

CHAPTER 929 Rates and Charges

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CROSS REFERENCES

Sewerage rates - see Ohio R.C. 729.49
Water rates - see Ohio R.C. 743.26 et seq.

929.01 SYSTEM CAPACITY CHARGES FOR WATER AND SANITARY SEWAGE.

A system capacity charge for water and sanitary sewage shall be made for each new service connection to any property which shall be paid at the time of application for and in accordance with the capacity fee schedule in existence at the time that the connection permit is issued for such service. This charge shall be in addition to any other fees or charges made for sewer connections. Each service, water or sanitary sewage, applied for shall be charged at a separate system capacity charge. (Ord. 98-3203. Passed 2-17-98.)

929.02 PROHIBITION.

No person, firm or corporation shall make a service connection or any part thereof to the sanitary sewer system or water system of the City, unless he or they have paid for and been issued a permit therefor by the City. (Ord. 98-3203. Passed 2-17-98.)

929.03 SCHEDULE FOR WATER AND SANITARY SEWAGE CAPACITY CHARGES.

City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to amend the system capacity charges to be paid whenever an application is made for a connection permit to an existing sanitary sewer or water service to a structure whenever such property is or may be proximate to any sanitary sewer or water service built by or under the supervision and direction of the City. If such proximity is established as a consequence of improvements or extensions to the City system which included property assessments, the Administrator shall include an equivalent assessment as a component of connection in addition to any capacity charges. If assessments are so levied, the parcel owner wishing to connect would pay an assessment based upon the benefit to the parcel, in the same manner and equivalent apportionment as those originally assessed properties paid in addition to any capacity charges. Proximity is established as set forth in Section 921.02(d).

(Ord. 2010-3968. Passed 4-5-10.)

The charges to be made shall be determined as follows:

- (a) Sanitary sewage capacity charges and water capacity charges for each single family dwelling for which a permit is granted shall each be as outlined in the following tables.
- (b) Each unit in any two-family or multi-family dwelling unit shall be served with a minimum of a three-fourths inch water service. These units may be served with multiple three-fourths inch water taps or services off one larger water tap. In either case, the rates in subsection (g) hereof will apply separately for sanitary sewage and water service.
- (c) For any structure intended wholly or partially as a commercial structure, for which a sewer permit or water permit is needed, the charge shall be for each unit or part thereof in accordance with subsection (g) hereof.
Dwelling units within commercial structure shall be charged in the same manner as a multi-dwelling unit.
A commercial unit is defined as a building or structure part thereof wherein the principal activity is to provide merchandise or a service to the public. A commercial unit is further defined as consisting of 15,000 square feet of floor area or less. Any commercial building or structure in excess of 15,000 square feet of floor area shall be considered to have multiple commercial units for each 15,000 square feet of floor area or part thereof.
- (d) For any structure intended partially or wholly for industrial use for which sanitary sewer or water service is needed, the charge shall be negotiated directly with the City Administrator for each such industrial unit connection proposed for such structure. Commercial units in an industrial structure will be charged for sanitary sewage and water in accordance with the charge for size of water lines but in no event less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per unit.
An industrial use is defined as any activity where materials are received, are altered by one or more internal operations and then shipped in the altered form.
An industrial unit shall consist of a building or part thereof having 40,000 square feet or less in floor space. Any industrial structure in excess of 40,000 square feet of floor area shall be considered to have multiple industrial units for each 40,000 square feet of floor area or part thereof.
- (e) All buildings and structures of municipal, county and state activities shall be classed as commercial and shall be charged in the same manner as a commercial structure.
- (f) All buildings and structures of churches, schools and other organizations of service to the public shall be classed as commercial unit(s) as previously defined and shall be charged as provided for commercial unit(s). (Ord. 2001-3400. Passed 9-4-01.)

- (g) The rates listed in subsections (a) through (d) hereof presuppose the availability of water service to the premises by way of a three-fourths inch water service per defined unit. Where either larger water lines or multiple three-fourths inch water lines are provided, a greater use of the sanitary sewer system can be anticipated. Where more than one three-fourths inch water line serves a unit, multiple fees shall be paid.
Where the size of the water line is greater than three-fourths inch, the following charges shall be levied in addition to the original unit charge separately for sanitary sewer service and water service:

Sanitary Sewer System Capacity Charges:

<u>Tap Size</u>	<u>In-Town</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>	<u>Beechwood Trails</u>
3/4"	\$4,500	\$6,143	\$5,324
1"	\$6,955	\$10,433	\$9,042
1-1/2"	\$14,300	\$21,450	\$18,590
2"	\$26,975	\$40,463	\$35,068
3"	\$58,825	\$88,238	\$76,473
4"	\$115,050	N/A	N/A
6"	\$247,000	N/A	N/A

Water System Capacity Charges:

<u>Tap Size</u>	<u>In-Town</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>	<u>Beechwood Trails</u>
3/4"	\$5,500	\$7,088	\$6,143
1"	\$8,025	\$12,038	\$10,433
1-1/2"	\$16,500	\$24,750	\$21,450
2"	\$31,125	\$46,688	\$40,463
3"	\$67,875	\$101,813	\$88,238
4"	\$132,750	N/A	N/A
6"	\$285,000	N/A	N/A

- (h) (Ord. 2012-4087. Passed 8-6-12; Ord. 2017-4300. Passed 11-20-17.)
Where water services or a determined portion of a water service is installed for fire protection, no normal use of sanitary sewers would be anticipated and, therefore, no sewer capacity fee would be levied on those lines or parts used solely for this purpose.
- (i) The preceding rates shall apply except in the situation where a water service connection is made solely for fire protection. Where a water service connection is made solely for fire protection, the water system capacity charge will be fifty percent (50%) of the above rate. (Ord. 98-3203. Passed 2-17-98.)

929.04 CHARGES AND RATES OUTSIDE THE CITY.

Those utility customers of the City who do not reside within the City corporate limits shall be charged a rate equal to one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the rate charged to utility service customers who reside within the City corporate limits unless there exists specific legislation or other contractual commitment that establishes an alternate rate for those customers. (Ord. 2011-4016. Passed 2-22-11.)

929.05 PREPAYMENT OF SYSTEM CAPACITY CHARGES.

The developer, owner or subdivider of any lands in the City or to which a sanitary sewer or water connection will be made may, if he so elects, prepay the connection fees at any time. However, if changes provided for by this chapter have been increased between the time of prepayment and the time the service connection is made, the owner, developer or subdivider shall pay the difference between the rate in effect at the time of connection and the prepaid fees and such additional fee, if any, shall be paid at the time the connection is actually made. (Ord. 98-3203. Passed 2-17-98.)

929.06 DISPOSITION OF FEES.

The fees received by the City from proceeds of system capacity charges provided for herein shall be paid into the Water and Sewer Revenue Fund and shall be encumbered along with any interest earned therefrom for the purposes of expanding the water and sewer system. All expenditures of these funds must be directed by an ordinance of Council for purposes of capital improvement of the water and sewer system. (Ord. 98-3203. Passed 2-17-98.)

929.07 SANITARY SEWER SERVICE RATES.

The monthly rates to be charged per thousand gallons for sanitary sewer service for residential and commercial customers within the City's Utility Service Area shall be as follows:

	In-Town	Out-Of-Town
<u>Year</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
2016	\$7.65	\$11.48
2020	\$8.26	\$12.40
2022	\$8.92	\$13.39
2024	\$9.63	\$14.46

A minimum bill based on 3,000 gallons will be charged for monthly usage between 0 to 3,000 gallons.

In addition, a monthly Capital Improvements rate of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of usage will be charged for sanitary sewer service for residential and commercial customers within the City's Utility Service Area. (Ord. 2019-4342. Passed 7-1-19.)

929.08 WATER SERVICE RATES.

The monthly rates to be charged per thousand gallons for water service for residential and commercial customers within the City's Utility Service Area shall be as follows:

	In-Town	Out-Of-Town
<u>Year</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Water</u>
2016	\$4.48	\$6.72
2020	\$4.70	\$7.06
2022	\$4.94	\$7.41
2024	\$5.19	\$7.78

A minimum bill based on 3,000 gallons will be charged for monthly usage between 0 to 3,000 gallons.

A monthly Capital Improvements rate of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of usage will be charged for water service for residential and commercial customers within the City's Utility Service Area. (Ord. 2019-4342. Passed 7-1-19.)

929.09 GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE.

Each of the items in subsections (a) through (e) require payment of a thirty-five dollar (\$35.00) General Fee.

(a) Water Turn On/Off required for the following:

- Inspections
- Non-Pay of water and/or sewer bill
- Seasonal Turn on/off
- Rental property Turn on/off

(b) Water and Sewer Inspections:

Property owner unavailable or property not ready for scheduled inspection requiring additional scheduling

(c) Emergency Repairs:

- When a serviceman is needed in a plumbing type emergency.

(d) Meter Testing:

- When a meter is being tested for accuracy due to a billing dispute. The fee will only be charged to the customer if the meter was found to be functioning in accurate working order.

(e) Insufficient Funds:

- Or any other type of returned check situations.

(Ord. 2010-3989. Passed 9-20-10.)