

Wastewater

Changes are proposed to Johnson County Wastewater's System Availability Charge Deferment Policy.

Dear Property Owner:

Johnson County's policy related to the Wastewater System Availability Charge and Deferments has been in place since 1992. Changes are proposed to streamline the process and to reinvest in the wastewater system. As a property owner with a deferment from the Wastewater System Availability Charge, we invite you to join us at an informative open house where we can answer your questions and provide more information about the change. You are welcome to drop in at one of the three open house sessions:

Wednesday,
November 13, 2019
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Shawnee Civic Centre
13817 Johnson Drive
Shawnee, KS 66216

Monday,
November 18, 2019
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Blue Valley Recreation
Activity Center
6545 W. 151st Street
Overland Park, KS 66223

Wednesday,
November 20, 2019
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Johnson County Wastewater
Sunset Office Building
11811 S. Sunset Drive, #2500
Olathe, KS 66061

If you can't make it to an open house or would rather learn about the proposed changes online, information is available at: www.jocogov.org/deferments

A property you own will be affected:

- The enclosed document provides summary information about your specific property.
- The current amount deferred indicates the amount that would be owed for a System Availability Charge this year if the property did not have a deferment.
- The proposed Post-Deferment Fee (PDF) is an annual fee that will be charged once a property has exceeded the maximum 25-year deferment period and is not developing or engaging in any activity that would require the property owner to pay the full System Availability Charge.

System Availability Charge Deferment Policy

Questions & Answers

What are the proposed changes to the System Availability Charge Deferment Policy?

- The proposed policy allows deferments for up to a maximum of 25 years.
- The criteria for determining if a property is eligible for deferment is not changing.
- The proposed policy includes implementation of a new Post-Deferment Fee (PDF) for properties that have reached the 25-year maximum deferment period but are not developing or engaging in activities that require payment of the full System Availability Charge.

What is the proposed Post-Deferment Fee?

- The Post-Deferment Fee is an annual fee that will be charged once a property has exceeded the maximum 25-year deferment period.
- The purpose of the Post-Deferment Fee is to fund reinvestment in the wastewater system, which provides a future benefit to properties that have access, but are not currently connected, to the system.

When will I have to pay the proposed Post-Deferment Fee?

The Post-Deferment fee will be charged after a property has been deferred for the maximum 25-year period.

How does the amount of proposed Post-Deferment Fee compare to the System Availability Charge?

The Post-Deferment Fees will fund reinvestments in the wastewater system and are significantly less than the System Availability Charge. Below are examples that show the Proposed Post-Deferment Fee versus Full System Availability Charge for two properties of different sizes.

EXAMPLE 80 ACRE TRACT (2019)

- Proposed Post-Deferment Fee = \$1,000 per year
- Full System Availability Charge = \$30,000 per year

EXAMPLE 30 ACRE TRACT (2019)

- Proposed Post-Deferment Fee = \$375 per year
- Full System Availability Charge = \$11,250 per year

What are the criteria for a property to no longer be eligible for deferment or Post-Deferment Fee?

A property is eligible for deferment and, after the 25-year maximum deferment period, the Post-Development Fee until any of the following occur:

- The owner of the property has signed a petition for the property, requesting creation or enlargement of a sanitary sewer district.
- A structure on the property is connected to the sanitary sewers.
- The use of the property changes to a use not eligible for deferment.
- The property becomes divided or platted.
- The property is transferred to a new owner that is a business entity or does not continue use as a primary residence.

Are there any changes to the deferral notification process?

- No. Property owners will continue to be notified upon expiration of deferment.
- After the initial 10-year deferment, up to three additional 5-year periods (a total maximum of 25 years) may be granted.
- Under the proposed policy all requests for deferment will be reviewed by Johnson County Wastewater's General Manager.
- Appeals of deferment decisions will be considered by the Johnson County Commission.

**For More Information Attend an Open House or Visit:
www.jocogov.org/deferments**