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Director

COLUMBUS WATER & POWER

OFFICIAL NOTICE
RULES AND REGULATIONS NO. 15-04
BY ORDER OF THE
DIRECOTR OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Cost Recovery For Sewer Blockages

Pursuant to the authority granted under Columbus City Code 1145.11, the Director of The Department of Public Utilities hereby adopts, establishes and publishes this rule. This rule specifically replaces and supersedes the previous Director's Regulation promulgated October 15, 2012 titled "Cost Recovery For Sewer Blockages". This rule shall become effective at the earliest time allowed by law.

The Director hereby finds that any "User" who discharges or places into the "sewer system", as those terms are defined in Columbus City Code 1145, any substance or material that causes a total or partial obstruction or blockage is required, pursuant to Columbus City Code 1145.102, to reimburse the City for the damages incurred in responding to the obstruction or blockage.

The Director further finds that the minimum cost incurred in responding to such an obstruction or blockage is $2000.00. This amount shall be assessed to any User that caused or contributed to the obstruction or blockage. This assessment may be pro-rated to more than one User if more than one User contributed to the obstruction or blockage.

The City reserves the right to assess additional amounts if the blockage requires more than four hours of effort, or is otherwise unusual. In addition, nothing in this rule limits the City's ability to seek reimbursement for any and all other types of damage caused by any User to any part of the sewer system, including the wastewater treatment plants.

All assessments to pursuant to this rule shall be added to the user's sewer service account, and may be appealed to the Director pursuant to Columbus City Code 11.45.94.

4-14-2015
Date

Greg Davies
Director
Department of Public Utilities

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