

Sewer District fees to be assessed against property owners, not renters

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Letters are being mailed to customers of the Scott County Regional Sewer District (RSD) to advise of a change in billing policy, starting this November.

Sewer fees have always been assessed against the real property that is connected to the sewer system. However, in several cases, the RSD has billed renters for usage instead of property owners.

Now, that policy has changed. Starting in November, the property owner will be billed for sewer use. The change is in accordance with Indiana law, which states the legal responsibility for payment of sewer fees belongs to the property owner.

Members of the Sewer District's board discussed the change with their attorney, Scott Lewis, at their October meeting before voting to make it permanent policy. Landlords whose properties are serviced by RSD are advised to adjust their rental policies accordingly.

All sewer bills will be mailed directly to the properties' owners, regardless of whether there is a tenant residing on those properties.

Landlords are also asked to make sure that all mailing addresses are current to ensure that bills will reach them.

Those with questions regarding the policy may attend any of the monthly business meetings conducted by the RSD board on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Meetings are held in the Commissioners' Room, Suite 128, on the first floor of the Courthouse in downtown Scottsburg. Visitors should enter on the north side of the Courthouse.