

SENATE No. 1350

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to sewer privilege fees in the town of Millbury.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Michael O. Moore

Second Worcester

Paul K. Frost

7th Worcester

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1350) of Michael O. Moore and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to sewer privilege fees in the town of Millbury. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to sewer privilege fees in the town of Millbury.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 307 of the acts of 1973, as amended by chapter 156 of the acts of
2 1978, chapter 491 of the acts of 1990, and chapter 11 of the acts of 2007, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out section 2 and section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following
4 sections:

5 Section 2. Whenever a connection is made, either directly or indirectly, to the town sewer
6 system, or whenever the use of a sewer previously connected is subsequently changed as
7 hereinafter provided, a permanent sewer privilege fee shall be assessed. Such fee shall be that
8 which is in effect at the time the connection is made; or, in case of a change in use of a sewer
9 previously connected, then the fee in effect at the time an application for a building permit is
10 filed; or if no such permit is required then at the time an occupancy permit is issued; or, if none,
11 then at the time the new use begins.

12 Section 3. The permanent sewer privilege fee shall be at the rate of seven thousand five
13 hundred dollars per unit. For the purpose of this act, the number of units to be assessed on each
14 connection shall be as follows:

15 A. Residential use.

16 1. Each single family building connected directly to the town sewer system shall be
17 assessed as one unit.

18 2. Each dwelling unit in a multiple family dwelling, whether connected to the town sewer
19 system directly or indirectly, shall be assessed one full unit and one-half unit for each additional
20 unit in the dwelling. For the purpose of this section, multiple family dwellings shall be deemed to
21 include, but not to be limited to, more than single family buildings, apartment houses,
22 complexes, town houses, condominiums, or otherwise. If any units in a multiple family dwelling
23 are individually owned or intended for individual sale they shall be assessed as one full unit.

24 B. Other uses.

25 For uses other than residential, there shall be an assessment of a minimum of one unit,
26 and an additional unit for every ten thousand square feet of floor space, or major portion thereof,
27 exceeding an initial ten thousand square feet, up to a total of fifty thousand square feet of floor
28 space; and an additional unit for every twenty-five thousand square feet of floor space, or major
29 portion thereof exceeding the initial fifty thousand square feet.

30 C. Changes in use.

31 1. When a sewer has previously been connected, in residential uses when additional
32 dwelling units are added, a fee of one-half unit per additional dwelling unit shall be assessed.

33 2. When a sewer has previously been connected, in uses other than residential, when
34 additional floor space is added, a fee shall be assessed of one unit for each additional ten
35 thousand square feet of floor space, or major portion thereof, up to a total of fifty thousand
36 square feet of total floor space of the building; and an additional unit for every twenty-five
37 thousand square feet of floor space, or major portion thereof, exceeding the initial fifty thousand
38 square feet.

39 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.