



## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Board of Mayor and Aldermen

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**SUBJECT:**

Consideration of Ordinance 2019-25, An Ordinance To Amend Title 18 - Water And Sewer, Assessing A Monthly Availability Charge Where Sewer Access Is Available Even If The Customer Has Not Connected To The Sewer. (8/13/19 WS, 8/27/19 BOMA 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 8-0) SECOND AND FINAL READING.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information to the Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) concerning, the monthly sanitary sewer charge for property owners with both available sewer and a functioning septic system that have elected to not connect to the City's public sanitary sewer system.

### **Background**

The Franklin Board of Mayor and Alderman have, on behalf of the citizens of Franklin, invested in public water and sanitary sewer systems and in this process, has made public sewer available to properties (adjacent to or within 200 feet of the property line or easement on which the principal structure is located) having a functioning septic system. The City of Franklin allows property owners with available sewer and a functioning septic system to elect not to connect to the public sanitary sewer system provided that, among other things, they pay a monthly sanitary sewer charge based upon water usage from the date the sanitary sewer is available. The City always endeavors to equitably charge fees for services provided by the Water Management Department to provide for ongoing repair, replacement and capacity improvements. As such, desirous to charge fees for such availability to aptly respond to best practices, it was determined that the equitable charge, for those septic system customers with sewer availability, be the monthly availability charge rather than a charge based on water consumption. The charging of the monthly availability charge has been the City policy for several years. This was codified in Section 18-210, but not corrected in Section 18-204 (5).

### **Financial Impact**

There is no change in Financial Impact.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that Title 18, Chapter 204 (5) (a) be amended to replace the words "A sanitary sewer service

charge, based upon water usage, shall be assessed” with the words “A monthly sanitary sewer availability charge will be assessed.”