

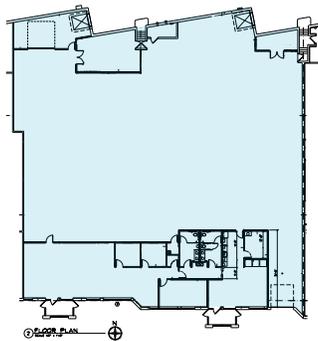


## NEW OPTION for paying SAC

Based on feedback from our industrial wastewater customers, the Metropolitan Council has implemented a major change to how the Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) is determined and implemented for permitted industries, effective Jan. 1, 2019. The change may reduce your up-front costs, and your ongoing costs will better match your business cycle. Permit renewals will no longer require SAC payments.

## HOW INDUSTRIAL SAC worked previously

Before 2019, your industry was 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 renewed your industrial discharge permit, we evaluated the actual average discharge volumes from your business. If the flows exceeded your SAC baseline, you owed more SAC.



**Commercial SAC**  
Size & Type of Facility

plus



**Industrial SAC**  
Maximum Discharge

## HOW INDUSTRIAL SAC works now

Industrial facilities will continue to pay the one-time commercial SAC, plus up to three SAC units to cover their potential maximum industrial discharge. But as of Jan. 1, 2019, we have eliminated 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 is \$2.10 for each 1,000 gallons of discharge over your total baseline (commercial and process combined).



One way to look at the ICC is that it gives permitted industries a choice to rent their needed capacity instead of owning it. Depending on the variability of flow, it may make sense to purchase SAC units instead of continuing to rent; purchasing SAC permanently increases an industry's SAC baseline, which decreases or eliminates future ICC payments. ICC payments do not increase the SAC baseline.



**In lieu of the ongoing charge, your business may buy your industrial SAC units outright at any time, from your local jurisdiction or tribal office, to lower your ongoing ICC costs.**

**Check with your local jurisdiction or tribal office about additional sewer and water charges.**

## **CHANGE** benefits industrial customers

- You can reduce your up-front costs while your business gets established.
- Your ongoing costs will better match your 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 does not require any SAC payments.
- Water conservation efforts will reduce capacity charges as well as volume charges.



### For more information

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