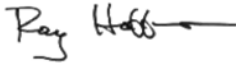


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**1. PURPOSE**

This policy aims to promote ratepayer equity and preserve system capacity when groundwater discharges, as authorized by SMC 22.802.030, are directed to the municipal sewerage system. Groundwater discharges to the public combined sewer or public sanitary sewer are neither accounted for in the consumption-based Wastewater Volume Charge (SMC 21.28) nor captured by the Drainage Service Charges (SMC 21.33), which are based on zoning and stormwater runoff as a function of land cover.

**2. POLICY**

- A. When a structure is constructed below or within one foot above the groundwater elevation, as identified in the project geotechnical report, and foundation drains are installed that discharge to the sewerage system, the property owner is required to install a chargeable sewer submeter.
- B. The Wastewater Volume Charge (SMC 21.28.040) applies to groundwater discharges measured by the sewer submeters.
- C. A sewer submeter is not required if the building foundation is designed to be watertight and resistant to the uplift forces of hydrostatic pressure.