

RESOLUTION #2020-21

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHLORIDE REDUCTION PROGRAM –
WATER SOFTENER REBATE**

WHEREAS, chloride levels at the Waste Water Treatment Facility have been identified as elevated by the Department of Natural Resources Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the City has an obligation to reduce these chloride levels, and

WHEREAS, the reduction of chloride directly to the sanitary sewer system is an efficient method to reduce chloride levels, and

WHEREAS, most water softener materials add significant amounts of chloride to the system through use of salt pellets, and

WHEREAS, timed softeners create the greatest waste of water softener materials, and

WHEREAS, mechanical and infrastructural solutions alone may be insufficient and costly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the City of Evansville, Wisconsin, determines as follows:

1. People should be encouraged to replace inefficient water softeners and maintain their existing softener systems to reduce use of salt pellets.
2. Timed softeners should be replaced with on-demand systems or other high efficiency systems.
3. The City should, through its ordinances and building codes, prevent the installation of inefficient water softeners in new construction.
4. The City should offer incentives for the replacement of inefficient systems and the maintenance of all systems to reduce unnecessary use of salt.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the governing body of the City of Evansville, Wisconsin, offers as follows:

1. A credit and rebate program starting January 1, 2021.
2. Sewer credits in an amount of \$40 for maintenance checks and repairs to water softener per meter location. This shall be limited to once every 24 months per meter location and capped at \$160 per property parcel.
3. Residential units may receive a rebate check, paid from the sewer utility, up to 40% of the costs to replace a timed unit water softener with an on-demand system capped at \$800. It must be documented that the replaced unit was a timed unit and the new unit is not timed.
4. Multi-family units may receive a rebate check, paid from the sewer utility, up to 40% of the costs to replace a timed unit water softener with an on-demand system capped at \$800 per unit served. It must be documented that the replacement unit was a timed unit, the new unit is not timed.
5. Commercial properties may receive a rebate check, paid from the sewer utility, up to 40% of the costs to replace a timed unit water softener with an on-demand

- system. Each rebate will be individually negotiated and approved by the supervisory committee of the sanitary sewer and waste water treatment operation.
6. Funds dedicated to this rebate program shall be \$40,000 in 2021 and all future amounts set in the annual budget.
 7. Any funds not used shall be carried over to the following year.
 8. All funds dedicated that are not spent by December 31, 2025 shall be redistributed to other expenses within the sewer fund.
 9. Program ends December 31, 2025.

Passed this 10th day of November, 2020.

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

By: William C. Hurtley
William C. Hurtley, Mayor

Attest: Judy L. Walton
Judy L. Walton, City Clerk

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