Your City’s wastewater system is old and in need of repair.

Your City’s wastewater system has three kinds of pollution in it - Stormwater runoff, sanitary sewage, and a combination of the two.

Your City’s wastewater system combines sanitary sewage and stormwater in a single pipe.

When it rains the combined sewer system is overwhelmed by runoff and raw sewage dumps into Casco Bay and our streams.

Your City is required by law to stop raw sewage from dumping into Casco Bay.

One of America’s Most Livable Cities, Portland is investing from the ground up.

This investment will:

- Protect Casco Bay
- Improve Fairness For Sewer Fee Payers
- Safeguard Private Investment
The new fee structure more fairly shares sewer costs reducing rate increases.

The less wastewater you use or send into the sewer system, the less you pay to maintain and improve it.

Businesses can lower their sewer fees by reducing their water use and runoff from their property.

Businesses can lower their stormwater fees through credits by making site improvements.

The new fee structure applies to all property owners, including businesses, non-profits, schools and the City itself.

Funding will continue to be used solely to maintain and improve the sewer system and cannot be used to pay for school, police, fire, and other city services.

Portland is not alone; this type of fee system is used in over 1,000 cities and towns nationwide.

Why change how investments are funded? A new fee structure better shares the burden.