



St. Joseph, Missouri - Water Protection Division Wastewater Service Charge Credits



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Industrial and Commercial users of the City of St. Joseph's sewer collection system and wastewater treatment facility pay a flow service charge for the treatment of their wastewater discharges. This flow service charge is based on the volume of water that is purchased by the user from the Missouri American Water Company. Some facilities do not discharge all of the water purchased due to evaporation from cooling towers or irrigation of landscaping for example. Per St. Joseph City Code, these facilities may be eligible for a service charge credit for the volume of water that is purchased but not discharged to the sewer.

St. Joseph City Code, Section 29-239. Separated Meter Billing

Where it can be shown that all water measured by a single water meter and reported to the city by the water supplier has not entered the sewage system, no sewer fee shall be issued for use from that meter...

To apply for a Wastewater Service Charge Credit the applicant must comply with the following requirements:

- A Metering Plan must be submitted to St. Joseph Water Protection prior to installation of any flow meter to be used to measure flows not discharged to the sewer.
- The Metering Plan must include the following information:
 - To where the flows are diverted such that they will not be discharged
 - Where the flow meter to measure the flows will be installed
 - How often the flow meter will be read
- Prior arrangements must be made with the City's Finance and Revenue Division for routine reporting of metered flows and the details of these arrangements must be included in the Metering Plan.
- The minimum requirements for flow meters are as follows:
 - Meter must be capable of accuracy of $\pm 0.5\%$ or better
 - Meter must be sized appropriately for the flow to be measured
 - Meter must be installed in a location with safe access and no confined space entry required if possible
 - If a meter is to be installed in a vault or manhole or other such structure, the structure must be provided with ventilation and drainage and the meter must be rated for full submersion
 - Proof of initial calibration is required and calibration must be maintained per the manufacturer's recommendations
 - Meter must not be an open channel or vein type flow meter

For further information on applying for a Wastewater Service Charge Credit please contact St. Joseph Water Protection at (816) 271-4693 or in person at 3500 State Route 759, St. Joseph, MO 64504.