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ORDINANCE NO. 9-98

THIS IS AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE VILLAGE OF MASON OF BAYFIELD COUNTY. IT IS ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES; RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING GOVERNMENT OF SEWER USERS, LICENSED PLUMBERS AND OTHERS; AND PENALTIES. THE VILLAGE OF MASON OF BAYFIELD COUNTY, WIS, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.00

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are applicable to this ordinance:

ADMINISTRATION COSTS shall include legal fees, administrative correspondence, and time spent on ensuring corrective actions.

BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND (BOD) shall mean the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter in five (5) days at 210 degrees Centigrade, expressed as milligrams per liter. Quantitative determination of BOD shall be made in accordance with procedures set forth in "Standard Methods".

BUILDING DRAIN shall mean that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drainage system which receives the discharge from soil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer.

BUILDING SEWER shall mean the extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal beginning outside the inner face of the building wall.

COLLECTION SYSTEM shall mean the 8" sanitary sewer to the lift station and the 1 ½" force main from air release manhole to the 8" sanitary sewer.

FOG shall mean fats, oils, and grease.

GARBAGE shall mean the residue from the preparation, cooking and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage, and sale of food products and produce.

INCOMPATIBLE POLLUTANTS shall mean wastewater or septage with pollutants that will adversely affect or disrupt the wastewater treatment processes or effluent quality or sludge quality if discharged to a wastewater treatment facility.

INDUSTRIAL WASTE shall mean the wastewater from industrial process, trade, or business, as distinct from sanitary sewage, including cooking water and the discharge from sewage pretreatment facilities.

LATERALS shall mean the sewer service to and including connection to the collection system.

PERSON shall mean any and all persons, including any individual, firm, company, municipal or private corporation, association, society, institution, enterprise, governmental agency, or other entity.

pH shall mean the logarithm of the reciprocal of the hydrogen-ion concentration. The concentration is the weight of the hydrogen-ion, in grams per liter of solution. Neutral water, for example, has a pH value of 7 and hydrogen-ion concentration of 10^{-7}.

SANITARY SEWER shall mean a sewer that carries liquid and water-carried wastes from residences, commercial buildings, industrial plants, and institutions, together with minor quantities of ground, storm and surface waters that are not admitted intentionally.

SEPTAGE shall mean scum, liquid, sludge or other waste from a septic tank, soil absorption field, holding tank, vault toilet or privy. This does not include the waste from a grease trap.

SHOCK shall mean any discharge of water or wastewater which in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow exceeds for any period of duration longer than fifteen (15) minutes more than five (5) times the average twenty-four (24) hour concentration of flows during normal operation and shall adversely affect the system and/or performance of the wastewater treatment works.

STANDARD METHODS shall mean the examination of analytical procedures set forth in the most recent edition of "Standard Methods" published jointly by the American Public Health Association, the American Water Works Association, and the Federation of Sewage and Industrial Wastes Association.

STORM DRAIN (sometimes termed "storm sewer") shall mean a drain or sewer for conveying water, ground water, subsurface water or unpolluted water from any source.

SUSPENDED SOLIDS shall mean solids that either float on the surface of, or are in suspension in, water, wastewater, or other liquids, and that is removable by laboratory filtering as prescribed in "Standard Methods of Examination of Water and Wastewater" and is referred to as non-filterable residue.

U.C.E. shall mean unit charge equivalence.

WASTEWATER shall mean the spent water of a community. From the standpoint of source, it may be a combination of the liquid and water-carried wastes from residence, commercial buildings, industrial plants, and institutions; together with any ground water, surface water, and storm water that may be present, but not intentionally admitted.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS shall mean an arrangement of devices and structures for treating wastewater,

industrial wastes, and sludge. Sometimes used as synonymous with waste treatment.

WATERCOURSE shall mean a natural or artificial channel for the passage of water, either continuously or intermittently.

WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT is a document issued by the Wisconsin State Department of Natural Resources which establishes effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for the municipal wastewater treatment facility.

Section 2.00

2.01 The management, operation, and control of the sewer system for the Village of Mason (hereafter "Village") is vested in the Village Board of said Village; all records, minutes and all written proceedings thereof shall be kept by the Clerk of the Village; the Designated Sewer Administrator of the Village shall keep all the financial records.

2.02 The sewer utility of the Village shall have the power to construct sewer lines for public use, and shall have the power to lay sewer pipes in and through the alleys, streets, and public grounds of the Village and generally, to do all such work as may be found necessary of convenient in the management of the sewer system. The Village Board shall have the power by themselves, their officers, agents, and servants, to enter upon any land for the purpose of making examination or supervise in the performance of their duties under this Ordinance, without liability therefore, and Village Board shall have power to purchase and acquire for the Village all real and personal property which may be necessary for construction of the sewer system, or for any repair, remodeling, or additions thereto.

2.03. Condemnation of Real Estate. Whenever any real estate or any easement therein, or use thereof, shall in the judgment of the Village Board be necessary to the sewer system; and whenever, for any cause, an agreement for the purchase thereof, cannot be made with the owner thereof, the Village Board shall proceed with all necessary steps to take such real estate easement, or use by condemnation in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes and the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policy Act of 1970, if Federal Funds are used.

2.04 Title to Real Estate and Personality. All property, real personal, and mixed, acquired for the construction of the sewer system, and all plans, specifications, diagrams, papers, books and records connected therewith said sewer system, and all buildings, machinery, and fixtures pertaining thereto, shall be the property of said Village.

SECTION 3.00

User Rules and Regulations: The rules, regulation, and sewer rate of the Village of Mason hereinafter set forth shall be considered a part of the contract with every person, company or corporation who is connected with the sewer system of the Village and every such person, company, or corporation by connecting with the sewer system shall be considered as expressing his or their assent to be bound thereby. Whenever any of said rules and regulations, or such other as the said Village of Mason may hereafter adopt are violated, the service shall be shut off from the building or place of such violation (even though two or more parties are receiving service through the same connection), and shall not be re-established except by order of the Village Board and on payment of all areas, the expenses and established charges of shutting off and putting on, and such other terms as the Village Board may determine, and a satisfactory understanding with the party that no further cause for complaint shall arise. In case of such violation, the said Village Board furthermore, may declare any payment made for the service by the party or parties committing such violation, to be forfeited, and the same shall thereupon be forfeited. The right is reserved to the Village to change the said rules, regulations, and sewer rates from time to time as they may deem advisable and to make special rates and contracts in all proper cases.

Whereas, the Village by accepting wastewater and septage assumes all risk for treatment and meeting their WPDES but reserve the right to immediately discontinue acceptance of wastewater or septage for operational and permit reasons.

This Ordinance regulates the use of public and private sewers and drains, disposal of septagable wastes into the public sewers, and the discharge of waters and wastes into the public sewerage systems within the Village. It provides for and explains the method used for levying and collecting wastewater treatment service chargers, sets uniform requirements for discharges into the wastewater collection and treatment systems and enables the Village to comply with administrative provisions, water quality requirements, toxic and pretreatment effluent standards, and other discharge criteria which are required or authorized by the State of Wisconsin or Federal law. Its intent is to derive the maximum public benefit by regulating the characteristics of wastewater discharged into the Village sewerage system.

This Ordinance provides a means for determining wastewater and septage volumes, constituents and characteristics, the setting of charges and fees, and the issuing of permits to certain users. Revenues derived from the application of this Ordinance shall be used

to defray the Village costs of operating and maintenance adequate wastewater collection and treatment systems and to provide sufficient funds for capital outlay, debt service costs and capital improvements.

The charges and fees herein have been established pursuant to requirements of the Wisconsin Statutes. This Ordinance shall supersede any previous Village Ordinance, Rules or Regulations; and shall repeal all parts thereof that may be inconsistent with this Ordinance and any applicable Statute, the State Statute shall be controlling.

SECTION 4.00

The following rules and regulations for the government of licensed plumbers, sewer users, and others, are hereby adopted and established.

4.01 PLUMBERS

A. No plumber, pipe fitter, or other person will be permitted to do any plumbing or pipe fitting work in connection with the sewer system without first receiving a license from the State of Wisconsin.

4.02 USERS

A. Application for Service. Every person connecting with the sewer system shall file an application in writing to the Village Board, in such forms as is prescribed for that purpose. Blanks for such applications will be furnished at the office of the Village. The application must state fully and truly all the use which will be allowed except upon further application and permission regularly obtained from said Village Board. If the applicant is not the owner of the premises, the written consent of the owner must accompany the application. Persons connected to the sewer system of the Village of Mason are referred herein as "Users."

The application may be for service to more than one building, or more that than one unit of service through one service connection; and in such case, charges shall be made accordingly.

If it appears that the service applied for will not provide adequate service for the contemplated use, the Village Board may reject the application. If the Village Board shall approve the application, it shall issue a permit for services as shown on the application.

B. Payment for Connection Application. Prior to the issuance of the Application for service, all users that were not a part of the original project and did not pay a special assessment or contribution, will be required to make a payment to the utility in an amount to be determined by future action of the Village Board. (See Appendix A for current fee)
(NOTE: It is intended that these amounts equal or exceed the cost(s) paid by the original users of the system).

C. Tap Permits. After sewer connections have been introduced into any building or upon any premises, no plumber shall make any alterations, extensions, or attachments, unless the party ordering such tapping or other work shall exhibit the proper permit for the same from the Village Board.

D. User to Keep in Repair. All users shall keep their own service pipes in good repair and protected from frost, at their own risk and expense, and shall prevent any unnecessary overburdening of the sewer system.

E. User Use Only. No user shall allow others or other services to connect to the sewer system through his lateral.

F. User to Permit Inspection: Every user shall permit the Village Board, or their duly authorized agent, at all reasonable hours of the day, to enter their premises or building to examine the pipes and fixtures, and the manner in which the drains, and sewer connections operate; and they must at all times, frankly and without concealment, answer all questions put to them relative to its use.

G. FOG Report: A quarterly FOG report must be submitted to the Village Sewer Department for businesses utilizing fats, oils, and grease.

H. Utility Responsibility: It is expressly stipulated that no claim shall be made against said Village or Village Board by reason of the breaking, clogging, stoppage, or freezing of any service pipe; nor from any damage arising from repairing mains, making connections or extensions or any other work that may be deemed necessary to shut off the sewer service within any district of the said Village, the Village Board shall, if practicable, give notice to each and every consumer within such effected district of the time when such service will be so shut off.

4.03 EXCAVATIONS:

A. In making excavations in streets or highways for laying service pipe or making repairs, the paving and earth removal must be deposited in a manner that will occasion the least inconvenience to the public.

B. No person shall leave any such excavation made in any street or highway open at any time without barricades; and during the night, warning lights must be maintained at such excavations.

C. In refilling the opening, after the service pipes are laid, the earth must be laid in layers of not more than nine inches in depth, and each layer thoroughly compacted to prevent settling. This work together with the replacing of sidewalks, ballast and

paving, must be done so as to make the street as good, at least, as before it was disturbed, and satisfactory to the Village Board. No opening of the streets for tapping the pipes will be permitted when the ground is frozen.

4.04 TAPPING THE MAINS:

A. No person, except those having special permission form the Village Board, or persons in their service and approved by them, will be permitted, under any circumstances to tap the mains or collection pipes. The kind and size of the connection with the pipe shall be that specified in the permit or order from said Village Board.

B. Pipes should always be tapped on the top-half, and not within six (6) inches (15cm) of the joint, or within 24 inches (60cm) of another lateral connection.

4.05 INSTALLATION OF HOUSE LATERALS

A. All service pipes (laterals) on private property will be installed in accordance with State of Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter H-62 "Design, Construction, Installation, Supervision and Inspection of Plumbing"; specifically, Section H-62.04 (4) "Building Sewers."

B. Any sewer lateral hook-up below gravity level must be pressurized. The property owner is responsible for this pressurized line and laterals to the collection system. The curb stop or shut-off valve must be inside the owner's property line.

C. Per Section H62,04 (5), all laterals will be inspected. "The building sewer and/or private interceptor main sewer shall be inspected upon completion of placement of the pipe and before backfilling; and tested before or after backfilling."

4.06 APPLICATION FOR SEPTAGE DISPOSAL:

Between August 1 and September 1 of each year every licensed disposer wishing to discharge septage to the Village wastewater treatment works shall file a nonrefundable filing fee and an application in writing to the Village Board in such a form as is prescribed for that purpose. During the months of July and August forms for such application will be furnished at the office of the Village. The application must state fully and truly the type, frequency, quantity, quality and location of generated septage to be disposed at the Village wastewater treatment works.

During the month of September, the Village Board will evaluate the applications and make a determination as to the amount and conditions of septage disposal at the Village wastewater treatment facility. The Village Board shall approve or reject all applications by October 1 of each year. If the Village cannot accept all the proposed septage disposal, then consideration shall be given first to those generators of septage that are within the sewer service area.

All Village approvals for septage disposal shall have the conditions that any time the wastewater treatment works has operational problems, maintenance problems, or threat of WPDES permit violation that are indirectly or directly related to septage disposal, the Village Board may immediately restrict septage disposal until such time as corrective action or mitigative measures have been taken.

Any licensed disposer discharging to the wastewater treatment facility or to a public sewer, found to be violating a provision of this ordinance or of any conditions of the Village Board approval for septage disposal, may have their approval immediately revoked. This revocation shall be done in writing and state the reason for revoking septage disposal approval.

4.07 SEPTIC TANK AND HOLDING TANK DISPOSAL:

No person in the business of gathering and disposing of septic tank sludge or holding tank sewage shall transfer such material into any disposal area or sewer manhole located within the Village boundaries unless a permit for disposal has been first obtained from the Board. Written application for this permit shall be made to the Board and shall state the name and address of the applicant; the number of its disposal units, and the size, make, model, and license number of each unit. Permits shall be non-transferrable except in the case of replacement of the disposal unit for which a permit shall have been originally issued. The permit may be obtained upon payment of a fee (See Appendix A for current annual fee amount). The Board may impose such conditions as it deems necessary on any permit granted.

Charges for a disposal shall be set by the Village Board (See Appendix A for amounts). Bills shall be mailed on a monthly basis and if payments are not received in 30 days thereof, disposal privileges shall be suspended.

Any person or party disposing of septic tank or holding tank sludge agrees to carry adequate public liability insurance to protect any and all person or property from injury and/or damage caused in any way or manner by any act, or failure to act, by any of his employees (See Appendix A for amounts). The person(s) shall furnish a certificate certifying such insurance to be in full force and effect.

Any materials dumped into treatment system shall be of domestic origin only and that will comply with the provisions of any and all applicable ordinances of the Village, and shall not deposit any port-a-potty waste, RV dumping station waste, County Highway holding tank waste, commercial holding tank waste, gasoline, oil, acid, alkali, grease, rags, waste volatile or inflammable liquids, or other deleterious substances into any manhole nor allow any earth, sand, or other solid material to pass into any part of the sewerage system.

The person(s) or party disposing waste agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Village from any and all liability and claims for damages arising out of or resulting from work and labor performed.

4.08 SEPTAGE ACCEPTANCE LOCATION:
Septage shall only be discharged to the sewerage system by Village approved and State of Wisconsin licensed dispensers and at locations, times, and conditions as specified by the Village.

Septage discharges to specified manholes may, under special circumstances, be allowed provided discharge rates are restricted as necessary to facilitate mixing prevent backup in the receiving sewer and prevent a slug load to the wastewater treatment facility. Discharges may be limited to the normal working hours of the Village Board and require written documentation of the discharge to be submitted to the Village Board within one working day of the discharge to the Village sewers or wastewater treatment facility.

Septage discharges to the Village septage holding facility at the wastewater treatment facility may be limited to the posted normal working hours of the facility. As with discharges to a manhole, documentation of the discharge shall be submitted to the Village Board within one working day of the discharge to the Village septage holding facility.

Blanks for documentation or computerized records of the discharge will be furnished at the Village Board and will include the following:

1) Name, address and telephone number of the hauler
2) License number
3) Type of septage
4) Quantity of septage
5) Estimated quality of septage
6) Location, date, time and feed rate of discharge to the sewerage system
7) Source of Septage
8) Name, address and phone number of septage generator
9) Other information

SEPTAGE DISPOSAL. No person or licensed disposer shall dispose of septage into any storage area or sewer manhole located within the Village without written approval of the Village Board.

4.09 INDUSTRIAL AND SEPTAGE DISCHARGES:
If any waters, wastes or septage are discharged, or proposed to be discharged, to the public sewers or at the wastewater treatment facility, which waters, wastes, or septage contain substances or possess the characteristics enumerated in Section 6.03 © and which, in judgment of the Village Board, may have deleterious effects upon the wastewater treatment facility, processes, equipment, or receiving waters, or which otherwise create a hazard to life, health, or constitute a public nuisance, the Village Board may:

1) Reject the wastes.
2) Require pretreatment to an acceptable condition for discharge to the public sewers.
3) Require a control over the quantities and rate of discharge.
4) Require payment to cover the added cost of handling and treating the wastes not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges under the provisions of 603.3(C).

4.10 WASTE SAMPLING:
(1) Industrial wastes and septage discharged into the public sewers shall be subject to periodic inspection and a determination of character and concentration of said wastes. The determinations shall be made by the industry or the licensed disposer as often as may be deemed necessary by the Village Board, at the expense of the industry or disposer.
(2) Samples shall be collected in such a manner as to be representative of the composition of the wastes. The sampling may be

accomplished either manually or by the use of mechanical equipment acceptable to the Village Board.

(3) Testing facilities shall be the responsibility of the person discharging the waste or septage and shall be subject to the approval of the Village Board. Access to sampling locations shall be granted to the Village Board or its duly authorized representatives at all times. Every care shall be exercised in the collection of samples to ensure their preservation in a state comparable to that at the time the sample was taken.

(4) All measurements, tests, and analyses of the characteristics of waters, wastes and septage to which reference is made in this Ordinance shall be determined in accordance with "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater," published by the American Public Health Association and "Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for Analysis of Pollutants," (1978, 40 CFR 136). Sampling methods, locations, times, durations, and frequencies are to be determined on an individual basis subject to approval by the Village Board.

SECTION 5.0 SEWER USER CHARGE SYSTEM

5.01 It shall be the policy of the Village to obtain sufficient revenues to pay the cost of (a) the annual debt retirement payment on any bonded indebtedness, (b) any required cash reserve account payment, and (c) operation and maintenance of the sewage works, including a replacement fund (i.e. a cash account to be used for future expenditures for obtaining or installing equipment, accessories or appurtenances which are necessary to maintain the capacity and performance of the sewage works during the service life for which such works were designed and constructed, through a system of user charges as defined in this Section. The system shall assure that each user of the sewage works pays a proportionate share of the cost of such works.

5.02 All sewer users shall be classified by the Utility as (a) residential/commercial (domestic strength), or (b) industrial customers.

5.03 User charges shall consist of (a) a minimum quarterly billing, on the basis of User Charge Factors, and (b) a unit price based on the average volume of water utilized for that size of customer.

The minimum quarterly billing shall be sufficient to pay the annual debt retirement and FmHA Reserve Account costs. A portion of the debt service and Reserve Account maybe budgeted by levying an ad valorem tax in accordance with State Statutes. The unit price per volume shall be sufficient to pay the annual cost of operation and maintenance, including any replacement fund, of the sewage works. Users will be notified annually of the portion of user charges or ad valorem taxes attributable to wastewater treatment facilities.

5.04 The methodology of determining the user charges is given in Appendix B. The utility shall provide the initial estimates of number of U.C.E. costs, etc., to calculate the first year's user charges.

The user charges, and this ordinance, shall be reviewed not less than biannually. Such review shall be performed by the Village Board and the Village Treasurer. User charges shall be adjusted, as required, to reflect actual number and size of users and actual costs.

5.05 SEWER RATES:

A. There shall be charged to each user of the sewer charge as follows:

1. Residential and other users equal to one U.C.E.
2. Business users equal to two U.C.E.
3. See Appendix A for current rates. Final rates shall be determined by further action of the Village Board.

B. All charges for sewerage service shall be made quarterly by the property owner and shall be payable on the first day of January, April, July, and October in each year. A three percent (3%) penalty will be added to those bills not paid on or before the 20th day after the due date of the bill with a thirty cent (30c) minimum penalty charge. A failure to receive a bill shall not excuse nonpayment. Sewerage service charges shall be a lien on the property served in accordance with Section 66.076 (7) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

5.06 Excess revenues collected from a user class/other sources (i.e. septic haulers) will be applied to the operation, maintenance, and replacement costs attributable to that class for the next year.

5.07 The user Charges System takes precedence over pre-existing agreements inconsistent with the governing regulations of the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program.

SECTION 6.00 MISCELLANEOUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

6.01 MANDATORY HOOKUP:

A. The owner of each parcel of land adjacent to a sewer main on which there exists a building useable for human habitation or in a block through which such system is extended, shall connect to such system within thirty (30) days of notice in writing from the Village Board. With all new construction, owners are responsible for repairs to roads, sidewalks, or other infrastructure. Upon failure to so do the Village Board may cause such connection to be made and bill the property owner for such costs. IF such costs are not paid within thirty (30) days, such notice shall be assessed as a special tax lien against the property, all pursuant to Section 144.06 Wisconsin Statutes provided, however, that the owner may within thirty (30) days after the completion of the work file a written opinion with the Village Clerk stating that he cannot pay such amount in one sum and ask that there be levied in not to exceed five (5) equal installments and that the amount shall be so collected with interest at the rate of 12.0% percent per annum from the completion of the work, the unpaid balance being a special tax lien, all pursuant to Section 144.06 Wisconsin Statutes.

B. In lieu of the above the Village Board at its opinion may impose a penalty for the period that the violation continues, after ten (10) days written notice to any owner failing to make a connection to the sewer system for each residential unit equivalent payable quarterly, for the period in which the failure to connect continues, and upon failure to make such payment said charge shall be assessed as a special tax lien against the property, all pursuant to Section 144.06 Wisconsin Statutes. The penalty may include administrative costs. The actual amount to be determined by further action of the Village Board. (See Appendix A for current penalty fees).

C. This ordinance ordains that the failure to connect to the sewer system is contrary to the minimum health standards of said Village and fails to assure preservation of public health, comfort, and safety of said Village.

6.02 MAINTENANCE OF SERVICES:

A. The Village is responsible for the collection system. The home owners are responsible for laterals to the collection system including the connection to the main line. All sewer services from the point of maintenance by the system to and throughout the premises must be maintained free of defective conditions by and at the expense of the owner or occupant of the property.

B. When any sewer service is to be relaid and there are two or more buildings on such service, each building shall be disconnected from such service and a new sewer service shall be installed for each building.

C. Periodic smoke tests for leaks in system.

6.03 PENALTY FOR IMPROPER USE:

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully injure the sewer system, or any building, machinery, or fixture pertaining thereto, or, to willfully and without authority of the Village Board, or otherwise cause to leak, any tunnel, aqueduct, reservoir, pipe or other thing used in the system for holding, conveying or collecting sewage.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to introduce sewage into the system which shows an excess of a BOD or suspended solids concentration of over normal domestic sewage; a surcharge shall be based on the excess of BOD or suspended solids at a rate to be determined by future action of the Village Board. The Village reserves the right to test the sewage at any point within the connection system of the user or consumer. A user may not use dilution to achieve a lower concentration of BOD or suspended solids. Users discharging toxic pollutants shall pay for any increased O&M or replacement costs caused by the toxic pollutants. Only acceptable disposable product is toilet paper.

C. No user shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described liquids or solid wastes to any sanitary sewer (only acceptable disposable product is toilet paper):

1. Any storm water, surface water, ground water, roof run-off or surface drainage or swimming pool water.
2. Any gasoline, benzene, Naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive. liquid, solid or gas.
3. No disposable wipes, diapers, paper towels, or sanitary products.
4. Any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feather, tar, plastics, wood, paunch manure, or any other solid or sticky substance capable of causing obstruction of the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works.
5. Any water or wastes containing a toxic or poisonous substance in sufficient quantity or injure or interfere with ay sewage treatment process, constituting a hazard to humans and animals or create any hazard in receiving treatment facility.
6. Any water or wastes containing suspended solids of such character and quantity that unusual attention or expense is required to handle such material at the sewage treatment plant.
7. Any noxious or malodorous gas or substance capable of creating a public nuisance.
8. Any garbage that has not been properly shredded.
9. Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than 150 degrees Fahrenheit.

10. Any water or wastes which may contain more than 100 parts per million by weight of fat, oil, or grease (FOG).
11. Any water or wastes having pH lower than 5.5 or higher than 9.0 having any corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel of the sewage works.

6.04 DAMAGE RECOVERY:
In addition to any other penalty provided by this Ordinance or other law, the Village shall have the right of recovery from any responsible persons of any expense incurred by the Village for penalties imposed on the Village due to a violation of this Ordinance or other law, correction of conditions impairing the proper operation of the sewer system and the repair or replacement of any sewer pipe or other property of the sewer system damaged in any manner by any negligent or intended act or omission by such person or by others under their control.

6.05 PENALTIES:
Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance or rules or regulation of the Village of Mason; or who shall connect a service pipe without first having obtained a permit therefore; or who shall violate any provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes, Wisconsin Administrative Code, or any other materials which are incorporated by reference, shall upon conviction thereof forfeit not less than $1,000 nor more than $20,000 and all costs associated with detection, repairs, and prosecution upon conviction of said violation. A continuing violation will result in the violator paying administration costs, including legal fees and administrative correspondence, and recurring penalties to be determined by the Board until the violation is corrected. This, however, shall not bar the Village from enforcing the connection duties set out in Section 6.01 for mandatory hookup. (See Appendix A for current rates).

6.06 SEPTIC TANKS PROHIBITED:
The maintenance and use of septic tanks and other private sewage disposal systems within the area of the Village of Mason serviced by its sewer system are hereby declared to be a public nuisance and a health hazard. From and after 6 months following declaration by the Village Board that the system is substantially complete, the use of septic tanks or any private sewage disposal system within the area of the Village serviced by the sewerage system shall be prohibited.

6.07 VACATING OF PREMISES AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE:
Whenever premises served by the system are to be vacated, or whenever any person desires to discontinue service from the system; the system must be notified in writing. The owner of the premises shall be liable for any damages to the property or such damage which may be discovered having occurred to the property of the system other than through the fault of the system or its employees, representatives, or agents. Service must be capped with backfilling to be done during inspection. The land owner is still responsible any future damage to the lateral that may cause debris or water infiltration to the sewer system. A sewer fee shall be reinstated if infiltration occurs.

6.08 CHARGES ARE A LIEN ON PROPERTY:
All sewer services, charges, and special assessments shall be a lien on a lot, part of a lot, or land on which sewer services were supplied. All sums which have accrued during the preceding year and which are unpaid by the first day of October and any year, shall be certified to the Village Clerk to be placed on the tax roll for collection as provided by Wisconsin Statutes.

6.09 UNIT OF SERVICE DEFINITION:
A unit of service shall consist of any residential, commercial, industrial, or charitable aggregation of space or area occupied for a distinct purpose such as a residence, apartment, flat, store, office, industrial plant, church, or school. Each unit of service shall be regarded as one consumer. Suites in houses, or apartments with complete housekeeping functions (such as cooking), shall be classed as apartment houses; thus houses and apartments having suites of one, two, or more rooms with toilet facilities, but without kitchen for cooking, are classed as rooming houses. When a consumer's premises has several buildings, for which services are eligible and such building are used in the same business and connected by the user, the Village Board shall set a separate rate for such complex.

6.10 ADOPTION OF OTHER RULES:
There is hereby adopted all the rules and regulations of the State Plumbing and State Building Codes and the building rules of the Department of Industry, Labor, and Human Relations; and the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Wisconsin insofar as the same are applicable to the Village of Mason. All extensions of the system will comply with administrative rules NR 108 and NR

110 of the Department of Natural Resources.

6.11 SEVERABILITY:
If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of the ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The Village herby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and section, subsection, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsection, sentences, clauses, and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

This Sewer Ordinance 9-98 was adopted at a special meeting of the Village Board of Mason, Wisconsin, this 17th day

of September in 1998. It was revised by the Village Board of Mason on July 14, 2026.

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Village of Mason President Date

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Village of Mason Clerk

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Village of Mason
PO Box 44
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Appendix A

Section 4.02 USERS

B. Payment for Connection Fee $500

Section 4.07 SEPTIC TANK AND HOLDING TANK DISPOSAL

Sewage Haulers Annual Permit Fee	$25
Sewage Haulers Rate	$ 25 /1 to 2,000-gallon units (partials rounded up to next unit)
Sewage Haulers Liability Insurance	not less than $500,000

Section 5.05 SEWER RATES

1. Residential and other users equal to one U.C.E. $ 200/quarter (unit value = one unit per 40 seats)

Section 6.01 MANDATORY HOOK UP

Current Fees: $200 for less than 1 U.C.E. per quarter
$300 for more than 1 U.C.E. per quarter

Mandatory sewer hook-up within 30 days of notice

Penalty – Administration Costs including legal fees and administrative correspondence in addition to recurring penalties for noncompliance.

Section 6.05 PENALTIES

Any violation of this ordinance will cause the property owner to forfeit not less than $1,000 nor more than $20,000 and all costs associated with detection, repairs, and prosecution upon conviction of said violation. A continuing violation will result in the violator paying administration costs, including legal fees and administrative correspondence, and recurring penalties to be determined by the Board until the violation is corrected.

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Permit for Discharge of Sewer Waste into the Village of Mason

The Permitee shall have and understand the Village of Mason Sewer Use Ordinance Number 9-98, Sections 4.06-4.10.

This permit does not allow for any industrial or septic tank sludge disposal – **ONLY RESIDENTIAL HOLDING TANK DISPOSAL -** No sewage from RV dumping stations or County garage septic holding tanks or porta-potties.

The only designated dumping site is the RV manhole by the lift station or as directed.

The charge for dumping is $25.00 for 1 to 2,000 gallons, paid monthly.

The permit fee is $25.00 per year.

Permitee:

_____ _____

Name of Septic Hauler License Number

Approved by the Village of Mason Board

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Village Designee Date