

BY-LAW NUMBER [INSERT NUMBER] OF 2025
OF THE CITY OF SARNIA

“A By-Law to Impose a Sewer Charge”
(Re: Sewer Charge By-Law)

WHEREAS the City of Sarnia supplies sanitary sewers, storm sewers and sewage treatment services to certain properties within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the City of Sarnia desires to set a charge for all users of the sanitary and storm sewer systems based on water consumption in accordance with Part XII of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;

AND WHEREAS public notice has been provided in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SARNIA ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. All properties within the Sewer Area, as defined by Minister's Order under the *Sarnia-Lambton Act* and depicted in the map attached hereto as Schedule “A”, that are connected to or have access to connect to the sanitary and storm sewer systems of the City of Sarnia, as determined by the General Manager of Engineering and Operations, shall be required to pay a sewer charge. This charge shall be equal to 134.01 per cent of the water charge during a given billing period, whether at a flat or metered rate.
2. The charge for sewer consumption supplied to any person, corporation, or other entity by the City of Sarnia shall be determined as follows:
 - a) Metered Water Users: For water consumers that are metered, the sewer charge will be calculated by multiplying 134.01 per cent of the water charges, which includes both the monthly water distribution charge and the consumption charge.
 - b) Non-Metered Water Users: For water consumers that are not metered, the sewer charge will be calculated by multiplying the entire water bill by 134.01 per cent.
3. The sewer charge shall be included on water bills and shall be due and payable in the same manner as water charges as determined by the Water Rates By-Law. Furthermore, the enforcement of

payment of the sewer charge shall follow the same procedure as for water charges under the Water Rates By-Law.

4. Monies collected as a sewer charge shall be used to fund the operation, maintenance, and capital financing of the sanitary and storm sewer systems, including the sewage treatment plant.
5. Any consumer of water that is subject to this sewer charge but is not connected to a sanitary or storm sewer and has no access to connect to a sanitary or storm sewer, can apply to the General Manager of Engineering and Operations in writing for an exemption. If the General Manager of Engineering and Operations determines, in their sole discretion, that the consumer is not connected to a sanitary or storm sewer and has no access to connect to a sanitary or storm sewer, the consumer shall not be liable for sewer charges. This exemption shall apply from a date determined by the General Manager of Engineering and Operations until such time the consumer does connect to a sanitary or storm sewer or is provided access to a sanitary or storm sewer.
6. By-Law Number 107 of 2024 is repealed effective December 31, 2025.
7. The short name of this By-Law shall be the "Sewer Charge By-Law".
8. This By-Law comes into force and effect January 1, 2026.

By-Law Read a First, Second and Third time this 26 day of November, 2025.

Mike Bradley
Mayor

Amy Burkhart
City Clerk

City of Sarnia Sanitary Sewer Map

Urban Area

- Legend**
- Sewer Area
 - Urban Growth Boundary
 - Combined Sewers - 22,885m**
 - Combined 450mm & Over
 - Combined under 450mm
 - Sanitary Sewers - 326,915m**
 - Sanitary 300mm & Over
 - Sanitary under 300mm
 - Other Sewers**
 - Future Storm - 1,875m
 - Major Trunk Sewer Areas**
 - Bedford Pump Station
 - Bright's Grove Sewage Lagoons
 - Colborne Road
 - Cromwell Street
 - Devine Street
 - East Street
 - Exmouth Street
 - Plank Road
 - Scott Road
 - Vidal Street South

