



*To be completed by owner of record and **returned** to the Rumford Tax Office by email, fax or US mail **within 60 days of original billing date.***

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Approved by: Date:.....

SEWER ABATEMENT POLICY

Town of Rumford, Maine • Sewer User and Abatement policy

ADOPTED FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Sewer Abatements will be given only if the water has been shut off at the street by the Rumford Water District for a minimum of six (6) consecutive months. Proof of this will be the responsibility of the property owner. No abatements will be given because of vacant apartments.

The exception to this will be if a building is totally shut down for repairs and water has to be left on for construction purposes only. Billing will be for one (1) unit and for one (1) year only. If more than one (1) year is required, a written request from the property owner with an explanation of the circumstances is required and it will have to be approved by the Select Board.

All abatements granted shall not allow the minimum rate to be reduced. The minimum rate* is comprised of the Sewer Reserve Fund and Administration costs. All abatement requests must be received in writing within 60 days of the billing date of the disputed bill. *Abatements requested after 60 days will not be considered.*

Vacant lots and buildings will be assessed a sewer fee based on number of sewer units according to the User Charge Schedule. If an owner of a vacant lot wishes to disconnect from the Town sewer system, they may do so by digging up and capping the sewer connection by a means approved by, and in the presence of, the Rumford Code Enforcement Officer or his/her authorized agent.

Vacant buildings are not allowed to disconnect from the Town sewer system unless the building that is connected to the Town sewer system is demolished and removed from the site and the sewer service is capped as defined herein.

An unoccupied mobile home will not be considered a “vacant lot” unless the mobile home is removed from the lot and the sewer service is capped as defined herein.

Sewer service connections must be capped prior to January 1st in order to qualify for removal from the upcoming years’ and future billing cycles. The ability to reconnect to the Town sewer system in the future will not be guaranteed. Collection system and/or treatment facility capacity for the capped sewer service will not be reserved.

**Minimum rate applies only if the building is vacant and the water has been shut off at the street by the Rumford Water District for a minimum of six (6) consecutive months.*