

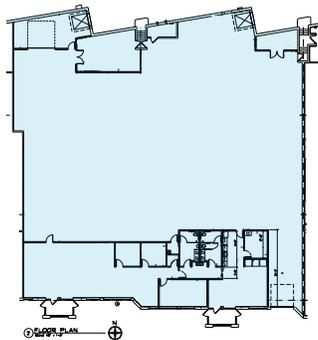


## PROPOSED NEW OPTION for paying SAC

Based on feedback from our industrial wastewater customers in 2017, the Metropolitan Council is proposing a major change to how the Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) is determined and implemented for permitted industries.

## HOW SAC IS implemented now

Currently, your industry is assessed a one-time commercial SAC based on the size and type of your facility, plus an industrial SAC based on your expected maximum process discharge. Each time you renew your industrial discharge permit, we evaluate the actual average discharge volumes from your business. If the flows exceed your SAC baseline, you owe more SAC.



**Commercial SAC**  
Size & Type of Facility

plus



**Industrial SAC**  
Maximum Discharge

## CHANGING the industrial SAC

We propose to eliminate SAC reviews when permits are renewed. Instead, you will pay an industrial capacity charge (ICC) directly to the Council after you submit your regular self-monitoring report—either quarterly, half-yearly or annually. You will be charged for each 1,000 gallons of discharge above your SAC baseline. In 2019 the ICC will be \$2.10 for each 1,000 gallons of discharge over your total baseline (commercial and process combined).



Up-front Industrial Charge

or



Ongoing Charge

In lieu of the ongoing charge, your business may buy your industrial SAC units outright at any time, from your community, to lower your ongoing ICC costs.



## CHANGE benefits industrial customers

- You can reduce your up-front costs while your business gets established.
- Your ongoing costs will better match the business cycle—when business is good and your process flows are greater, your costs will rise accordingly. In a weaker business cycle when your flows are lower, your costs will be lower.
- Your permit renewal will not include any SAC payments.
- Water conservation efforts will reduce capacity charges as well as volume charges.

## Next steps

MCES is consulting with communities and discussed the proposed changes with industrial customers at our spring customer workshops, where the proposed changes were well-received. If the changes are adopted, they will likely become effective January 1, 2019.



### For more information

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