

## **Sewer Fines**

### **Date of Adoption:**

Our current billing system for the sewer fund has a few loop holes that have been taken advantage of by a few residents. The costs of sewer system are designed to be distributed evenly for all of the residents within our town. The burden is for everyone!

Chapter 8 of our municipal ordinances, 8.0102 Use of Public Sewers Required, shows that residents are legally required to be connected to our sewer system and pay the monthly fees required. This policy will be about the actions that our current council will take in the event that someone is not playing by the rules.

Chapter 8.0115 Enforcement – Item F gives the town board the authority to fine up to \$1,000/day for non compliance.

The billing system for the Town of Monroe sewer fees is being collected by TM Rural Water. In the event that a residence disconnects from the TM Rural Water system. Their sewer billing stops, but they still owe the Town of Monroe the minimum fee of \$13/month for the connection to the sewer system. They can sometimes fall through the cracks of the billing system and get away from paying their fair share.

Each month after disconnection from TM rural water system the resident will owe the town of Monroe \$13/month, this is the minimum connection fee that everyone pays. Plus \$7/month late fee for non payment. In the event that it is not known how long the residence has been without payment and they have slid through the cracks of the billing system; then a \$100 fine will be imposed at least 1 month after a courtesy letter has been sent. Then from that point forward; \$13/month will be owed by the resident.

The property will be assessed the fine plus the monthly minimum connection fee plus the monthly late fee. It will the responsibility of the resident to pay their monthly minimum fee without monthly statements being sent by the town. The resident will receive a courtesy letter followed by a fine letter; then the yearly assessments will happen without further notice.