The Summit County Department Sanitary Sewer Services operates and maintains wastewater collection, transportation and treatment systems in the unincorporated areas of the County and in certain incorporated areas. Those areas comprise a district known as the Summit County Metropolitan Sewer District. Sanitary Sewer Services consists of three primary divisions known as Operations, Engineering and Administration. Funding for Sanitary Sewer Services comes exclusively from various sewer user fees and charges. These revenues are deposited in the County Treasury and are maintained as an "enterprise fund". This enterprise fund is separate and independent of the County's general operating fund.

The County Council has the authority and the duty to establish the rates and charges imposed on users of the sanitary sewer system. The County administration, under the County Executive, typically makes recommendations to the Council concerning those rates and charges based on independent consultants' studies and its policy that such systems be "self-supporting."