

ORDINANCE NO. 6784-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 42, WATER SUPPLY, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, ARTICLE III., WATER RATES AND FEES, SECTION 42-33, RATES AND FEES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That Chapter 42, Water Supply, of the Code of the City of Newport News, Virginia, Article III., Water Rates and Fees, Section 42-33, Rates and fees, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained as follows:

CHAPTER 42

WATER SUPPLY

ARTICLE III. WATER RATES AND FEES

Sec. 42-32. Rates and fees defined.

Advance fee. A fee billed to customers upon initiation of service. Once the advance fee has been paid in full, it will be retained and, at the time service is terminated, it will be applied to the bill as a credit.

Field service fee. A fee charged to the customer when water service is scheduled to be discontinued due to violations of this chapter, or the rules and regulations of the department, or when water service is turned on or cut off at the request of the customer during other than the regular work day hours of 8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. This fee will also be charged for the second and subsequent trips during the regular workday hours to a service location for the same activity necessitated by the failure to be present of customer or his agent.

Fire hydrant fee. An annual fee, payable monthly, for fire hydrants supplied with water by the city for public and private fire protection.

Fire hydrant meter. A meter equipped with special connectors and a backflow preventer that can be used to withdraw water from a fire hydrant. Fire hydrant meters are intended for use on specialty projects and events where a typical service tap and meter assembly is not available nor practical to install. Fire hydrant meters are not to be used as a source for potable water.

Fire hydrant meter advance fee. A fee charged to customers prior to receipt of a fire

hydrant meter. The fee will be returned to the customer upon return of the fire hydrant meter in acceptable condition.

Fire hydrant meter fee. A monthly fee charged, in addition to the water consumed, based upon meter size. This fee is for expenses associated with the periodic billing procedures, maintaining distribution service facilities, and testing of the fire hydrant meter and backflow preventer.

Fire hydrant meter no-reading fee. A fee charged to fire hydrant meter customers who fail to inform the department of the monthly hydrant meter reading each month.

Fire protection service fee. A fee for fire hydrants supplied with water by the city for public and private fire protection in lieu of the fire hydrant fee. The local governing body of the jurisdictions in which the service is located may impose a fire protection service fee to be paid directly to the department by the water customer, provided that the fire protection service fee shall produce on an annual basis an amount which is not less than that which would be due under the fire hydrant fee. The fire protection service fee shall be added to the service fee set forth in this chapter. When the fire protection service fee is added to the service fee, the fire protection service fee may be based upon the meter size and shall be established by the local governing body.

Fire sprinkler fee. A monthly fee for water standby service furnished by the city for fire sprinklers.

Fire sprinkler service connection fee. A fee charged for a connection to the Waterworks System that includes a meter to detect flow and may include backflow preventer, valves and vault.

General customers. Accounts in the waterworks system that are not industrial or single metered residential customers.

Industrial customers. Industrial customers in the waterworks system that are establishments that use water primarily for manufacturing or processing and are classified as industrial in the billing system of the department. Rates for water usage will be charged in accordance with the designated "I" block rates of "I1 - first tier" and "I2 - second tier."

Laboratory fee. A fee charged when the laboratory analyzes water samples for the public or other governmental agencies.

Late payment fee. A fee charged if billing is not paid by the due date.

Meter out fee. A fee charged when a meter is removed for violations of this chapter or violations of the rules and regulations of the department, or when requested by the customer.

Meter testing fee. A fee charged as a result of a customer requested water meter test when

reading is considered accurate in accordance with Section 42-37(c).

New account fee. A fee charged for establishing a new account and turning on the water.

Service fee. A monthly or bi-monthly fee charged, in addition to the water consumed, based upon meter size. This fee is for expenses associated with the periodic billing procedures and maintaining distribution service facilities.

Single metered residential customers. Residential accounts in the waterworks system in which residences are individually metered and may include single family homes, mobile homes, duplexes, condominiums, townhouses and apartments that have one meter per dwelling unit and are classified as such in the billing system of the department. For purposes of this article, a "dwelling unit" means a separate residential unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one (1) or more persons including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, cooking, eating and sanitation. Rates for water usage will be charged in accordance with the designated "R" block rates of "R1 - lifeline tier," "R2 - normal tier," and "R3 - conservation tier."

System development fee. A fee charged for each new connection made to the Waterworks System based on the size of the meter to be installed.

Water consumption rates. Rates to be charged to customers for each one hundred (100) cubic feet (HCF) or fraction thereof of water consumed.

Water meter yoke, meter box and meter installation fee. A fee charged for installation of meter yokes, meter boxes and meters by the department where the water service pipeline installation has been performed by the developer, applicant or owner pursuant to a water pipeline extension agreement and not by the department.

Water service installation. Includes water service pipeline, meter yoke, meter box and meter.

Water service installation fee. A fee charged for the installation by the department of water service pipelines, meter yokes, meter boxes and meters.

Sec. 42-33. Rates and fees.

Advance Fee:

<i>Meter Size (inches)</i>	<i>Fee</i>
5/8	\$ 15.00

3/4	22.00
1	36.00
1 1/2	65.00
2	100.00
3	180.00
4	280.00

Field Service Fee: \$ 20.00 per occurrence

Fire Hydrant Fee: \$ 216.00 annually

Fire Hydrant Meter Advance Fee:

<i>Meter Size (inches)</i>	<i>Fee</i>
1"	\$ 290.00
3"	\$ 755.00

Fire Hydrant Meter Fee:

<i>Meter Size (inches)</i>	<i>Fee</i>
1"	\$ 31.00
3"	\$ 120.00

Fire Hydrant Meter No-reading Fee: \$ 20.00

Fire Sprinkler Fee:

<i>Connection Size (inches)</i>	<i>Monthly Fee</i>
2	\$ 5.25
3	6.83
4	8.33
6	13.58
8	16.67
10	19.83
12	24.00

Fire Sprinkler Service Connection Fee: The fee shall be at cost, and shall be paid by the applicant.

Laboratory Fees:

1.	Bacteriological Analyses	
	A. Total Coliform and E.Coli (Presence/Absence)	\$25.00
	B. Total Coliform and E.Coli (Quantified)	31.00
	C. Enterococci (Quantified)	32.00
2.	pH	10.00
3.	Conductivity.....	10.00
4.	Alkalinity.....	19.00
5.	Hardness.....	18.00
6.	Chloride.....	21.00
7.	Fluoride.....	21.00
8.	Total Solids	26.00
9.	Volatile Solids	32.00
10.	Total Suspended Solids.....	27.00
11.	Volatile Suspended Solids.....	33.00
12.	Total Dissolved Solids.....	26.00
13.	Volatile Dissolved Solids.....	33.00
14.	Ortho-Phosphorus	26.00
15.	Total Phosphorus	37.00
16.	Silica	24.00
17.	Sulfate	26.00

18.	Nitrite	25.00
19.	Nitrate.....	34.00
20.	Ammonia	33.00
21.	TKN.....	42.00
22.	UV254.....	29.00
23.	Bromide.....	50.00
24.	Total Organic Carbon (TOC).....	34.00
25.	Dissolved Organic Carbon.....	38.00
26.	Trihalomethanes (THM).....	91.00
27.	Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	192.00
28.	Lead - EPA 200.9.....	28.00
29.	Metals - EPA 200.7.....	27.00
30.	Metal Prep.....	19.00

Late Payment Fee: 1½% per month calculated on the delinquent fees and charges, or \$3.00, whichever is greater.

Meter Out Fee: \$ 25.00 per occurrence

Meter Testing Fee: \$ 25.00

New Account Fee: \$ 20.00

Service Fee:

<i>Meter Size (inches)</i>	<i>Monthly Fee</i>	<i>Bimonthly Fee</i>
5/8	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.50
3/4	7.20	9.40
1	9.70	13.40
1½	26.00	47.00
2	39.00	72.00
3	83.00	160.00
4	120.00	235.00
6	221.00	437.00
8	342.00	679.00
10	480.00	956.00

System Development Fee (SDF): See Article II. Sec. 42-23. Waterworks system capacity expansion

Water Consumption Rates per one hundred (100) cubic feet (HCF) per billing period:

Single metered residential customer usage:

R1 - lifeline tier - 0 to 6 HCF	\$	2.89/HCF
R2 - normal tier - greater than (>) 6 to 50 HCF	\$	3.32/HCF
R3 - conservation tier - greater than (>) 50 HCF	\$	6.64/HCF

Industrial customer usage:

I1 - first tier - 0 to 40,000 HCF	\$	3.32/HCF
I2 - second tier - greater than (>) 40,000 HCF	\$	2.89/HCF

General customer usage:

G - all usage	\$	3.32/HCF
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Water Service Installation Fee:

<i>Water Service Connection Meter Size (inches)</i>	<i>Service Installation Fee By City Forces</i>
5/8	\$690.00
3/4	\$715.00
1	\$800.00
1½	\$1,700.00
2	\$1,900.00

Sizes larger than those listed above shall be at cost, and shall be paid by the applicant.

Water Meter Yoke, Meter Box and Meter Installation Fees:

<i>Meter Yoke, Meter Box and Meter for Water Service Connections Meter Size (inches)</i>	<i>Installation Fee When Service Pipeline Installed by Certified Contractor</i>
5/8	\$285.00
3/4	300.00
1	360.00
1½	610.00
2	700.00

A cost estimate based on specific site conditions for sizes larger than those listed above shall be provided to the applicant, and the cost shall be paid by the applicant.

2. That this ordinance shall be in effect on and after July 1, 2011.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON MAY 10, 2011

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk