



## POLICY: DS-DS-001

### Sewer Headworks Contributions

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#### Purpose

The aims of this policy are:-

- to ensure that the City has adequate funding to upgrade services when necessary; and
- to ensure that charges levied are equitable.

The Council first adopted a policy on the collection of Sewer Headworks Contributions in 1993. At this time, headworks were adopted in accordance with calculations used by the Water Corporation to determine contributions in other areas of the state. From that time, the payment of contributions has been tied to the issue of a planning approval. However, to be equitable in the application of Sewer Headworks Contributions this policy has been implemented to ensure that works that do not require planning approval are charged a Sewer Headworks Contribution when necessary.

The future development of the City is dependant upon it having an adequate sewerage reticulation system. It is considered equitable that development contributions are levied to assist with the funding of the required upgrading.

#### Definitions

Nil

#### Statement

##### Sewer Headworks Contributions

The City is responsible for maintaining and developing the sewerage reticulation system and the funding it requires comes from its own resources. To assist with the funding

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required for the system, the City will apply a contribution charge to all developments that place an increase in demand for sewerage reticulation services. For redevelopments where existing fixtures are in place, these existing fixtures will be taken into account, as credits, when calculating the contribution levy.

Contributions will be levied upon lot size for lot creation, the number of units for residential development and the number of fixtures for commercial development. The contribution rates generally follow the calculations used by the Water Corporation in other areas of the State and are set annually in line with the Municipal Budget. The rate for subdivision, other than residential, will be in accordance with residential rate per lot and grouped dwelling applications are charged at the Multiple Dwelling Unit rate.

A schedule of the sewer headworks charges for the current financial year is available upon request.

### **Time of Payment**

In the case of applications that require planning approval, the payment of Sewerage Headworks Contributions will be made a condition of approval payable prior to the commencement of works.

In the case of applications that do not require planning approval under Clause 6.2(k), which states that works that do not materially affect the external appearance of the building do not require planning approval, payment of the Sewerage Headworks Charges will be made payable upon final inspection by the City's Officers, prior to occupation of the building. This will ensure that the charges levied are equitable.

In the case of a subdivision application, the sewer headworks contribution is required to be paid or a bank guarantee lodged with the City prior to the clearance of the relevant subdivision conditions being issued.

### **Relevant Documents**