

# South Panorama Sanitary District

## Ordinance 4

*An Ordinance Establishing Rates and Charges for the Use and Service  
of the Sanitary Sewer Utility of the South Panorama Sanitary District*

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees (Trustees) of the South Panorama Sanitary District (District) of Guthrie County, Iowa:

### **Section 1      Purpose**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to fix the rates and charges for the use and service of the sanitary sewer utility (utility) of the District.

### **Section 2      Rates**

There shall be and there are hereby established sewer service charges for the use of and for the service supplied by the utility based upon the amount and rate of water consumed as follows:

- A. Rates for those dwellings or other sites connected to the utility shall consist of:
- (1) A monthly minimum fee established by the Trustees at any regular meeting. Said fee shall be for the purpose of maintaining the utility lines and paying the costs of the District's operation.
  - (2) A fee based upon the gallons of water utilized by the connection that shall be established by the Trustees at any regular meeting. Said fee shall be used for maintenance of the lift stations and other District operations. An additional fee that is charged by the City of Panora for treatment of the sewage sent to the City lagoons shall be included.
- B. Rates for those dwellings or other sites not connected to the utility and on their own private sewage disposal systems shall consist of:
- (1) A monthly minimum fee established by the Trustees at any regular meeting. Said fee shall be the same amount as in **Section 2A(1)** above for the purpose of maintaining the utility lines and paying the costs of the District's operation.
  - (2) A fee based upon the gallons of water utilized by the connection that shall be established by the Trustees at any regular meeting. Said fee shall be used for maintenance of the lift stations and other District operations. Said fee shall be the same as the fee specified in **Section 2A(2)**. No fee shall be assessed for the City of Panora as such homes do not contribute to the discharge to the City.
- C. Fees collected under **Section B** are established to guarantee that all dwellings and other sites served by the utility contribute to the support of the District so as to guarantee the availability of the utility to said sites should such use be needed in the future.

### **Section 3      Quarterly Billing**

Bills for the rates and charges as herein established shall be sent quarterly. All bills shall be payable on the first day of the month following the period of service and shall be paid at the office of the Guthrie County Sanitarian (Sanitarian). Payment for each quarter when not paid before the due date are delinquent and will be assessed a late fee of 1.5% per month. The date when each quarter becomes delinquent is as shown below:

<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>DELINQUENCY DATE</u>
January 1 – March 31	May 1
April 1 – June 30	August 1
July 1 – September 30	October 1
October 1 – December 31	February 1

**Section 4**      **Application for Sewer Service**

When a permit is obtained as required in Section 6 of Ordinance 3, that information shall establish the billing account for this Ordinance. Billing shall commence at the time that both sewer and water have been established to the property.

**Section 5**      **Billing**

It is hereby made the duty of the Sanitarian to render bills for sewer service and all other charges in connection therewith and to collect all moneys due therefrom.

**Section 6**      **Lien**

All sewer charges levied pursuant to this Ordinance constitute a lien upon the premises served and if not paid within sixty (60) days after the due date, the charges shall be certified to the County Auditor and shall be collectible in the same manner as property taxes.

**Section 7**      **Books and Accounts**

The District shall establish a proper system of accounts and shall keep proper records, books and accounts in which complete and correct entries shall be made of all transactions relative to the utility. The District shall follow the Code of Iowa in preparing annual budgets and maintaining all record of funds.

**Section 8**      **Repealer**

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as the conflicting portions thereof are concerned.

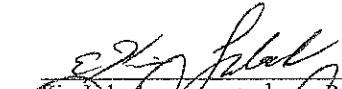
**Section 9**      **When Effective**

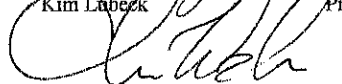
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication, according to the laws of the State of Iowa.

**Section 10**      **Savings Clause**

If any section, provision, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Passed and approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

  
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Kim Lubeck      President

  
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Chris Webner      Clerk