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Water and Sewer Commission Statement on Sewer Meters

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Richmond Water Resources sets a metered and a fixed fee for water and for sewer use. Each water and sewer customer has a water meter. Metered sewer fees are charged at the volume of water read by the water meter in the billing period.

This practice was established in 1972 in an effort to assess at least a portion of the water and sewer fees based on usage by customers. Sewer rates were based on the same meter reading as water, assuming that all water entering a property will find its way through the sewers and to the treatment plant.

This process is consistent with every other water and sewer system that we are aware of throughout Vermont. Further, metering flow through a sewer pipe is not as accurate as metering water flow due to the solids contained in the sewer flow.

The Commission has explored the installation of sewer meters but has found that the cost to do so is exorbitant.

Starting in FY25 the verbiage for Metered Sewer Rate will be changed to Sewer Usage Rate to be more transparent about that fact that sewer meters are not used.