

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN
Ordinance No. 10-O-06

Introduced By:	Mayor Michael E. Bennett
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Date Adopted:	May 10, 2010
Date Effective:	May 30, 2010

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CITY OF ABERDEEN
CREATION OF ENHANCED NUTRIENT REMOVAL (ENR) FEE

1 **WHEREAS**, nitrogen and phosphorus are major pollutants of the Chesapeake
2 Bay that causes diminished water quality that leads to algae blooms, oxygen depletion
3 and seriously impacts aquatic life; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the State of Maryland is aggressively looking for ways to reduce the
5 amount of nitrogen and phosphorus that reach the waters of the Chesapeake Bay; and

6 **WHEREAS**, wastewater treatment plants are one source of nitrogen and
7 phosphorus; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) technology was developed to
9 allow wastewater treatment plants to reduce the nitrogen and phosphorus loadings from
10 its sewage effluent and that all major wastewater treatment plants in Maryland are
11 mandated to convert to ENR technology; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the City of Aberdeen must borrow over nine million dollars to pay
13 its portion of the ENR upgrade of the Aberdeen Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant
14 (AAWWTP); and

15 **WHEREAS**, the City of Aberdeen intends to create a special ENR Fee that will
16 be used exclusively to service the debt required to finance the ENR upgrade of the
17 AAWWTP.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED** that the City of Aberdeen shall
19 institute an ENR Fee that will be charged to users of the Aberdeen sewer system and that
20 the proceeds of this fee shall be used only to pay the debt on the State Revolving Loan for
21 the purpose of converting the Aberdeen Wastewater plant to ENR technology and related
22 expenses. The ENR Fee is described and will be administered as follows:

23 **Section 1: Establishment of the Fee**

24 The City of Aberdeen hereby creates a fee to be placed on the monthly or quarterly sewer
25 bills of users of the City for the sole and exclusive purpose of generating the revenue
26 needed for the timely payment of loan obligations for the State Revolving Loan (SRF)
27 administered by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). Once the SRF is
28 paid in full, the ENR Fee shall expire. The payment of this fee by the users of the
29 Aberdeen sewer system shall carry the same payment requirements and shall be enforced
30 the same as the sewage usage fee and the Bay Restoration Fee.

31 **Section 2: Loan Amount and Term**


32 The SRF Loan is in the amount of \$9,002,000 and has a term of twenty (20) years. The
33 City shall be required to pay semi-annual payments to the Maryland Department of the
34 Environment that shall cover the principle, interest of the loan and a service fee to MDE.

35 **Section 3: Assessment of the Fee**

36 Each single residential customer shall be charged a yearly ENR Fee in the amount of
37 \$76.56 paid in quarterly installments or monthly installments, or installments as
38 amended, as part of regular bill for sewer service. For commercial, institutional, industrial
39 and all other sewer customers not fitting the previous descriptions, a fee of \$76.56 yearly
40 shall be charged for each Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) of sewage used daily. The
41 EDU estimate shall be made from the average daily use of water billed in the particular
42 billing period. For commercial, institutional, and industrial users, payments shall be
43 made in equal installments at the same frequency and as part of the regular bill for sewer
44 service. An EDU is established at 250 gallons of water used per day.

45 This ordinance shall be effective twenty (20) days after passage.

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Michael E. Bennett, Mayor



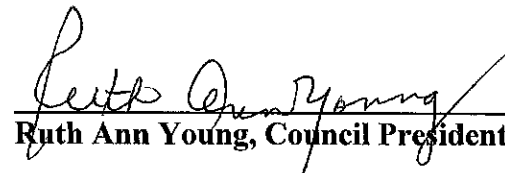
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ATTEST:

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Monica A. Correll, City Clerk

Date May 10, 2010