

HB 2079 -- SEWER AND WATER SERVICE (Funderburk)

This bill authorizes any city, town, village, sewer district, or water supply district to impose, upon voter approval, a fee of up to \$3 per month or \$36 annually for each lateral sewer service line providing sewer service to a residential property having four or fewer dwelling units for the purpose of repair or replacement due to failure of the lateral sewer service lines extending from the residential dwelling to its connection with the public sewer system.

The costs of administering the program may be paid out of the fees collected and cannot exceed 5% of the fund on an annual basis. All revenues collected from the fee must be separated from all other revenues collected and credited to the appropriate fund or account.

The fee may be added to the general tax levy bill of the property owner and collected in the same manner as delinquent real estate taxes and tax bills.

The bill allows specified sewer service providers to contract with a municipality providing water or any water district established under Chapter 247, RSMo, for the termination of water service to a customer for nonpayment of a sewer bill. Currently, the specified sewer service providers may only contract with a water corporation to terminate water service for nonpayment of a sewer bill.