,436,871.74	\$119,739.31
CHASKA	862.50	1.007580%	\$2,025,367.10	\$168,780.59
CIRCLE PINES	122.70	0.143339%	\$288,130.48	\$24,010.87
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS	414.93	0.484725%	\$974,360.08	\$81,196.67
COLUMBUS	7.88	0.009205%	\$18,504.22	\$1,542.02
COON RAPIDS	1,857.20	2.169598%	\$4,361,173.08	\$363,431.09
COTTAGE GROVE	729.60	0.852325%	\$1,713,284.45	\$142,773.70
CRYSTAL	599.00	0.699757%	\$1,406,602.77	\$117,216.90
DAYTON	60.40	0.070560%	\$141,834.40	\$11,819.53
DEEPHAVEN	171.85	0.200757%	\$403,547.06	\$33,628.92
EAGAN	2,110.12	2.465061%	\$4,955,092.90	\$412,924.41
EAST BETHEL	8.83	0.010315%	\$20,735.06	\$1,727.92
EDEN PRAIRIE	1,594.10	1.862242%	\$3,743,348.05	\$311,945.67
EDINA	2,109.82	2.464710%	\$4,954,388.43	\$412,865.70
ELKO NEW MARKET	89.30	0.104321%	\$209,698.88	\$17,474.91
EMPIRE TOWNSHIP	55.07	0.064333%	\$129,318.22	\$10,776.52
EXCELSIOR	68.81	0.080384%	\$161,583.20	\$13,465.27
FALCON HEIGHTS	207.22	0.242076%	\$486,604.72	\$40,550.39
FARMINGTON	546.21	0.638087%	\$1,282,638.57	\$106,886.55
FOREST LAKE CITY	521.52	0.609244%	\$1,224,660.23	\$102,055.02
FRIDLEY	1,677.13	1.959238%	\$3,938,323.39	\$328,193.62
GEM LAKE	10.95	0.012792%	\$25,713.36	\$2,142.78
GOLDEN VALLEY	801.77	0.936635%	\$1,882,757.77	\$156,896.48
GREENFIELD	2.22	0.002593%	\$5,213.12	\$434.43
GREENWOOD	16.37	0.019124%	\$38,440.88	\$3,203.41
HASTINGS	514.70	0.601277%	\$1,208,645.16	\$100,720.43
HILLTOP	28.12	0.032850%	\$66,032.84	\$5,502.74
HOPKINS	614.89	0.718320%	\$1,443,916.49	\$120,326.37
HUGO	219.10	0.255955%	\$514,501.95	\$42,875.16
INDEPENDENCE	14.72	0.017196%	\$34,566.27	\$2,880.52

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS	745.60	0.871017%	\$1,750,856.48	\$145,904.71
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP	16.79	0.019614%	\$39,427.15	\$3,285.60
LAKEVILLE	1,389.77	1.623542%	\$3,263,529.78	\$271,960.82
LANDFALL	23.05	0.026927%	\$54,127.20	\$4,510.60
LAUDERDALE	59.29	0.069263%	\$139,227.84	\$11,602.32
LAKE ELMO	6.59	0.007698%	\$15,474.98	\$1,289.58
LEXINGTON	36.76	0.042943%	\$86,321.73	\$7,193.48
LILYDALE	24.64	0.028785%	\$57,860.92	\$4,821.74
LINO LAKES	373.71	0.436571%	\$877,565.15	\$73,130.43
LITTLE CANADA	330.96	0.386630%	\$777,177.39	\$64,764.78
LONG LAKE	87.01	0.101646%	\$204,321.38	\$17,026.78
MAHTOMEDI	167.27	0.195406%	\$392,792.06	\$32,732.67
MAPLE GROVE	1,845.97	2.156479%	\$4,334,802.21	\$361,233.52
MAPLE PLAIN	71.60	0.083644%	\$168,134.82	\$14,011.24
MAPLEWOOD	1,294.17	1.511861%	\$3,039,036.92	\$253,253.08
MEDICINE LAKE	9.49	0.011086%	\$22,284.91	\$1,857.08
MEDINA	115.68	0.135138%	\$271,645.76	\$22,637.15
MENDOTA	7.60	0.008878%	\$17,846.71	\$1,487.23
MENDOTA HEIGHTS	495.86	0.579268%	\$1,164,404.09	\$97,033.67
MINNEAPOLIS	16,689.13	19.496390%	\$39,190,278.08	\$3,265,856.51
MINNETONKA	1,721.12	2.010628%	\$4,041,622.99	\$336,801.92
MINNETONKA BEACH	19.00	0.022196%	\$44,616.78	\$3,718.07
MINNETRISTA	107.45	0.125524%	\$252,319.65	\$21,026.64
MOUND	284.82	0.332729%	\$668,829.05	\$55,735.75
MOUNDS VIEW	380.10	0.444036%	\$892,570.48	\$74,380.87
NEW BRIGHTON	608.61	0.710984%	\$1,429,169.47	\$119,097.46
NEW HOPE	584.80	0.683169%	\$1,373,257.60	\$114,438.13
NEWPORT	88.51	0.103398%	\$207,843.76	\$17,320.31
NORTH OAKS	22.41	0.026180%	\$52,624.32	\$4,385.36
NORTH ST PAUL	355.86	0.415719%	\$835,648.85	\$69,637.40
OAKDALE	893.51	1.043806%	\$2,098,186.39	\$174,848.87
OAK PARK HEIGHTS	195.20	0.228034%	\$458,378.73	\$38,198.23
ORONO	168.01	0.196271%	\$394,529.77	\$32,877.48
OSSEO	70.30	0.082125%	\$165,082.10	\$13,756.84
PLYMOUTH	2,247.75	2.625842%	\$5,278,282.78	\$439,856.90
PRIOR LAKE	563.40	0.658169%	\$1,323,005.01	\$110,250.42
RAMSEY	305.70	0.357121%	\$717,860.55	\$59,821.71
RICHFIELD	1,154.78	1.349024%	\$2,711,714.11	\$225,976.18
ROBBINSDALE	380.03	0.443954%	\$892,406.10	\$74,367.17
ROSEMOUNT	504.80	0.589712%	\$1,185,397.46	\$98,783.12
ROSEVILLE	1,134.52	1.325356%	\$2,664,138.53	\$222,011.54
ST ANTHONY	245.39	0.286667%	\$576,237.49	\$48,019.79
ST BONIFACIUS	85.43	0.099800%	\$200,611.14	\$16,717.60
ST LOUIS PARK	1,778.84	2.078057%	\$4,177,164.07	\$348,097.01
ST PAUL	8,772.36	10.247949%	\$20,599,709.38	\$1,716,642.45
ST PAUL PARK	117.10	0.136797%	\$274,980.28	\$22,915.02
SAVAGE	721.80	0.843213%	\$1,694,968.09	\$141,247.34
SHAKOPEE	1,040.50	1.215521%	\$2,443,355.91	\$203,612.99
SHOREVIEW	762.04	0.890222%	\$1,789,461.73	\$149,121.81
SHOREWOOD	250.67	0.292835%	\$588,636.26	\$49,053.02

SOUTH ST PAUL	1,091.70	1.275334%	\$2,563,586.39	\$213,632.20
SPRING LAKE PARK	208.99	0.244144%	\$490,761.13	\$40,896.76
SPRING PARK	84.80	0.099064%	\$199,131.75	\$16,594.31
STILLWATER	679.20	0.793447%	\$1,594,932.56	\$132,911.05
TONKA BAY	80.40	0.093924%	\$188,799.44	\$15,733.29
VADNAIS HEIGHTS	421.39	0.492272%	\$989,529.79	\$82,460.82
VICTORIA	242.73	0.283559%	\$569,991.14	\$47,499.26
WACONIA	341.50	0.398943%	\$801,927.96	\$66,827.33
WAYZATA	192.88	0.225324%	\$452,930.79	\$37,744.23
WEST ST PAUL	706.30	0.825106%	\$1,658,570.18	\$138,214.18
WHITE BEAR LAKE	837.76	0.978679%	\$1,967,271.35	\$163,939.28
WHITE BEAR TOWNSHIP	345.08	0.403126%	\$810,334.70	\$67,527.89
WILLERNIE	18.81	0.021974%	\$44,170.61	\$3,680.88
WOODBURY	1,695.54	1.980745%	\$3,981,554.71	\$331,796.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,601.13</b>	<b>100.000000%</b>	<b>\$201,013,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,751,083.33</b>