

**ORDINANCE NUMBER _____, SUPPLEMENTAL
AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 200, SEWERS,
CONCERNING THE
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (WPCA)**

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WHEREAS, the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) is responsible for the construction, renovation and repair of the Water Pollution Control Facility, sanitary sewers, pumping stations and hurricane barrier; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, the WPCA is empowered to levy both benefit assessments and sewer connection charges in connection with the laying of and use of sanitary sewer lines; and

WHEREAS, Section 200-41 of the Stamford City Code contains a clerical error in that it incorrectly cites the state statute relating to benefit assessments as the legal authority to levy sewer connection charges; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest^s of the City of Stamford to correct said error by adding a new paragraph specifically addressing sewer connection charges.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Chapter 200, Sewers, Article IV, Assessment of Sewer Benefits, Section 200-41 of the City of Stamford Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows.

Sec. 200-41 – Levy of benefit assessments and sewer connection charges.

A. When any real property located within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Stamford has accrued a special benefit due to the laying of a sanitary sewer system, then in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-249 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the WPCA shall levy benefit assessments upon said property at forty percent (40%) of the sewer related costs of a project, including, but not limited to a proportionate share of the cost of any part of the sewerage system, including the cost of preliminary studies and surveys, detailed working plans and specifications, acquiring necessary land or property or any interest therein, damage awards, construction costs, interest charges during construction, legal and other fees, or any other expense incidental to the completion of the work.

B. When buildings or structures located within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Stamford and benefited by an existing sewer are constructed or expanded after the initial assessment for sewer benefits, then in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-249 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the WPCA ~~shall~~ may levy a benefit assessment ~~[(also known as a Connection Charge)]~~ upon said property.

C. When buildings or structures located within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Stamford and benefited by an existing sewer are ~~constructed and are~~ connected to said sewer, then in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-255 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the WPCA ~~shall~~may levy a sewer connection charge upon said property. When buildings or structures located within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Stamford and benefited by an existing sewer are expanded, then in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-255 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the WPCA may levy a revised connection charge upon said property.

D. G. As to any sewer project that has been completed after January 1, 1997, the ~~Director of Administration-WPCA~~ is authorized to investigate the benefit assessments on properties due to sewer related costs and if necessary make refunds or credits to adjust said assessments in accordance with the provisions of this chapter ordinance and the provisions of Section C8-60-16 of the Charter.

E. D. The Board of Representatives may make future adjustments of the benefit assessments on properties as they relate to the sewer related project costs by ordinance.

F. E. The WPCA may establish repayment schedules for benefit assessments **and sewer connection charges** in equal annual installments for a period of not less than ten (10) years and not more than twenty (20) years.

G. F. These benefit assessments **and sewer connection charges** shall be collected in the same manner as designated in section 200-30(D).