

RATES – SEWERAGE SERVICE POLICY

POLICY OBJECTIVE

This Official Council Policy deals with the rating of sewerage services.

1. POLICY STATEMENT

The intent of this policy is to outline clear and appropriate procedures which will be undertaken by Wentworth Shire Council (Council) when rating sewerage services.

2. POLICY COVERAGE

This policy is applicable to all properties connected to Councils sewerage network.

3. STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future.

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery.

4. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

| Term/Word | Definition |
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| Act | <i>Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)</i> |
| Council | Council of the Shire of Wentworth |
| Pedestal Charge | A charge imposed by Council for each toilet connected to their sewerage network. |
| Regulations | <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (NSW)</i> |

5. POLICY CONTENT

It is the policy of Council that:

- Council will comply with the Act and Regulations in order to rate sewerage charges on every eligible property as outlined below:
 - Residential flats (not strataed) are charged one sewerage charge plus 50% of a charge for each additional flat;
 - Non-rateable properties are charged a full sewerage charge for the first two toilets and thereafter an additional pedestal charge will apply as determined in Council's Operational Plan; and
 - For all other properties a sewerage charge will apply for the first two toilets and thereafter an additional pedestal charge will apply as determined in Council's Operational Plan.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS & LEGISLATION

Legislation

- *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*
- *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*
- *Privacy & Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW)*

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- *Health Records & Information Privacy Act 2002 (NSW)*

Council Policies

- GOV007 – Privacy Management Policy
- GOV022 – Legislative Compliance Policy

Council Document

- Legislative Compliance Framework
- Governance Framework
- Privacy Management Plan
- Records & Information Management Policy (Operational)
- Operational Plan

7. ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

8. DOCUMENT APPROVAL

This document is the latest version of the official policy of the Wentworth Shire Council, as adopted by Council on 20 April 2022. All previous versions of this policy are null and void.

This policy may be amended or revoked by Council at any time.

A PDF copy of the signed document can be accessed from Council’s record management system and Reliansys.

Signed:

22 April 2022

General Manager Wentworth Shire Council

Date