

TOWN OF MOREAU
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2026
A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 115-70 OF THE MOREAU TOWN CODE
RELATING TO SEWER CHARGES IN SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1

Be it Enacted by the Moreau Town Board as Follows:

Section 1. Authority.

This Local Law amending Section 115-70 of the Moreau Town Code relating to sewer charges applicable to Sewer District No. 1 is adopted pursuant to Section 10 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and General Municipal Law Article 14-F.

Section 2. Purpose.

Sewer District No. 1 was established and continues to serve the Town Industrial Park exclusively. Generally, industrial sewage discharges are characteristically different than discharges of domestic sewage, requiring greater monitoring and reporting. The Town Board has determined that the volume of each industrial discharge should be metered, and that such metered flow is a more accurate reflection of the benefit conferred on the property by the sewer system. However, it is unreasonable to require all domestic and commercial sewage flows to be metered. Accordingly, the Town Board has concluded that, for Sewer District No. 1 only, sewer charges should be based on the actual flow of sewage discharged to the sewer system. For this purpose, the Town Board intends to designate the existing Subdivision C of Section 115-70 of the Moreau Town Code as Paragraph 2 of Subdivision C of Section 115-70, and to add a new Paragraph 1 of Subdivision C of Section 115-70 to require all sewer discharges to Sewer District No. 1 to be metered, and for sewer charges for those discharges to be based on the metered flow. Water use or consumption data shall not be used to estimate sewer discharge flows in Sewer District No. 1.

Section 3. Subdivision C of Section 115-70 of the Moreau Town Code is repealed and a new Subdivision C is added to read as follows:

C. Charges are to be based on the benefit conferred on the property served by the sewer system.

(1) In Sewer District No. 1 only, charges relating to operation and maintenance costs and charges relating to capital costs shall be set based on actual volume discharged to the sewer system as measured by a flow meter approved by the Town. Owners of all properties within Sewer District No. 1 connected to the sewer system are responsible for installing and maintaining the flow meter, and discharges without a flow meter are prohibited.

(2) In all other sewer districts and extensions, charges relating to operation and maintenance costs and charges relating to capital costs shall be set using a schedule of equivalent dwelling units (EDU) based on the benefit conferred on the property by the sewer system. Generally, the greater the use of the system by a particular property the higher number of EDUs it will be assigned. The Town Board resolution approving the sewer charges shall also approve the EDU schedule, and the EDU schedule shall be posted on the Town's website.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State.