

## Sewer Fees

The City of Sedona sewer program has three basic fees associated with connection and ongoing sewer service. The fees are:

### **Sewer Capacity Fees:**

- Fees required for new connections to the sewer system. The current sewer capacity fee for one ERU is \$5,025.00. The rate will increase to \$5,150.00 on July 1, 2009. Capacity fees can no longer be prepaid.
- To begin the connection process, the Financial Services Department is sent notice by Public Works that a property needs to connect. The Financial Services Department sends a notice to the property owner that the property must be connected to sewer within 180 days of the notice. At the time the connection notice is sent, Financial Services also invoices the customer for the capacity fee if it was not prepaid.
- If a capacity fee is not paid within the designated time, finance charges are applied monthly at 1.5% of the balance. For example, if a \$5,025.00 capacity fee is due June 1 and not paid, \$75.38 is assessed in June.

### **Environmental Penalties:**

- Penalty for failure to connect to the sewer system when required.
- An environmental penalty will be assessed monthly at twice the rate of the normal monthly rate. For example, a residential structure is generally \$32.54, so environmental fees are \$65.08 per month.
- Scenario 1: Capacity fee paid, **not** connected:
  - ♦ A capacity fee payment does not mean the property is connected to sewer. The property owner is responsible for hiring a contractor to complete the connection.
  - ♦ If a connection is not made by the original notice date (180 days from time of notice), environmental penalties will begin. The environmental fees will stop when the property is connected and regular monthly billing will start.
- Scenario 2: Capacity fee **not** paid, **not** connected.
  - ♦ If a capacity fee is *not* paid by the due date, monthly finance charges *and* environmental penalties will be incurred. For example, if a \$5,025.00 capacity fee is due June 1 and not paid, \$75.38 will be assessed as a finance



charge. In addition, the utility account will be assessed monthly environmental penalties.

**Monthly Service Fees:**

- Fees required for monthly sewer service.
- The sewer bill is dependent upon the rate classification given to the Financial Services Department by Public Works or Community Development.
- If a sewer bill is not paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month following the service period, a late fee will be assessed at \$2.50+1% of the outstanding balance. For example, a residential customer would be charged  $\$32.54 + \$2.50 + \$0.33 = \$35.37$ .

